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September 2022

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What movie is this screenshot from? See page 2.

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Message from Your Newsletter Editor

Larry Martin
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When asked about my summer, I'm reminded of the old joke: "Apart from that, Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play?" OK, no assassination, but for a while the situation with WLOV was unsettling. The resignation of several board members in late spring led to some angst, but under the leadership of remaining board members we've bounced right back. At our August 10th general meeting on Zoom, 38 attendees voted overwhelmingly to hold an early election for new board members; this election (in-person voting only) will be at our September 14th general meeting, so please try to attend.

There is much to look forward to, as attested by the long list of Upcoming Events, [page 3](#).

The June newsletter trivia contest asked you to name authors of 8 famous short stories. Answers are on page 8, winners on [pages 9-10](#), along with the book each has chosen to publicize. This month's contest asks you to identify the movie from just one iconic screenshot (each with a thick green border; first one is below). Each of the six movies is based on a famous or best-selling novel or play. If you've seen the movie, or recognize any of the characters, this contest should be a snap. All you need to send me is the movie name + the page number of the newsletter where the photo appears. The first 3 readers who send in the correct entries will have their book publicized in the next issue of the newsletter.



Upcoming Writing-Related Events

Thursday, September 1, 6:30-8:30 pm – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center, 1883 Corbin Trail. Speakers are Marsha Shearer and Holly Bell

Tuesday, September 13, 11 am-2 pm. Book Signing by WLOV authors at All Booked Up, Colony Plaza.

Wednesday, September 14, 9-11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center. Vote for your 2023 Board of Directors: president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. Program on Sept 14: Mr. Kevin Yurasek, Lake Sumter College Exec Director of Strategic Communications, and Kayla O'Brien, freelance videographer. "Social Media is Easy."

Saturday, October 1, 2- 2:30 pm, Barnes & Noble – Kick-off event. New Q4 featured authors.

Thursday, October 6, 6:30-8:30 pm – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Speakers are Larry Martin and Marcus Polk.

Tuesday, October 11, 11 am-2 pm. Book Signing by WLOV authors at All Booked Up, Colony Plaza.

Wednesday, October 12, 9-11 am – General business meeting and installation of new officers. Program: Larry Moran will speak on "Seniors vs. Crime: Scam Case Studies."

October 28-30, FWA's Florida WritersCon 2022, Hilton Orlando, Altamonte Springs. See <https://www.floridawriters.org/florida-writerscon> for more information

Thursday, November 3, 6:30-8:30 pm – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Speakers are John Prince and Dick Domann.

Saturday, November 5, 2:00 – 2:30 pm, Barnes & Noble – Kick-off event
New Q4 featured authors

Wednesday, November 9, 9-11 am - General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center. Our program will be "Meet Your Character(s)." Learn from our guest speakers what it's like to be in careers such as: investigator, airline pilot, physician, or radio DJ.

Thursday, December 8, 6:30-8:30 pm – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Speakers to be announced.

Wednesday, December 14, 9-11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center. Enjoy our self-serve continental breakfast, then join our holiday party/game time with Ric Mitchell.

Sunday, January 30, 2023 11 am-4 pm. BOOKEXPO 2023! Table registration opens July 1; [registration form on page 17](#).

Plus:



The 3 pm Thursday movies are back, hosted by Paula Howard (photo). Master Classes in Writing resumed August 25. Attendees on that date surveyed introductory videos from seven authors, and chose two to start the new season: fiction writers NK Jemisin and LeVar Burton. Read more about these authors at masterclass.com. To watch these master classes, click on the email Paula sends to members about one hour before the show starts each Thursday.

Message from your Interim President

By Rita Boehm

Hi, everyone:

I hope you all enjoyed the summer and were able to get away from the Florida heat for a while.

In the more than six years that I've been a member of WLOV, I've had an opportunity to meet incredible writers, work with wonderful people, and develop cherished friendships. I clearly remember the first time I met our creative Newsletter Editor, Larry Martin. We were assigned to share a table at the 2016 Expo at the Lake Miona Recreation Center—both of us fairly new to our retirement careers. It's hard to believe that was six years ago.



The Writers League has grown and thrived over the past few years and I'm proud to have been a part of that growth. With growth comes growing pains, and sometimes, strife. I believe the club will emerge all the stronger from our recent travails. At our upcoming September 14th election, a new team will be voted on to take over our elected offices. I'm confident that the new President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer will continue to focus on supporting our membership by providing educational, networking and promotional opportunities.

