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Tell me about yourself…

By: Romie Chavez

You've heard this line before. It's often the precursor to someone's story, right? Who is the author? Generally, it's whomever you happen to be with at the time this statement is made. Humans are naturally inquisitive. If you've ever 'people watched,' how often do you wonder about where that person came from or where they are going? Do you make up the story yourself or ask them directly? The possibilities are endless.

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2015-2016 KWI Board Members

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Newsletter: Romie Chavez

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Upcoming Writing Events at the Library

Marketing Your Self-Published Book

Saturday, July 30, 2016 • Noon-2 p.m.

Marvin Auditorium

Plan promotions for marketing your book. Create timelines and implement strategies leading up to and following publication. Share ideas for success with consignment sales, fairs and events, giveaways, reader reviews, rankings, libraries, and other distribution channels. Register attscpl.eventbrite.com.

Save the Date for:

- Local Writers Workshop - Saturday, August 20, 2016 - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Community Novel Project Book Launch - Sunday, September 25, 2016 - 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.
- Great Writers, Right Here Author Fair – Saturday, December 10, 2016 – 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

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August Online Workshops

By: Angela Johnson

Alpha Males, from Abe to Zeuss

Date: August 1–12, 2016
Presenter: Laurie Schnably Campbell. FMI,http://www.yosemiteromancewriters.com/#!workshops/cctds.

Making Your Alpha Female Shine

Date: August 15–26, 2016
Presenter: Laurie Schnably Campbell. FMI,http://www.yosemiteromancewriters.com/#!workshops/cctds.

How to Turn Your Author Blog into a Powerful Marketing Tool

Date: August 1–14, 2016
Presenter: Stacy Juba. FMI, http://www.celtichearts.org/turn-author-blog-powerful-marketing-tool/ orvp.programs@celtichearts.org.

Author Branding

Date: August 1–22, 2016
Presenter: Lana Pattinson. FMI, http://yarwa.com/programs/.

Mastering Word for Fiction Writers: How to use Word to Create and Edit Your Manuscript, Prepare Your eBook, and Design Your Print Book

Date: August 1–26, 2016
Presenter: Joan Leacott. FMI, http://fthrw.com/online-workshops.

Military 101

Date: August 1–28, 2016
Presenter: Merien Grey. FMI, http://rwasd.com/training/index.html.

Screenwriting Concepts a Novelist Can Use

Date: August 1–28, 2016
Presenter: Sally J. Walker. FMI, http://www.heartofcarolina.org.

Historic Battlefield Medicine

Date: August 1–29, 2016
Presenter: Georgie Lee. FMI, http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/all-workshops/#AUG.

Fights, Farce and Fiction

Date: August 1–29, 2016
Presenter: Merien Grey. FMI, http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/all-workshops/#AUG.

Social Media for the Confused and Terrified

Date: August 1–29, 2016
Presenter: Elena Dillon. FMI, http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/all-workshops/#AUG.

Author Marketing and Branding Workshop

Date: August 1–31, 2016
Presenter: Cassandra Carr. FMI, http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#AUG2.

Grammar and Style Basics

Date: August 1–31, 2016
Presenter: Kat Duncan. FMI, http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#AUG3.

Programs Committee Amendment

The following statement below is a proposal amending the description of the Programs Committee as part of the Policies & Procedures. Please review as it will be voted on during this month's business meeting.

Be it proposed that the following changes be made to the description of the Programs Committee as part of the Policies & Procedures document.

Duties: Responsible for planning/arranging quality monthly programs. Regular guest speakers may be offered an honorarium of no more than $50; however, the executive board reserves the right to increase the honorarium should circumstances warrant the expenditure in order to secure a quality speaker of professional caliber. Speakers traveling more than 50 miles might also be offered an additional sum to cover travel expenses. The $50 honorarium will be split evenly among KWI members serving on a panel discussion or as a part of a multiple person presentation unless the members choose to waive the honorarium. No member of a panel will receive more than one equal share should other members waive the honorarium. KWI members agreeing to provide a program presentation will also receive the $50 honorarium unless he/she chooses to waive it.

Original wording:

Programs – Chaired by the Vice President:

Responsible for planning/arranging KS Writers, Inc.'s monthly programs.

KWI July Program: Memoir Writing

By Romie Chavez

What if the tables are reversed and you're in the hot seat, how do you answer? If you're like me, you may think: 'what could I say or write about that would be of any interest to someone else?' Or how about this: 'I live a boring life. Besides, where would I begin? Who would I be writing for? What could be gained from my knowledge?' All of this sound familiar? It is easy to get caught up in the reasons for why it's not a possibility, but seeing it through a different lens might change your mind.

According to Vicki Julian it's not as hard as we may think. Who is Vicki Julian, you ask? Well, Vicki is memoir writer. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas who majored in Liberal Arts. Her works include *Simple Things to Make This World a Better Place, An Olio of 7 Heartwarming Stories, Always a Season for Angels, Christmas: A Season for Angels, and one of several authors featured in Chicken Soup for the Soul: Merry Christmas!: 101 Joyous Holiday Stories.*

Vicki writes stories that inspire and prompt good deeds. According to her website she states "The hardest part (about memoir writing) is simply beginning." KWI is honored to have Vicki present to our members at the next meeting on Saturday, July 23rd, 2016. She will discuss how she became a writer and pass on tips of the trade about memoir writing for those interested in leaving a lasting legacy. Please join us in welcoming this wonderful writer and bring your notebooks and questions. Leave happy and be inspired to write that memoir you were destined to engrave into the minds and hearts of generations to come.

