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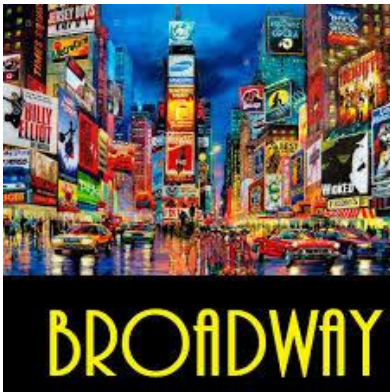
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Who wrote these Broadway hit songs? See page 2.

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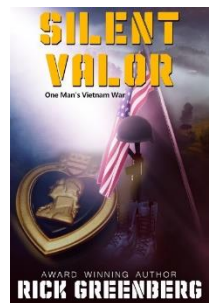
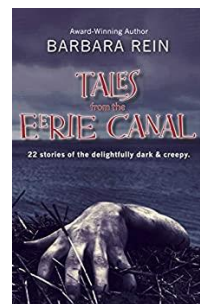
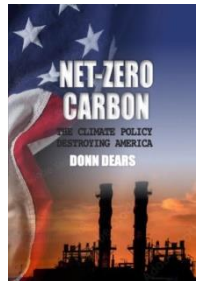
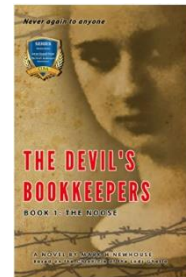
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Message from Your Newsletter Editor

Larry Martin
drlarry437@gmail.com



This month's newsletter trivia contest asks you to identify the author of familiar Broadway *lyrics*. Throughout the newsletter, you will find lyrics for seven songs, each set indicated by this graphic. →



For each, all you have to do is identify the name of the play AND author of the lyrics. NOT the author of the music, just the lyrics. Note: a few creative geniuses wrote both the music and the lyrics for their play's songs; more commonly, Broadway songs were authored by two people, one for the music and one for the lyrics.

So, just name the play and the lyricist (first and last name). Even if you've never seen these plays or the movies made of them, the songs should be

very familiar. All newsletter readers are eligible; the first three to send in the correct answers can have their book publicized in the next newsletter. Email your answers to drlarry437@gmail.com. Here is the first of the seven quoted lyrics.



You'll be swell! You'll be great!
Gonna have the whole world on the plate!
Starting here, starting now,
honey, everything's coming up roses!

Clear the decks! Clear the tracks!
You've got nothing to do but relax.
Blow a kiss. Take a bow.
Honey, everything's coming up roses!

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR AMAZING LIST OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES.

WLOV does not meet in June or July. On August 10th there will be a Zoom-only meeting featuring speaker Penny C. Sansevieri. Live meetings will resume in September, at Laurel Manor Rec Center.

The newsletter will also be taking a break. I plan to have an edition out for June, and then the next one will be at the end of August.

Upcoming Writing-Related Events

Thursday, May 5, 6:30 – 8:30 – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Paula Tucker and Mark Newhouse as guest speakers.

Saturday, May 7, 2 pm - Meet the Authors at Barnes & Noble, in the Cafe.

Tuesday, May 10, 11 am – 2 pm – All Booked Up book signing, Colony Plaza. Authors include George Massey, Delores Kight, and Dave Maurer.

Wednesday, May 11, 9 – 11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center, Presentation by member Jack O'Brien, author of *The Roundabout Way*, about his experience in book promotion. Q & A to follow.

There will be no monthly WLOV meeting for June & July. We will meet via Zoom in August, then resume live general meetings in September, at Laurel Manor Rec Center.

Thursday, June 2, 6:30 – 8:30 – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Patrick Miller and Ann Heathman as guest speakers.

Tuesday, June 14, 11 am – 2 pm – All Booked Up book signing, Colony Plaza. Nancy Flanigan Schultz, Dick Domann, and Donn Dears will be the presenting authors.

Thursday, July 7, 6:30 – 9:30 – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Judi Cianci and one other (could be you!) as guest speakers.

Thursday, August 4, 6:30 – 8:30 – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Jack O'Brien and Pam O'Brien as guest speakers.

Wednesday, August 10, 9 – 11 am – Zoom meeting featuring speaker Penny C. Sansevieri. She is the CEO and founder of Author Marketing Experts, Inc. You will receive an email link to attend this Zoom meeting. You won't want to miss it!