Please check out the calendar of events for future planned activities and enjoy the pictures from our recent B&N events. I have also collected news items about our members, and posted them on Facebook; the links are below.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 14th!

Rita

Print News Articles About WLOV Members – Find Them in WLOV Facebook Albums

Prepared by Rita Boehm

WLOV members continue to make news. Here are the links to news articles about our members over the last 3 months.

JUNE FACEBOOK NEWS ARTICLES POSTED

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JULY FACEBOOK NEWS ARTICLES POSTED

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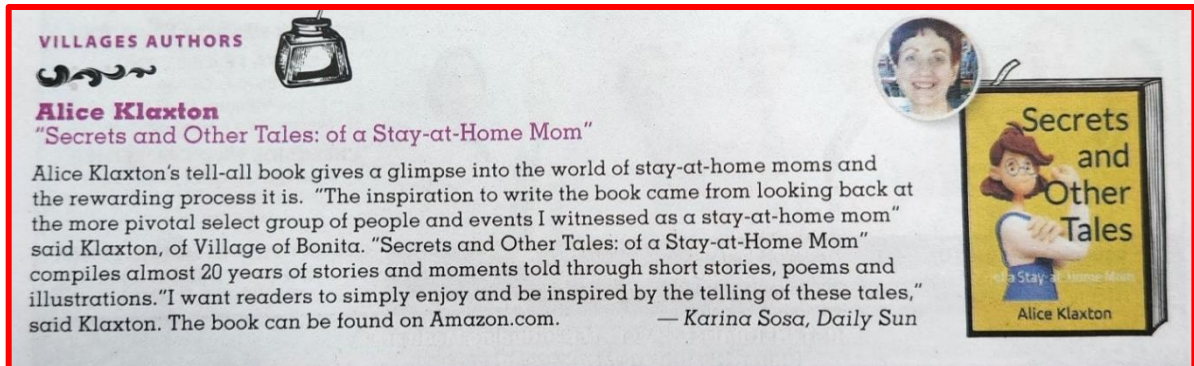
AUGUST FACEBOOK NEWS ARTICLES POSTED:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.5630055337025151&type=3>

Want Free Publicity in *The Daily Sun*?

Rita Boehm

Have you ever wondered how local authors get their new books publicized in the Daily Sun? It's easy to get a review of your book, like that of WLOV member Alice Klaxton's book, featured below. Just send information about your new book to wlovwriters@gmail.com. Not only will we submit the information to the Daily Sun for you, we'll also include it in the book catalog on our website. www.writersleagueofthevillages.com. Free and easy publicity – compliments of the Writers League.



VILLAGES AUTHORS

Alice Klaxton
"Secrets and Other Tales: of a Stay-at-Home Mom"

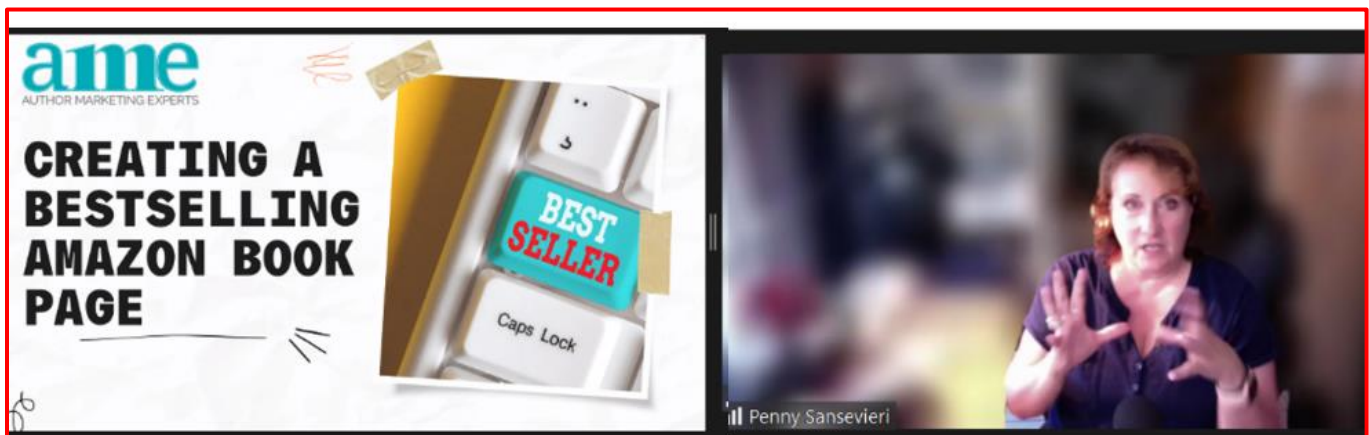
Alice Klaxton's tell-all book gives a glimpse into the world of stay-at-home moms and the rewarding process it is. "The inspiration to write the book came from looking back at the more pivotal select group of people and events I witnessed as a stay-at-home mom" said Klaxton, of Village of Bonita. "Secrets and Other Tales: of a Stay-at-Home Mom" compiles almost 20 years of stories and moments told through short stories, poems and illustrations. "I want readers to simply enjoy and be inspired by the telling of these tales," said Klaxton. The book can be found on Amazon.com.