If you'd like to know more about Vicki Julian, visit her website http://www.vickijulian.com/. All books can be purchased through Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

August Online Workshops

By Angela Johnson

Paranormal Workshop Part 1

Date: August 1–31, 2016
Presenters: Renee Pellegrino, Cindy Carver. FMI, http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#AUG1.

Picts & Scots (AD 400 - 1000)

Date: August 1–31, 2016
Presenter: Sheila Currie. FMI, http://www.celtichearts.org/workshops/picts-scots-ad400-1000/ orvp.programs@celtichearts.org.

PTSD for Fiction Writers

Date: August 1–31, 2016
Presenter: Kathryn Jane. FMI, http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#AUG4.

Research for Fiction

Date: August 1–31, 2016
Presenter: Sally Walker. FMI, http://www.romance-ffp.com/research-for-fiction-2/.

What To Expect: Tips and Tools to Prepare You For Your Book Release

Fee: $20 members; $30 nonmembers
Presenter: Chanel Cleeton. FMI, http://www.marylandromancewriters.com/what-to-expect-tips-and-tools-to-prepare-for-your-book-release/.

Weaving Together Characterization and Plot

Date: August 1–September 2, 2016
Presenter: Tambra Nicole Kendall. FMI, http://rwaonlinechapter.org/campus.htm.

The Building Blocks of Writer's Block…and How to Knock Them Down

Date: August 8–21, 2016
Presenter: Chris Mandeville. FMI, http://rwasd.com/training/index.html.

The Business of Writing 101

Date: August 8–21, 2016
Presenter: Beverly Diehl. FMI, http://www.lararwa.com/laras-online-classes/.

Writing from the Male POV to Create Stronger Heroes

Date: August 8–21, 2016
Presenter: Sascha Illyvich. FMI: http://www.lararwa.com/laras-online-classes/.

7 Ways to Market and Promote Your Books Without Breaking the Bank

Date: August 15–September 11, 2016
Presenter: Kitty Bucholtz. FMI, http://occrwa.org/classes/.

KS Writers, Inc

Regular Meeting

June 25 @ 12:30

The meeting was called to order by the president at 12:30 p.m.

Members present: Carolyn Cabrera, Morgan Chilson, Lily Ann Fouts, Leslie Galbraith, Tish Glasson, Susie Graber, Bobbie Johnston, Billie-Renee Knight, Eleanor Liu, Shayne Sawyer, Janet Stotts,

The minutes of the May regular meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter.

Financial report – Treasurer Shayne Sawyer presented the financial report (attached).

No correspondence was received this month

Unfinished business

Author Reading event – July 27 @ 6:30 at Barnes & Noble provided the PR director returns in time to get it on the schedule. If not, it will be rescheduled for August.

Open Mic Speakeasy Poetry – First Wednesday at Bunker Coffee Company on Kansas Ave – July 6 is next gathering

Reminders for newsletter, blog, & website information

Congratulations to new officers

New business

The membership present voted unanimously to amend the by-laws election procedures as outlined in the June newsletter. This amendment allows for leeway in the election time line dependent upon the date of the annual writers' retreat.

Group writing project – Anne, Shayne, Jason, Tish volunteered to serve on the committee to create a broad topic/premise and create the main characters of the proposed novel. They will report back at the August meeting with their suggestions.

Meeting times – The group discussed another alternative to the meeting times to address the concerns of both the executive board and the general membership. It was decided that for the July meeting, the executive board will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the morning critique will not begin until 10:30. The regular meeting will remain at 12:30 and the scheduled programming will begin at 1:00 p.m..

Tumptim Thai, Monday @ 6:00

Kudos – Morgan interviewed on the Red Couch on WIBW regarding Downtown Topeka; podcast Lily An Evolving Lifestyle

Door Prize – Shayne Sawyer won the door prize

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 by the president.

KUDOS

None Submitted.

Further Reading

14 Literary Agents Seeking Memoir Now

http://www.writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/guide-to-literary-agents/14-literary-agents-seeking-memoir-now

4 Tips to Improve Your Writing Instantly

http://www.writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/there-are-no-rules/4-tips-to-improve-your-writing-instantly

How I Wrote a Book and Got Published Without Meaning To

http://www.writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/guide-to-literary-agents/how-i-wrote-a-book-and-got-published-without-meaning-to

How to Write Excellent Queries, Opening Pages, and Synopses Boot Camp

http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/how-to-write-excellent-queries-opening-pages-and-synopses-boot-camp

Why Facebook Is My Dream Publicist

http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/why-facebook-is-my-dream-publicist

Tips for Creating Voice in Your Writing

http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/tips-for-creating-voice-in-your-writing

Rewriting the 7 Rules of Dialogue

http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/rewriting-the-7-rules-of-dialogue

KWI Meetings

July Meeting

When: July 23rd, 2016

Room: Anton (Upper Level)

Where: Topeka Shawnee County Public Library

Program: Memoir Writing (tentative)

Next Meeting

When: August 27th, 2016

Where: Topeka Shawnee County Public Library

Room: Anton (Upper Level)

Program: Dennis Etzel Jr. on Poetry & Publishing

All meetings begin as follows:

Time: 9:00am -2:00pm

Writing/Critique 9:00am-10:00am/ 11:00am-12:00pm

Board meeting: 10:00am -10:30am

Member Meeting: 12:30pm -1:00pm

Program Topic: 1:00pm –2:00pm

Financials

None submitted

KWI Blog

Are you interested in writing a blog for KWI? Contact Tish 'Bear' Glasson by e-mail: bearwmnkwi@gmail.com.

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