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Ready For Your Close-Up?

By: Morgan Chilson

Last year, the Topeka Capital-Journal forced me to go on television to promote a special section that I wrote. I had managed to avoid the visual media for a 30-year reporting career until then. I was shocked at the nerves I experienced. And nerves might be an understatement.

After surviving the experience (we don't need to talk about how I did), I was confronted with how truly intimidating it can be to go on camera, whether that be during a TV interview or even making a video to promote your book.

The KWI June 24 meeting will make the first steps toward helping you become more comfortable on camera. Gina Penzig, one of the top PR professionals at Westar Energy and a friend of mine, has offered to share her camera techniques with us.

Gina can talk not only about basic advice (don't wear small patterns, I think, is one tip) but more importantly, about assimilating your message ahead of time. As a reporter, I frequently interview people who clearly arrived with little to no concept of what message they wanted to impart. That can be worked around with print media (although I don't recommend the technique!), but it can kill a video interview, where short, concise messaging is critical.

Gina will speak for about 30 minutes, but then . . . wait for it . . . we're putting you all on camera. We have at least two, hopefully more, video cameras and tripods coming to the meeting. We will break into small groups and practice interviewing each other, taking a look at the results to get an idea of how we portray ourselves on camera. The meeting may run a little long to accommodate everyone.

This should be a fun meeting but, more importantly, I think it's helpful in today's visual world.

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July Online Workshops

By: Angela Johnson

Sex and Those Words

Date: July 1–15, 2017

Presenter: Jeffe Kennedy. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#JUL2>.

Synopsis Writing Boot Camp

Date: July 1–15, 2017

Presenter: Susan Palmquist. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#JUL4>.

Crossing Over: Writing Straight and LGBTQ+ Under One Penname

Date: July 1–31, 2017

Presenter: Karen Stivali. FMI, <http://www.marylandromancewriters.com/crossing-over-writing-straight-and-lgbtq-romance-under-one-penname/>.

Editing Tips for the Indie Publisher 201

Date: July 1–31, 2017

Presenter: MM Pollard. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#JUL5>.

Let's Plot Your Novel

Date: July 1–31, 2017

Presenter: Becky Martinez. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#JUL3>.

BDSM

Date: July 3–20, 2017

Presenter: Sascha Illyvich. FMI, <http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/2017-online-courses/#JUL>.

More Than Just Window Dressing: How Secondary Characters Make your Novel Come Alive

Date: July 3–28, 2017

Presenter: Linnea Sinclair. FMI, <http://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/>.

My Story's Been Rejected; Now What? (A Rewrite Bootcamp limited to ten students)

Date: July 3–28, 2017

Presenter: Susan Palmquist. FMI, <http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/2017-online-courses/#JUL>.

July Online Workshops (continued)

By: Angela Johnson

Negotiating Goodreads

Date: July 3–28, 2017

Presenter: Diane K. Peterson. FMI, <http://fthrw.com/online-workshops>.

Crafting Likeable Characters

Date: July 3–31, 2017

Presenter: Shannon Donnelly. FMI, <http://www.neorwa.com/online-workshops/>.

Developing a Literary Sales Package

Date: July 4–27, 2017

Presenter: Laurie Sanders. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#JUL1>.

Creating a Book Trailer

Date: July 5–28, 2017

Presenter: Ines Johnson. FMI, <http://www.yosemiteromancewriters.com/#!workshops/cctds>.

Military 101

Date: July 5–30, 2017

Presenter: Merien Grey. FMI, <http://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/>.

Adapting Your Novel for the Screen

Date: July 5–31, 2017

Presenter: Ines Johnson. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#JUL11>.

Writing Your Mystery

Date: July 5–31, 2017

Presenter: Jacqueline Corcoran. FMI, <http://starrwa.org/on-line-workshops/>.

Pumping Up the Sexual Volume: Writing Sex Scenes that Sizzle

Date: July 10–23, 2017

Presenter: Sorcha Mowbray. FMI, <http://www.yosemiteromancewriters.com/#!workshops/cctds>.