— Karina Sosa, *Daily Sun*

Secrets and Other Tales
of a Stay-at-Home Mom
Alice Klaxton

August 10 Zoom meeting: Penny Sansevieri delivers excellent seminar on selling books through Amazon.

38 Members signed on for this 90-minute Zoom presentation. For more info, go to her website www.amarketingexpert.com/



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AUTHOR MARKETING EXPERTS

CREATING A BESTSELLING AMAZON BOOK PAGE

BEST SELLER

Caps Lock

Penny Sansevieri

Barnes & Noble Update

By Rita Boehm

Our kick-off events have grown from an informal smattering of folks sitting in the tiny Barnes & Noble café, to a standing room only crowd of 60 or more listening with rapt attention to our featured authors present information about their writing journeys and their books.

By the end of September, we will have featured 69 member authors. With our Q4 grouping, which begins in October, we will have pretty much exhausted our author list—with a small handful left for Q1 2023. If you haven't yet been featured, please send an email to wlovwriters@gmail.com, so we can make sure we have you on the list.

Once each of our authors has had an opportunity to be featured, future participants will be chosen via a random drawing at one of our monthly meetings. Members who have not yet been featured will be given preference and will automatically be added to the B&N list. We look forward to kicking off a new group of authors on Saturday, October 1st at 2:00. Please join us! Meanwhile, stop at the store and check out the Local Author Bookshelf (right in front of the check-out registers). You'll find a fascinating selection of books written by our talented members.

Pictures from B & N Author Events July 2 and August 6, 2022

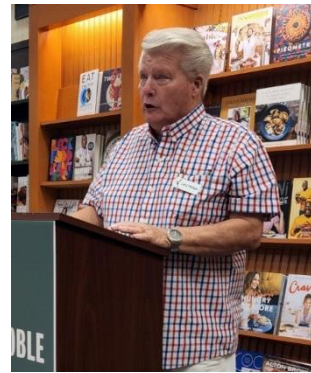
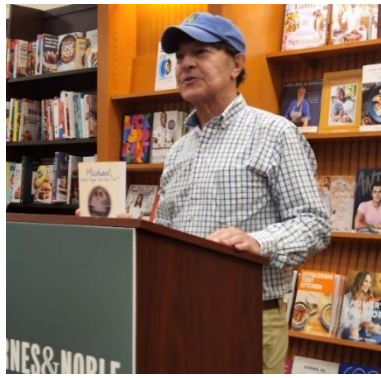
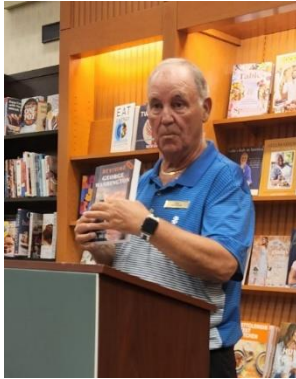
By Rita Boehm, Event Organizer

On July 2, standing room only! Over 50 people showed up to listen to 6 of our Q3 Barnes & Noble authors talk about their writing journey and their books. Then on August 6 over 60 people enjoyed hearing more authors talk about their books. Books of these authors will be for sale until the end of September at the Lake Sumter Barnes & Noble. Please stop by the store and check out all of the new WLOV book selections. Ask for the "LOCAL AUTHOR Book Shelf." And of course, buy some!

The first set of pictures is from July 2, the second set from August 6.