Wednesday, September 14, 9 – 11 am -- "How to Make a Professional Book Presentation." Our speaker will be WLOV member John Prince.

Wednesday, October 12, 9 – 11 am – Leaders of Writers Critique Groups present details of their groups. You can join any of these groups based on your genre and interest in learning more about writing.

Wednesday, November 9, 9 – 11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center. Vote for your 2023 Board of Directors: president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. Our program will be "Meet Your Character(s)," a repeat performance of "meeting" characters that you can write into your stories. You will learn from our guest speakers what it's like to be in careers such as: investigator, airline pilot, physician, or radio DJ.

Wednesday, December 14, 9 – 11 am – Installation of your 2023 Board of Directors. Join our holiday party/game time with self-serve continental breakfast.

ALSO... Writing Videos from Great Courses, via Zoom: Thursdays at 3 pm

WLOV members receive an email to sign in before 3 pm **Thursdays**. Hosted by Paula Howard, past president of WLOV. Any questions about these videos, please email WLOVwriters@gmail.com.

BOOKEXPO 2023! SAVE THE DATE. See Page 7

Our Club now has 220 members and we have lots of resources to share with you!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Linda Keenan

- Your Go-To Resource – WLOV’s website: www.writersleagueofthevillages.com
- Find pictures and events on Facebook, join: Writers of the Villages Group
- Monthly meetings aimed at increasing your learning about the craft of writing and networking among like-minded writers. (See page 3).
- Thursday Zoom MovieTime from 3 to 4:15 pm. You will hear from some of the great writers such as David Baldacci. Link sent to your email.
- Find out about Writers Contests and Critique Groups to enhance your writing.
- Annual BookExpo the last Sunday of January – Eisenhower Center 12-4 pm. (See page 7.)
- Borrow members’ books from our library set up at monthly meetings
- Read our informative monthly Newsletter sent to your email (and also posted on the website)
- Watch your email for lots of events like Barnes & Noble Author Events and All Booked Up Author Book Signings, and Short Story Nights at Mystic Ice Cream
- Listing of your currently published books in our website catalog. Send title, cover image, brief description, ISBN to wlovwriters@gmail.com

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Stay Inspired to Write & Join in the WLOV fun,

Linda

Lake Sumter Author Fair Held April 24

By Rita Boehm

When Covid once again canceled our January Book Expo, WLOV member Vince Roberts stepped up and put together an opportunity for local authors to meet book lovers and potentially sell some of their Expo inventory. Thirty-five authors exhibited at the Lake Sumter Author Fair, hosted by the Waterfront Inn, on April 24th.

As with any event of this type (including Book Expo), some exhibitors had a very positive experience, others were disappointed. Since this was an inaugural event, there are certainly lessons learned that could be applied to future events. However, Vince Roberts and the Waterfront Inn staff deserve the gratitude of all participants for taking on the challenge. Many of us are hoping they build on this event for future Author Fairs.

Participants and attendees were treated to a tai chi performance by “Tai Chi by Grace,” a group that includes WLOV member Hank Kuhlman (see photo on page 7). We also had tarot-card readings, in addition to two cash bars and, to top it all off, a gorgeous spring day. Below and on the next page: some of our book fair exhibitors.









I'm quick on the trigger with targets not much bigger
Than a pinpoint, I'm number one
But my score with a feller is lower than a cellar
Oh, you can't get a man with a gun

2023 BOOK EXPO? MAYBE

By Rita Boehm

We have a date: January 29, 2023

After 2 years of Covid cancellations, the demand is there for a block-buster event.

But – Expo doesn't run itself. Without you, this premier event may not happen!

Open positions and some of the responsibilities:

Book Expo Chairperson: Coordinate and direct committee activities

Communications: answer inquiries, update Expo Website, book club outreach

Publicity: develop book marks and golf cart signs, reach out to media with press releases

Key-Note Speaker: Reach out to potential key-note speakers

Facility: work with Eisenhower Rec Center on room design and set-up

Registrar: Accept payments, acknowledge receipt, update and maintain participant spreadsheet. POSITION FILLED!

Training: set up pre-Expo training sessions for exhibitors

PLEASE CONTACT me either at WLOVWRITERS@GMAIL.COM or RITAB1423@GMAIL.COM to volunteer for this important event. It's a wonderful opportunity to get involved.

