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Writers League of The Villages Newsletter

September, 2026 Newsletter

***** This month's General meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9th

We will be returning to our regular location at
Laurel Manor Recreation Center from 9 am till 11 am

Inside,

- Calendar of events in September
- Local author Tuesday book signing event
- A message from your WLOV president and a letter from your editor
- Exciting Wine and Words live event news
- Tribute to Dolly Parton and her Imagination Library – You can help! Rita Boehm
- Check out the agenda for this month's General meeting
- Help and support when you need them, your "Sunshine Committee"

To all our members, exciting news,

Our president, Bob Peterson, has been working with our current Webmaster Paula Howard, on a new prototype redesign of our current website. The new prototype can be accessed from the existing website's homepage and is still a work in progress. This is a big step in the evolution of our technology, and thankfully we have people like Bob and Paula to take the lead on such a daunting task.

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So take a peek, and send any comments to me at authortombruce@gmail.com and I will compile and forward your thoughts to our WLOV leadership.

September 2026 Upcoming Events Quick Look Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Featured Authors</i>
Thursday 9/3	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Wine and Words	Riverbend Rec Center	Frank Lancione 703-626-7514	Mark Newhouse and the members of the “ <i>Writers For Kids</i> ” writing group
Tuesday 9/8	11:00 – 2:00 pm	Book signing	All Booked Up Colony Plaza	Donna Hoover duciesmom@aol.com	Rita Boehm “ <i>The Price of Deception</i> ” Kathy Hirtz “ <i>Barrel Rolls Around the Moon</i> ” Col. Thomas Smith “ <i>America’s Only War With China</i> ”
Wed 9/9	9:00 - 10:50 am	General Meeting	Laurel Manor Recreation Center	Bob Peterson 612-581-9110	Our guest speaker this month will be Kate Watts, speaking on the topic of “ <i>Genres and How They’re Used on KDP</i> ”
Tuesday 9/15	12:00 - 4:00 pm	Book signing	Patchington Spanish Springs	Judith Glynn 212-265-7915	Ron Whetsell, writing as Nathan Hunter “ <i>Ghost Rebellion</i> ” and “ <i>Desert Ghost</i> ”

WLOV General Meeting Agenda, Wed, Sept, 9th, 9 am to 10:50 am, Laurel Manor Rec

*** *Hear the latest updates and news on **WLOV happenings** straight from our leadership team.*

*** *Our featured speaker this month will be **Kate Watts**, who will deliver a presentation titled “KDP Genres”.*

*** *Welcome **New Members!** Come on up and introduce yourselves; we’re glad you’re here!*

*** *Have a **newly published book**? Come introduce yourself and show us your work.*

Our meetings are always well attended and provide a chance to meet new folks and reconnect with familiar faces who may have been away for a bit. Welcome back to all of you. Come join us.

Message from the president of WLOV



Hi WLOV Writers,

September is upon us, so we can expect some welcome relief from the heat and storms, right? Wrong. The beatings—or should I say “heatings?”—will continue until morale improves. The good news is that, while the rest of the country languishes in severe drought, we’re making the other 49 states jealous with all our rain. More excuses to stay indoors and write.

I’m ashamed to admit that while I’ve been away, I haven’t gotten any writing done. I’ve been working hard on the new WLOV website instead. We’ll be switching to the new site any day now. Check <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com> often. Once we switch over, please explore the new site and tell me if there are any mistakes or improvements you want to see. It’s easy for us to change things, add new authors, add new books, etc. I’m always receptive to suggestions for improvements.

Bob Peterson

Letter from the Editor

Septembers First Hush



The August days of my youth were carefree, and I remember sitting beneath the stars on warm summer nights, and how slowly the world turned back then. I would sit and dream my dreams, imagining those nights would last forever. But we all know that in real life the days grow shorter, the leaves turn brown, and summer always ends. Then, all too soon, you wake one morning to a chill in the air, and the magical spell of August is broken; life has moved forward, and the sounds of enterprise are scurrying around everywhere. September has arrived.

But no longer are we those captains of industry, snapping to attention after the fanciful dreams of summer slip past us. Now, without the trappings of youth, I can see the true beauty of September, never rushed, stealing summer's fine scents, and tingeing tree boughs with hints of color. The cycles of our lives turn with the seasons now, and we embrace the changes Autumn brings, as winter whispers, just beyond the horizon.