Below, L to R: Diana Braddom; Gil Hudson; Holly Bell; Judy Nieman; Jack Ciotti; Larry Phillips



B & N August 6, 2022



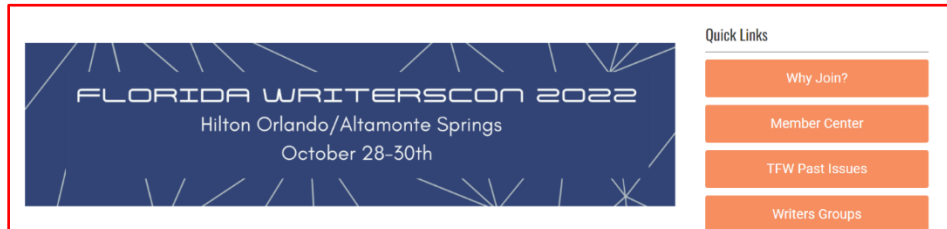
B & N presenters August 6, L to R: Anne Davidson, Paula Howard, Bill Jansen, Alice Klaxton, Barbara Welsh, Rita Boehm

Note: Paula Feuerstein, Austin Leahy and Dave Kuntz were unable to attend, so their presentations were made by Rita Boehm and Paula Howard.





FWA Collection Winners



Congratulations to Villagers whose stories are winners in the 2022 Collection competition of the Florida Writers Association. Alice Klaxton, Bonnie Thompson and Carolee Russell are members of Writers 4 Kids. Lawrence (Larry) is a member of Wannabe Writers, and past president of Writers League of The Villages. Their story titles are below.

- Alice Klaxton, “When Sailors Ruled the Seas”
- Bonnie J. Thompson, “This Battle Will Not be Won”
- Carolee Russell, “The Cell”
- Lawrence Martin, “Auto-Drive”

The stories are published in the 2022 FWA anthology, *Thrills and Chills*. All attendees to this year’s conference, Florida WritersCon 2022. will receive a free copy. A book signing event will also be held at the conference. See <https://www.floridawriters.org/florida-writerscon/> for more information on WritersCon 2022.



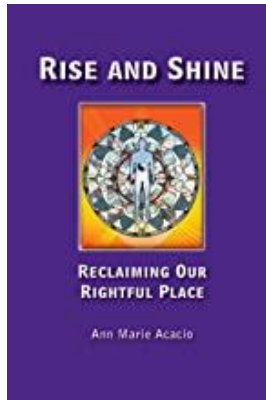
“Who Wrote this Short Story?” Quiz in the June 2022 Newsletter – Answers and Winners

The Cask of Amontillado – Edgar Allen Poe
The Necklace- Guy de Maupassant
An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge – Ambrose Bierce
Story of an Hour – Kate Chopin

The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber – Ernest Hemingway
Nightfall – Isaac Asimov
The Lottery – Shirley Jackson
A Good Man is Hard to Find – Flannery O’Connor

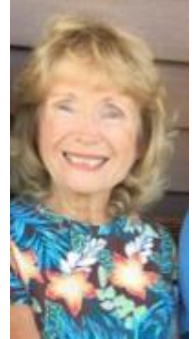
The following four authors sent in the correct answers.

Ann Marie Acacio

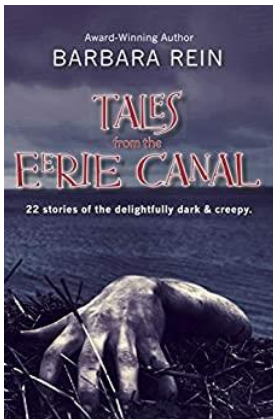


<https://www.amazon.com/Rise-Shine-Reclaiming-Rightful-Place/dp/1951188292/>

Rise and Shine: Reclaiming Our Rightful Place is a two-part primer of accessible wisdom, explained understandably in text and diagrams. Part One lays out how the three aspects of our one mind (conscious, subconscious, and superconscious) function so we can recognize the feedback life generously provides. Part Two takes us deeper into the remembrance of our relationship in the Metaphysical Trinity, with practical steps to reclaim our rightful place in it. The result is wisdom and self-knowledge.



Barbara Rein



TALES FROM THE EERIE CANAL: 22 Stories of the Delightfully Dark and Creepy.