BARNES & NOBLE UPDATE

By Rita Boehm



It's official. The twelve authors featured in our 1st quarter 2022 Barnes & Noble event sold 85 books. That was quite an accomplishment and it sets a high bar for the fourteen Q2 authors.

We kicked off the first half of our 2nd quarter event on April 9th. We had a huge and lively turnout to listen to the first 7 of our 14 authors present information about their books.

Join us for the second half of our kick-off event: May 7th from 2 – 3 pm at the Barnes & Noble café. It's a fun way to engage with your fellow authors.

Please help publicize our relationship with Barnes & Noble—and stop by to check out the new selections. The WLOV/local author bookshelf is positioned in front of the check-out registers. So....anyone waiting on line has an opportunity to review our books—and hopefully purchase one or two.

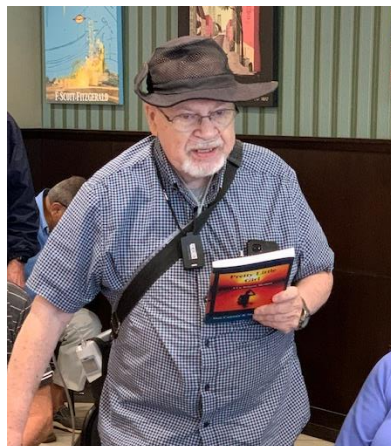
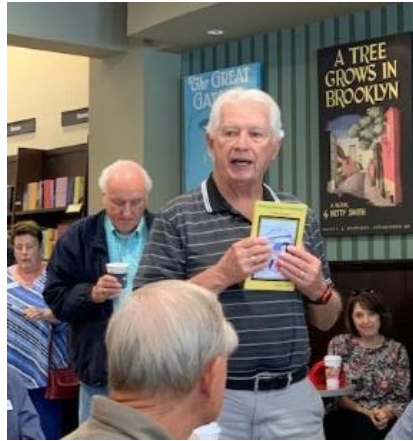
PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU HAVEN'T YET HAD ONE OF YOUR BOOKS FEATURED IN THE STORE, PLEASE CONTACT ME (ritab1423@gmail.com) SO I CAN MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE LIST FOR FUTURE EVENTS. Since participation is a member benefit, you must be a current member of WLOV to be a part of any of our author events (whether at B&N or All Booked Up). Below is the list of the 14 authors currently featured at B & N, with a picture of the B&N book display. On the next page are photos from our April 9 Meet & Greet.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GENRE	TITLE
BEST	PEGGY	MEMOIR /BIOGRAPHY	UNsung HERO
CANAAN	DON	THRILLER	PRETTY LITTLE GIRL
CASTELL	VINCE	CHILDREN'S	CUBBY
DOYLE	T. MICHAEL	HUMOR	CRUISING, BOOZING, AND SCHMOOZING
DOMANN	DICK	THRILLER	THE ARAKNIV DECEPTION
HOWARD	JOHN	MILITARY/CHRISTIAN	THE DEACON AND THE SHIELD
KOCA	GARY	CINEMA	FORGOTTEN MOVIE STARS OF THE 30'S, 40'S 50'S
KONIG	ROBERT J	WWII Historical Fiction	OF GOOD AND EVIL
MAUER	DAVE	THRILLER	PHANTOM OF THE BEACH
MILLER	BARBARA	HEALTH	KETO FOR LIFE
SCHULTZ	NANCY	HISTORIC FICTION	FLANIGANS IN AMENIA
SIMON	CLEO	MEMOIR	MOUNTAINS ALONG OUR PATH
STOEBEL	RICHARD	MEMOIR	I'M ALMOST HISTORY
SHEARER	MARSHA	POLITICAL	LIFE AFTER TRUMP: SEEKING A MORE PERFECT UNION



Barnes & Noble Meet and Greet, April 9, 2022

Half of the 14 authors for this quarter's book display presented a brief synopsis of their book to our members. The other 7 authors will meet and present their book on May 7. Below are a few pictures from the event.



WLOV Member Profiles in *The Villages Daily Sun*

If you have a profile in *The Villages Daily Sun*, and wish it to be made available via the newsletter, please send me a DIRECT LINK to wherever the news item is posted (drlarry437@gmail.com). It can be on your own website, on a Facebook or elsewhere, but it should be a direct link to the full, article.