Some time ago, I was at the town square one evening when the first lick of a cool breeze in about four months hit my skin. The crowd was sparse, and that small breeze signaled to me a shift, not only in the weather but in life here at The Villages. There is a certain cadence to life here, and the unrushed, uncrowded days of summer are followed by the joyous trickle of life September brings back to us. I have grown accustomed to the crowds returning in the fall, and then ramping up even more as winter tumbles along. At those times, when we are at "full tilt", there is an energy here that can't be conjured up in the summer. When the crowds return in the fall season, there is a magical atmosphere and layers of goodwill and generations that make you feel alive.

Throughout life's journey, there will always be a never-ending circle of things we lose and things we gain. That first, almost imperceptible, cool autumn breeze is a wave goodbye to summer and a promise of what is to come. September is the hourglass to winter, and triggers the migration back to The Villages of our northern friends and neighbors. As the calendar turns, we turn too, churning and churning our way back to "full tilt". It is then that you will see the grandeur of The Villages all around you, full of life, her sails fully unfurled, bounding along in calm seas through the decades.

Shhhhhhhhh....listen,,,,,,September's first hush.

Tom Bruce

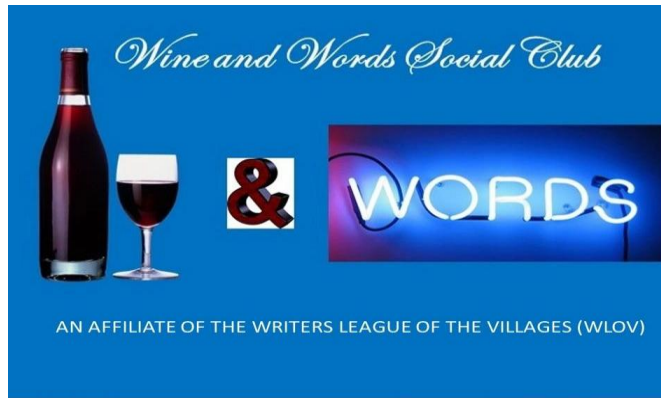
Wine and Words

Thursday evening September 3rd

Doors open at 6 pm

Riverbend Recreation Center

The event starts at 6:30 pm till about 8:30pm



*This month's presentation is sure to be a memorable event featuring another one of our writing groups here in The Villages. Don't miss out on the opportunity to spend an evening with **Mark Newhouse** and the members of the "**Writers For Kids**" writing group. The evening will feature the vibrant and colorful work of several talented authors from this dynamic and diverse group of children's books authors.*

This live event will be a chance to see the wonders of children's books from the perspective of those who have the ability to magically create them. What is it about these books that can resonate so clearly with adults as well as children? Come and see these artists and let them tell the story for you. Over the years, the names of Mark Newhouse and your moderator, Frank Lancione, have become synonymous with our foundation of writers helping writers. Come and see them share the same stage, hear the story of this writing group, and maybe a little about how we all got here. So, bring a friend, bring a beverage, and don't miss this exciting event featuring a lineup of talented authors who will share their journey with us.

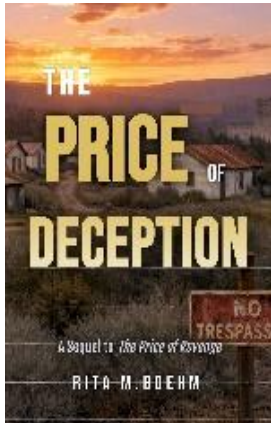
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Local Author Tuesday Book Signings

***“All Booked Up Bookstore” at Colony Plaza,
September 8th, from 11 am until 2 pm***



***“Patchington” at Spanish Spring
September 15th from 12 pm until 4 pm***



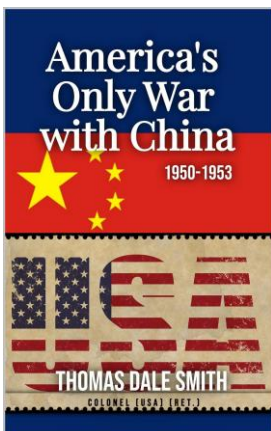
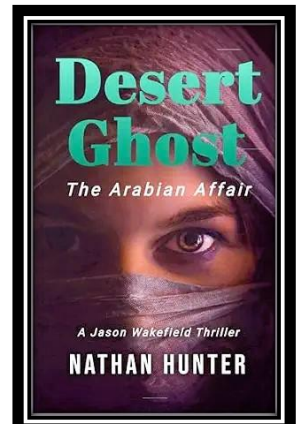
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“America’s Only War with China”***

Let's Honor the Queen of Literacy: Dolly Parton

Bring a new children's picture book to the Sept 9th meeting.