<https://bit.ly/TalesfromtheEerieCanal>

NAMED “2021 BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR” BY FLORIDA WRITERS ASSOCIATION

Murder by toilet plunger. Revenge by pie. A birthday gift of a trip to Hell.

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.

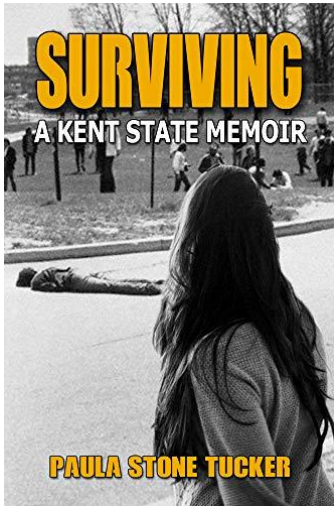
Twenty-two morsels of fantasy, horror, sci-fi, and romance. Take a taste:

- *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...



Paula Stone Tucker



<https://www.amazon.com/Surviving-Memoir-Paula-Stone-Tucker/dp/1620063190/>

An eyewitness account to an event that changed history

Nerdy innocent Patty is desperate to escape the confines of a conservative upbringing, but when she enrolls at Kent State University can she survive the upheaval of the Seventies Vietnam War era?

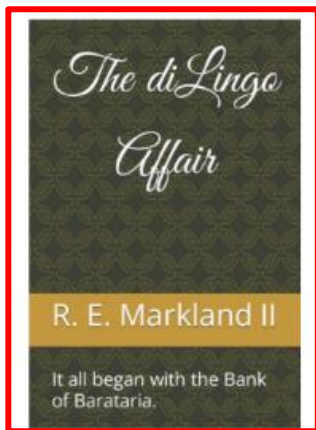
When she narrowly escapes the bullets fired at students on May 4, 1970, she resolves to dedicate her life to her new husband and her unborn child.

Is it too late when she realizes she's put herself in even greater danger? In a stunning parallel to our own times, *Surviving: A Kent State Memoir*, explores the coming of age of a young adult.



Ronald Markland

www.amazon.com/author/remarkland



When Liam Rooney is named executor and sole heir of his blood brother Tony DiLingo's estate, he makes a surprising discovery: Tony was the last living member of a very wealthy family who became bankers in the new world over four hundred years ago. Their selected clients in the 1600's were the privateers and the pirates of the era known as the Golden Age of Piracy. These pirates found the diLingo's method of business far more attractive than burying their treasure on a desert island.

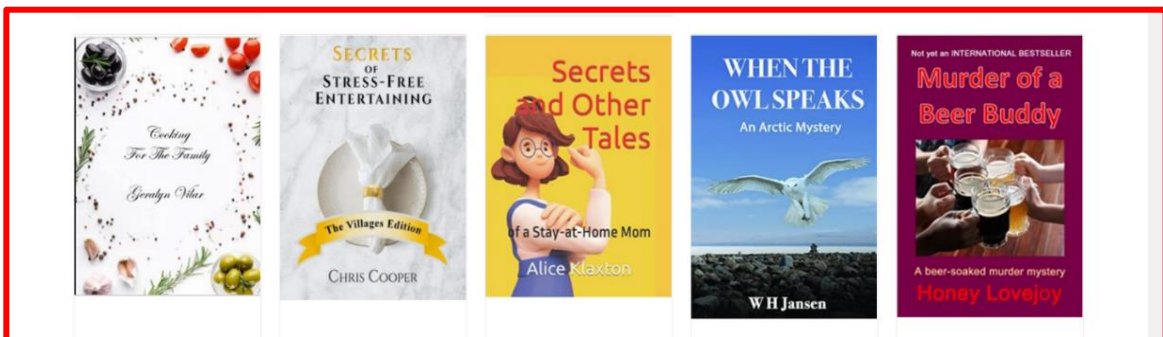
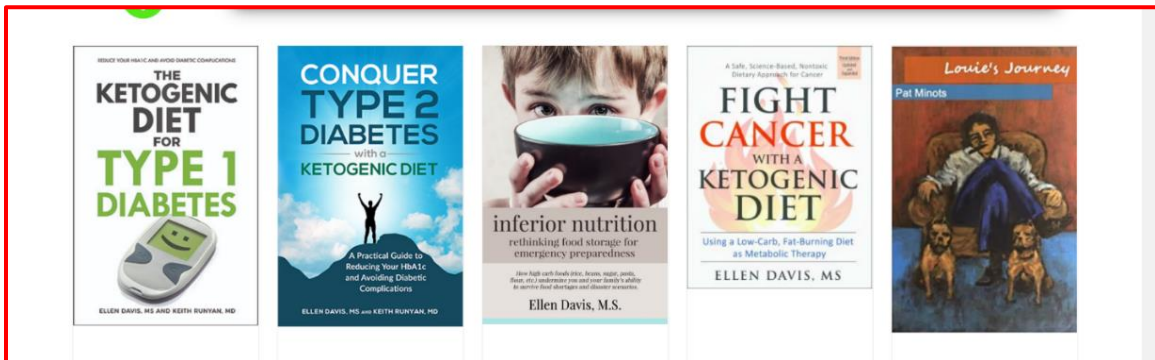