Dan Kincaid

https://dankincaid.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Newspaper_.pdf



Larry Martin

<http://www.lakesidepress.com/LarryMartinProfile.jpg>



You've got to be taught
To hate and fear,
You've got to be taught
From year to year,

It's got to be drummed
In your dear little ear
You've got to be carefully taught!



Tell me he's lazy, tell me he's slow
Tell me I'm crazy, maybe I know
Can't help lovin' that man of mine
When he goes away, that's a rainy day

But when he comes back that day is fine
The sun will shine!
He can come home as late as can be
Home without him ain't no home to me
Can't help lovin' that man of mine.



I've grown accustomed to her face.
She almost makes the day begin.
I've grown accustomed to the tune that
She whistles night and noon.

Her smiles, her frowns,
Her ups, her downs
Are second nature to me now;
...I've grown accustomed to her look;
Accustomed to her voice;
Accustomed to her face.

New Books in WLOV Book Catalog

To view the entire catalog, go to www.writersleagueofthevillages.com and click on “Books.” To place your new book in the catalog, send the cover, a blurb, and Amazon link to WLOVwriters@gmail.com

Cooking for the Family – GERALYN VILAR

Secrets of Stress-Free Entertaining – CHRIS COOPER

Secrets and Other Tales of a Stay-at-Home Mom – ALICE KLAXTON

From the Flames of Cimbri – RON MILLER

Memorable Film Noir Movies of the 1940s and 1950s – GARY KOCA

Penny Thomas Speaks April 13, 2022

After our business meeting, which was set up on round tables as shown, Penny gave an excellent talk on the “Four Narratives You Need” after your book is completed. They are tag line, log line, cover blurb and author bio. Two of the slides are shown below. You can review her all of her slides on our website, at:

<https://writersleagueofthevillages.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/PP-Typing-The-End.pdf>



The Four Narratives You Need

- Tag line – a one-liner hook that encapsulates your entire plot or theme in one sentence: 10 words, 2 – 4 seconds
- Log line, also called an Elevator pitch: (2 or 3 sentences), 25 – 50 words, 20 to 30 seconds
- Back cover blurb: 100-250 words
- Author’s bio: 20 – 50 words

What’s the Difference Between a Tag line and a Log line?

- A tag line, is a witty slogan or dramatic statement.
- A log line is a short description of a story’s premise
- Tag lines are provocative.
- Log lines are descriptive
- A tag line is like a tap on the shoulder to get someone’s attention.
- A log line is like a ship’s captain’s log recording the day’s events.

Reminders - Links and Emails

- Our website for the latest information: www.writersleagueofthevillages.com
- To volunteer to help with Book Expo 2023: WLOVWRITERS@GMAIL.COM or RITAB1423@GMAIL.COM
- To sell your book in B&N: Rita Boehm (ritab1423@gmail.com)
- To get your book in *The Villages Daily Sun*: Rita Boehm, (ritab1423@gmail.com)
- To sell your book in All Booked Up: Bill Pullen, billanita@att.net
- To place your book in the WLOV catalog: send info to WLOVwriters@gmail.com)
- To receive publicity about your book in *Village Neighbors Magazine*: Mark Newhouse, mark@newhouse.net
- To provide a link in the newsletter to your author profile in *The Villages Daily Sun*: drlarry437@gmail.com
- A list of writing critique clubs in the Villages: <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Writing-Critique-Groups-3-08-22.pdf>
- A list of local publishers: <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Local-Resources-for-Self-publishing.pdf>



Sunrise, sunset
Sunrise, sunset
Swiftly flow the days

Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers
Blossoming even as we gaze
Sunrise, sunset
Sunrise, sunset
Swiftly fly the years
One season following another
Laden with happiness and tears



I hear singing and there's no one there
I smell blossoms and the trees are bare
All day long I seem to walk on air...
I wonder why, I wonder why

WLOV Books in All Booked Up, for May & June

At the Colony Plaza store. Arranged and managed by Bill Pullen, (352) 430-3006,
billanita@att.net

Fiction - (3 books)

- Dick Domann - "The Arakniv Deception"
- David Maurer - "Phantom of the Beach"
- George Massey - "GI(Guvmint)"