Getting Results from your Author Newsletter

Date: July 10–August 4, 2017

Presenter: Jessie Clever. FMI, <http://rwasd.com/classes>.

A Novel in Four Drafts

Date: July 11–August 1, 2017

Presenter: Lindsay Schopfer. FMI, <http://contemporaryromance.org/workshops/>.

KS Writers, Inc
Regular Meeting
May 27, 2017 @ 12:30

- I. Call to order
- II. Members present: Romie Chavez, Leslie Galbraith, Tish Glasson, Theresa Grennan, Bobbie Johnston, Billie-Renee Knight
- III. Reading of previous minutes – no minutes available from the February meeting
- IV. Financial report – no report available at this time
- V. Correspondence – no correspondence
- VI. Unfinished business
 - A. Round robin novel update – chapter four is complete and being forwarded to the next person in line
 - B. Report from retreat – 11 members attended; was a successful weekend at Basswood Lake Lodge. Members who attended have suggested we return to the site for next year’s retreat
 - C. Reminders for newsletter, blog, & website information
- VII. New business
 - A. Report from executive meeting – elections will be announced next month and balloting will be held in July. Romie will be submitting a proposal to amend the by-laws in regards to the election procedures because the original dates no longer work due to the annual retreat held in April. Romie will present the proposed changes to the executive committee next month. They will then be forwarded to the general membership in July.
- VIII. Kudos – Theresa Grennan attended the Oklahoma Writing Conference in May and was invited to submit her novel synopsis and manuscript following a successful pitch session. Congratulations, Theresa!
- IX. Door Prize – Theresa Grennan won this month’s drawing
- X. Adjournment

A Letter from the Editor

Hello Members,

I’m pleased to bring you some exciting news. There are big changes in store for the KWI Newsletter. To ensure we are giving our members enough time to submit articles, kudos, and all other writing related goodies; we’ve decided to only publish the newsletter in May, August, and November.

Important information such as voting on new officers or KWI Retreat news will be relayed to the group through e-mail as needed. This will go into effect August 1st when the new officers begin their term. If you have questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Thanks again!

Romie Chavez

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Further Reading

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Writing Erotica (But Were Afraid to Ask)

<http://www.writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/guide-to-literary-agents/everything-you-always-wanted-to-know-about-writing-erotica-but-were-afraid-to-ask>

From Slush Pile to Big Five: How to Stay Sane While Working on your Debut

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/slush-pile-big-five-stay-sane-working-debut>

5 Things All Writers Should Know When Writing a Second Novel

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/5-things-writers-know-writing-second-novel>

How to Treat Mentally Ill Characters When Writing a Novel

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/treat-mentally-ill-characters-writing-novel>

How Taking a New Path in Writing Can Fire Up Your Muse

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/taking-new-path-writing-can-fire-muse>

Writing Fiction: A Good Story Must Be Disturbing

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/writing-fiction-good-story-must-disturbing>

Why the Standard “Author Platform” Doesn’t Work

<https://operationawesome6.blogspot.com/2017/06/why-standard-author-platform-doesnt-work.html>

The Surprising Truth About ISBN

https://draft2digital.com/blog/the-surprising-truth-about-isbn/?utm_content=bufferfd8fa&utm_medium=social&utm_source=plus.google.com&utm_campaign=buffer

Erotica Publisher, Author Charged for Manipulating Book Sales

https://www.weldda.com/news_room/news_releases/erotica_publisher__author_charged_after_manipulati/

KWI Blog

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

KWI Meetings

Next Meeting:

When: July 22nd, 2017

Where: Topeka Shawnee County Public Library (Anton Room)

Topic: TBA

Future Meeting:

When: August 26th, 2017

Where: Topeka Shawnee County Public Library (Anton Room)

Topic: TBA

All meetings begin as follows:

Time: 9:30am –3:30pm

Writing/Critique/Tape

Open Writing: 9:30am-10:00am

Critiquing: 10:00am –11:30

Board meeting: 11:30am -12:00am

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

Program Topic: 1:00pm –2:30pm

Financials

Beginning Balance	\$3,219.50
Income	\$168.53
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$3,388.03

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