Liam is tasked with collecting and returning the assets of the diLingo family to the original depositor's living heirs, ultimately concluding the business of a centuries-old pirate banking enterprise. He and his personally selected team set out on an international journey, facing multiple dangers which include modern day pirates looking for a score. With the help of his friends, Liam travels to fourteen different cities such as Abu Dhabi and Beijing to extract the precious cargo left to him in Tony diLingo's will. He must complete his mission in the short time frame of 120 days with very strict instructions: no trail, no mail, no jail, no bail. Failure to complete his task within the time frame could be fatal."

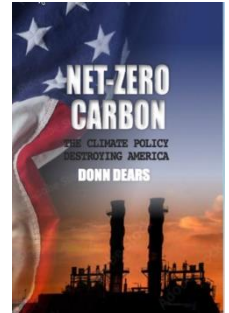


New books in WLOV book catalog

<https://writersleagueofthevillages.com/index.php/books-2/>. Send any new books to wlowriters@gmail.com/.



Donn Dears publishes article on net-zero carbon goal in the Washington Examiner, June 20, 2022



<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/restoring-america/courage-strength-optimism/net-zero-carbon-goal-is-unattainable>

Donn is author of Net-Zero Carbon, available on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/Net-zero-Carbon-Climate-Destroying-America/dp/0981511953/>. His website is <https://ddears.com/>.

WLOV Authors in All Booked Up – for Sept-Oct 2022

271 Colony Blvd. 32162

For info contact: Bill Pullen, (352) 430-3006 or billanita@att.net

Fiction

Gil Hudson -- "Reviving George Washington"

Mel Harrison -- "Terror in Cairo"

Barbara Rein -- "Tales from the Eerie Canal"

Non-Fiction – Self-help

Barbara Miller -- "Keto for Life"

Non-Fiction – Other

Barbara Welsh -- "One Bright Day"

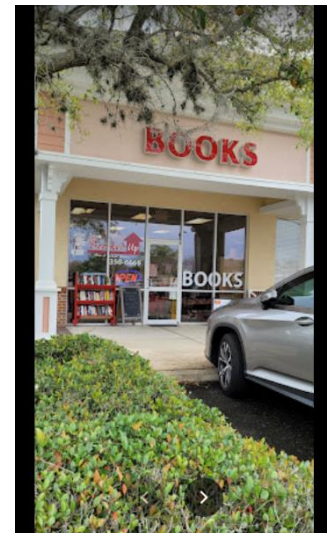
Children's Book

Janet Zahorian -- "The Day the Sun and the Moon Got Stuck"

Book Signings at All Booked Up:

Tuesday, September 13: 11 am - 2 pm: Gil Hudson, Janet Zahorian

Tuesday, October 11: 11 am - 2 pm: Barbara Welsh, Barbara Miller, Barbara Rein



WLOV MEMBERS WIN FAPA AWARDS

By John Prince



The Florida Authors and Publishers Association Presidents Award Medals were presented at the Associations annual conference at the end of July in Orlando. This was the first year the contest has been extended outside of the US to the English-speaking world. Winners came from Ireland and Canada. The WLOV winners are:

- Mark Newhouse: Adult Fiction Historical, The Devil's Bookkeeper Book 3: The Noose Closes
- Mark Newhouse: Middle Grades 6-8, My Family Secret: The Holocaust
- David L. Maurer: Adult Fiction-Thriller/Horror, Phantom of the Beach
- Barbara Rein: Bronze Medal/Adult Fiction-Thriller/Horror, Tales from the Eerie Canal: 22 Stories of the Delightfully Dark and Creepy
- John Prince: Adult Fiction-Anthology/Collection, Wraiths in the Cloisters: Nine Dark Tales for Sunny Days
- Ann Marie Acacio: Religion/Spirituality, Rise and Shine: Reclaiming our Rightful Place
- Marsha Shearer: Political/Current Events, America in Crisis: Essays on the Failed Presidency of Donald J. Trump

A complete list of winners is available at <https://myfapa.org/book-awards/2022-book-award-medalists/>

Entries for the 2023 FAPA Presidents Book Awards will open in mid-September. I'll have complete information in the next issue of the WLOV Newsletter.

2023 BOOK EXPO

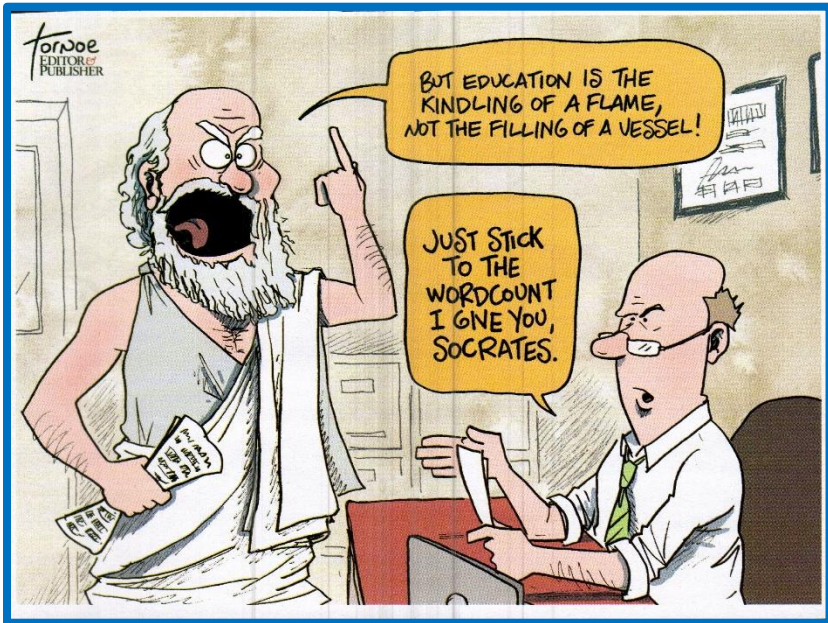
By Rita Boehm

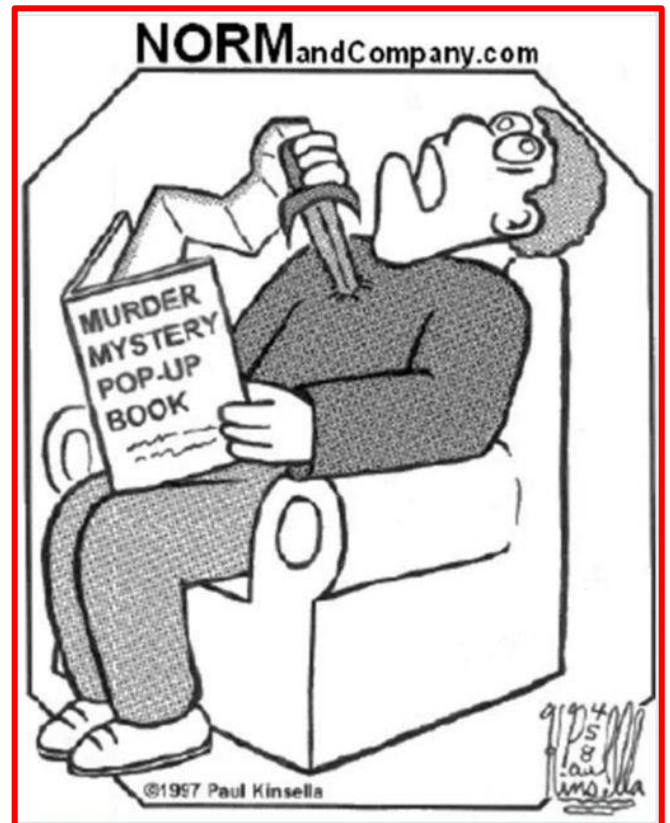
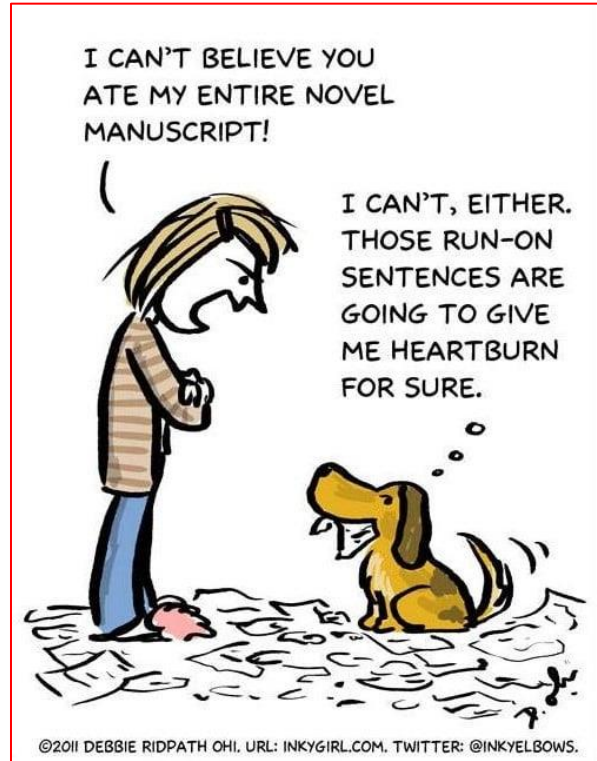
If you haven't yet registered for our January 30th BookExpo, don't delay. We already have over 60 registrations and on September 1, registration opens to non-members. The registration form is on [page 17](#) of this newsletter. The form will also be available at our September 14th meeting.