Children's book (1 book)

- Delores Kight - "Manny the Lamb"

Non-Fiction/Memoir - (1 book)

- Nancy Flanigan Schultz - "Flanigans in Amenia: The Irish Famine Immigrant Experience"

Non-Fiction/Other (1 book)

- Donn Dears - "The Looming Energy Crisis"

The Villages Magazine (May)

- Diane Dean - "LUNA, A Dog Named After the Moon"

Pictures from WLOV book signing Tuesday, April 12 at All Booked Up. Left to right:

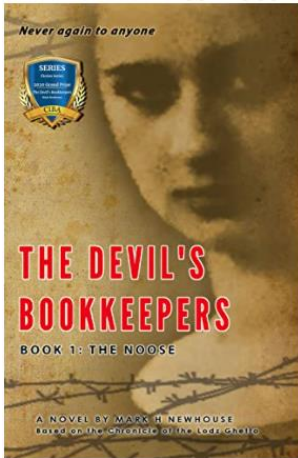
WLOV author Gianna Ragona Suarez with members Corrine Sandefer (left) and Tweet Coleman; Gianna with Tweet Coleman's beautiful dog; WLOV author Ginger Sanders with Jamie Goeske, store owner; WLOV author Jenny Ferns. See page 2 for future book signings at All Booked Up.



April Newsletter Contest Winners

For this contest you were asked to identify the author of this very famous line of poetry: “I think that I shall never see/A poem as lovely as a tree.” It is from the poem “Trees,” first published, August 1913 in Poetry: A Magazine of Verse, by Alfred Joyce Kilmer (Dec 6, 1886 - July 30, 1918). Instead of the usual three, we had four winners, since the last two came in at just about the same time. Here are their books they wish to promote.

Mark Newhouse



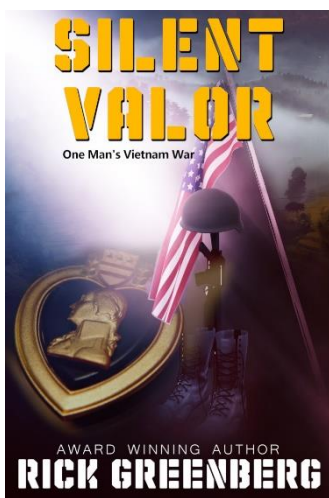
THE DEVIL’S BOOKKEEPERS: THE NOOSE, THE NOOSE TIGHTENS; THE NOOSE CLOSES. He will risk everything to save the wife he loves as the Nazi noose tightens around two hundred thousand human beings trapped in the Holocaust ghetto Mark’s parents miraculously survived. Dramatizing the shocking true events, The Devil’s Bookkeepers is a story of love, friendship, and sacrifice, in the face of unrelenting suspense. “It will keep you up at night and haunt you” as you root for characters to survive.



Winner of the Grand Prize Fiction Series and Hemingway Wartime Series in the Chanticleer International Book Awards; Published Book of the Year and Gold Medal Historical Fiction in the Florida Writers Association Royal Palm Literary Awards; and First Place Historical Fiction in the Eric Hoffer Awards, The Devil’s Bookkeepers are available on Amazon and Kindle and as audiobooks at [The Devil's Bookkeepers \(3 book series\) Kindle Edition \(amazon.com\)](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07NGJ7HGW) Signed copies from www.newhousecreativegroup.com.

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Rick Greenberg



A young Marine deployed to Vietnam finds terror, danger, and death, but also courage, loyalty, and brotherhood. This intense, gritty tale of the Vietnam War, in a setting depicted so vividly you can almost feel the jungle heat, it will draw you in and won't let go.

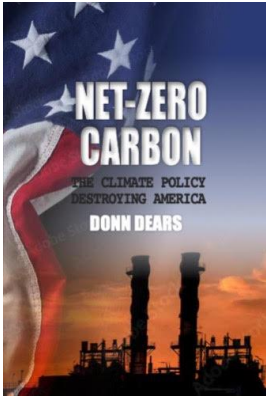
Silent Valor recreates what happened to Lance Corporal Don Talbot and the squad members of Echo Two in their attempt to save fellow Marines surrounded by the North Vietnamese Army.

This touching true story will please readers interested in the Vietnam War and all those who find inspiration in examples of courage under fire.