When Dolly Parton passed away on August 25th, not only did the world lose an incredible entertainer, songwriter, and philanthropist, but we also lost someone who was tireless in her support of literacy.

In 1995, to honor her father, an illiterate man who labored as a farmer to care for his twelve children, Dolly started the Imagination Library. Initially, the program provided books only to the children of East Tennessee, her birthplace and an area Dolly held close to her heart.

With her inspired guidance, the program grew exponentially and is now in five countries. Currently, **over 3 million children** from ages 1 to 5 receive a free book in the mail every month. Over **300 million books** have been delivered!

In support of Dolly's efforts and in a tribute to this incredible woman, WLOV is collecting books suitable for ages 1 to 5. Bring them to the September 9th meeting. They will be delivered to a local preschool or kindergarten program. Our plan is to do this every year in Dolly's honor.

Note: If you have a particular school or program you'd like to suggest, please let us know.

Rita Boehm

R.I.P Dolly Parton – the world is diminished by your loss.

The Sunshine Committee



Do you know about one of our members recuperating from surgery, down with the flu, suffering from the loss of a loved one – or facing some other traumatic event? Please contact us at wlovwriters@gmail.com and share the member's name and situation. Or, come to the Membership Services table at a General Meeting and let one of us know.

We'll forward the information to our Sunshine Committee Chair, Kathy DeMaCarty, who will send them a card with a caring message to show WLOV's support.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Rita Boehm

FACEBOOK: The Writers League has a public Facebook page – and a special Facebook Group only open to members. I hope you’ll check them both out.

Local media articles about members and about WLOV activities are posted on our Facebook page and included in a folder available to everyone. Here’s the link to the 2026 album folder of articles and pictures:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1355121896655464&type=3>

If you aren’t a part of our Facebook Group, please join us! It’s a private Group, so you’ll have to request permission to join. Here’s the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2456384291302772>

FREE PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

THE VILLAGES MAGAZINE: Monthly Author Spotlight

If you haven’t been spotlighted in THE VILLAGES MAGAZINE in the last 18 months, email us at WLOVwriters@gmail.com with “Villages Magazine” in the Subject line and we’ll forward the required questionnaire.

We have open slots starting in December. Don’t miss out.

THE DAILY SUN: Weekly Author Spotlight

The Daily Sun features local authors in its Sunday edition. If you’ve published a book within the last 12 months and would like to be featured, send an email with “Daily Sun” in the Subject line, along with a hi-res copy of the book cover to us at WLOVwriters@gmail.com, and we’ll add you to the list.

Other opportunities:

All Booked Up, Colony Plaza – If you are interested in having your books featured at this great independent Villages bookstore (1 title for 2 months with an opportunity for a book signing on the 2nd Tuesday of the month), contact Donna Hoover at duciesmom@aol.com or sign up at our next WLOV meeting.

Patchington, Spanish Springs - Contact Judith Glynn at Judith@judithglynn.com if you are interested in doing a book signing on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12 – 4 at this exceptional women’s clothing store.

Publishing Services Directory:

Pleased with the publishing services you received from an individual or company? Share the info with your fellow WLOV members by submitting the service provider’s contact info to WLOVwriters@gmail.com. We’ll add them to our Services Directory.

BOOKEXPO 2027 – Sunday, January 24th, 2027 - UPDATE

Have you signed up yet? Nearly 70% of the exhibitor tables are spoken for, so don't delay.

Registration forms are posted on our website: writersleagueofthevillages.com.

The event registration is now open to the general public. Tables will be sold out by early October.

BookExpo Committee: We Need You!!

We've held three very fruitful meetings, and the level of support is exciting. We'd love to have you join our team.

Currently, our Sponsorship Subcommittee is hard at work and needs some additional volunteers to approach potential sponsors. You'll be provided with a script and all the materials that you need.

WLOV is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Our sponsor contributions fund scholarships, such as the two we awarded to deserving Wildwood HS seniors this year.

Other needed volunteer support: Social Media Coordinator: someone to organize and manage our online Expo marketing via various Facebook groups, Facebook ads, Nextdoor, etc.

Marketing Committee: Starting in January, we'll need an array of folks to visit local businesses and hand out bookmarks and signs. It's never too early to sign up.

Please contact me at Wlovwriters@gmail.com.