We can always use more Expo help. Please contact us at wlovwriters@gmail.com.

BOOKEXPO 2023 COMMITTEE	
Committee Chair	Rita Boehm
Sub-committee chairs:	
Registration	Manijeh Badiozamani
Facilities	Barbara Miller
Training Sessions	John Prince and Mark Newhouse
Keynote Speaker	Marti Green
Other committee members: FOCUS ON EVENT PUBLICITY	Pamela Michael, Laura Borcharding, Vince Roberts, Jack O'Brien, Paula Howard, Chris Cooper

Cartoons





Appendix – BookExpo Table Reservation Form



Sunday, January 29, 2023 • 11am-4pm
Eisenhower Recreation Center

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Writers League of The Villages & The Villages® Recreation

Table Reservation Form

- Print the form, complete it and mail with your check payable to "WLOV" to: **WLOV BookExpo2023, 3170 Delk Drive, The Villages, 32163. No cash or credit cards.** Please note registration deadlines. Pass on to a friend.

Name: _____ Pen Name?: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Genre/s: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY – ESPECIALLY EMAIL ADDRESS

HOW IT WORKS:

- Exclusive registration for current **WLOV Members** begins on July 1, 2022 and continues until August 31, 2022. WLOV 2023 membership dues must be paid prior to January 20, 2023 for your table to be released.
- Registration for **non-WLOV authors** begins on September 1, 2022 and continues until December 15, 2022. After September 1, 2022 registrations for both WLOV Members and non-WLOV members will be accepted on a space-available basis. After registrations are filled, there will be a waiting list based on postmark date.
- Books for sale must be published before December 31, 2022 and have an ISBN number. No other merchandise, goods, or products may be sold.

TABLE FEES *(Note that fees have not increased!)*

___ Full table (6-feet): WLOV Members: \$50 (No limit on number of books)

___ Half table (3-feet): WLOV Members: \$35 (Limit: to two books). Share with: _____

___ Full table (6-feet): non-WLOV Members: \$70 (No limit on number of books)

___ Half table (3-feet): non-WLOV Members: \$55 (Limit: to two books). Share with: _____

___ Publishers/Agents/Editors (6-feet): \$85 (regardless of WLOV affiliation)

___ Electrical outlet needed? (Subject to availability)

___ Please note any special needs: _____

- Your registration will be confirmed by email. No refunds will be made after December 15, 2022.
- Tables will be assigned in mid-December 2022. No table pre-assignments available.
- Publicity for the event will begin in September and will include social media boosts for authors, webpage information, media releases and announcements, advertising, signs, and handouts.

• **QUESTIONS? Email: wlovbookexpo@gmail.com**