<https://www.amazon.com/Silent-Valor-One-Mans-Vietnam-ebook/dp/B09SP664H4/>



Donn Dears



Net-zero carbon policies put Americans at risk while increasing the cost of energy, food, and everyday living.

The book, *Net-Zero Carbon*, explains why net-zero policies sacrifice America's energy independence while forcing the United States to become dependent on foreign countries for the mining and processing of materials required for wind and solar power and for battery-powered vehicles.

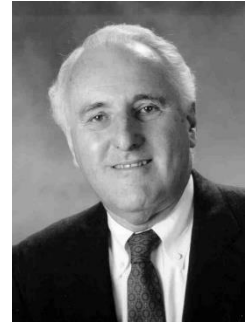
Net-zero policies do away with free markets while increasing the government's control over the lives of all Americans. Recent government actions have demonstrated bureaucrats will go to any length to impose government policies.

The media has been misleading Americans about climate change and the need to impose net-zero carbon policies.

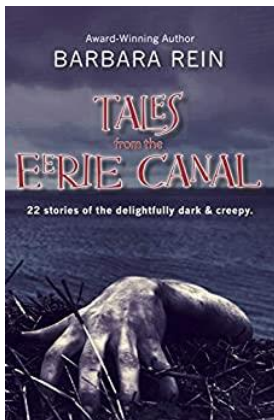
Anyone who is undecided about climate change needs to read this book.

Net-Zero Carbon is an eye opener.

<https://www.amazon.com/Net-zero-Carbon-Climate-Destroying-America/dp/0981511953/>



Barbara Rein



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A collection of "horror lite" short stories (more goosebumps than gore) filled with delightfully creepy twists. *Tales from the Eerie Canal* weaves the sinister mystery of Edgar Allan Poe with the dark humor of Edward Gorey. Bites of psychological horror stirred with bits of the absurd. A Twilight Zone of the deliciously disturbing sprinkled with a kick of wit.

Twenty-two morsels of fantasy, horror, sci-fi, and romance. Take a taste:

- *They're famous, wealthy, and living it up. And they're dead.
- *They offered her a dream job—but for just one body part.
- *Not everyone gets invited to the resort. Not everyone gets to go home.
- *She thought she'd die peacefully. Then the witch came.
- *He was just a kid in a candy shop. With a killer of a sweet tooth.
- *Eternal life has a whole new meaning for a vampire bitten by love.

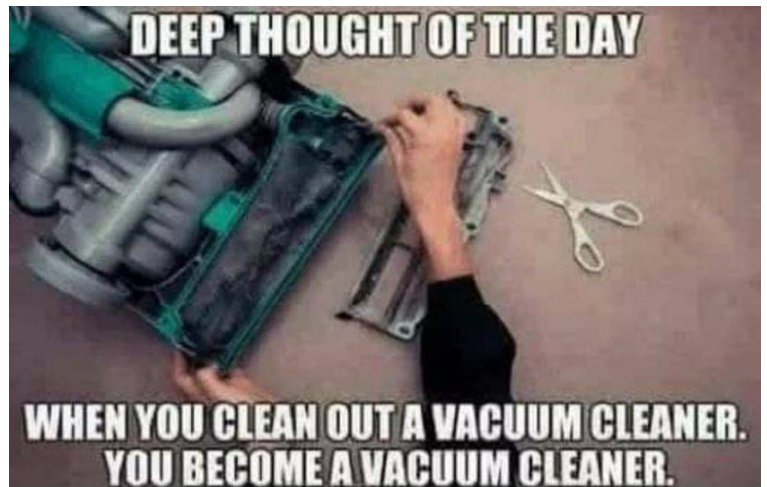
And more...



Cartoons...



Guy lives next to airport. Painted this on roof to confuse passengers as they fly overhead. He lives in Milwaukee.



Pro cooking tip:
If you stir coconut oil into your kale, it makes it easier to scrape it into the trash.



"If you have any young friends who aspire to become writers, the second greatest favor you can do them is to present them with copies of *The Elements of Style*. The first greatest, of course, is to shoot them now, while they're happy."

Dorothy Parker
1893-1967



Before 2020, we were pretty wild! Remember how we all used to eat cake after someone had **blown on it**? Crazy times!

This pen is amazing. It writes UNDERWATER. It writes other words too.