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April 2021 Newsletter



Ponderings and Smackerals:

Hello Writer Folk,

Are you as ready for spring as I am? Technically, we're already there, but to step outside you would never know it. Seriously, snow at the end of April? Who ordered this?

Although, one of the few upsides of it still being cold outside is that I'm less tempted to spend my evening and weekends going for long walks and plotting my novel and more likely to remain inside actually writing. In theory at least. Netflix is still a powerful distractor.

With that in mind, this month marks the KWI Annual Retreat – a time to turn off the TV, block the internet, amass a hoard of snacks, and join your fellow writers for an all-out writing weekend.

Whether you join in the writing marathon at Lake Wabaunsee or remain at home in your own writing nook, I wish you all fully developed plots, amazing characters, and few cliches.

Happy Writing

KWI Meetings

Future Meetings

When: May 22, 2021

Where: TBA

Topic: TBA

Future Meeting

When: June 26, 2021

Where: TBA

Topic: TBA

Meeting Format

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

Critiquing: 10:00am -
11:30am

Board Meeting: 11:30am -
12:00pm

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

Program: 1:00 pm -
2:30pm

April Writing Retreat



Our Annual Retreat will once again take place out at Lake Wabaunsee. The lake house has been reserved for April 23 – 25th. Bring your creativity and whatever food you like. The house is located at: 440 East Flint Hills Driver, Alma, KS.

Don't want to spend the night? No problem. Come out and write for the day. Enjoy the company of your fellow writers and get your creative juices flowing!

Details:

Garage door code is 5002.... should the door be closed when you arrive.

Bedding and towels are supplied, and some condiments. In the past we've been supplied coffee and tea but bring your own just in case. There is a keurig coffee machine in the kitchen. Bring your own toiletries. Toilet paper is supplied.

We can bbq both nights. If you want to bring something to throw on the table to share that'll be awesome, or just bring your own side dishes. Whatever you choose. It's all about the writing and camaraderie!!!

And don't forget your togs....LOL.... that's kiwi for bathing suit. If nudie bathing is your thing, there's a lake at the bottom of the garden.

The wifi is a bit spotty but we manage. Please don't park on the street. There's a good-sized driveway and parking. Apparently, the neighbors have been a bit grouchy about it in the

Shayne

Financials

March 2021

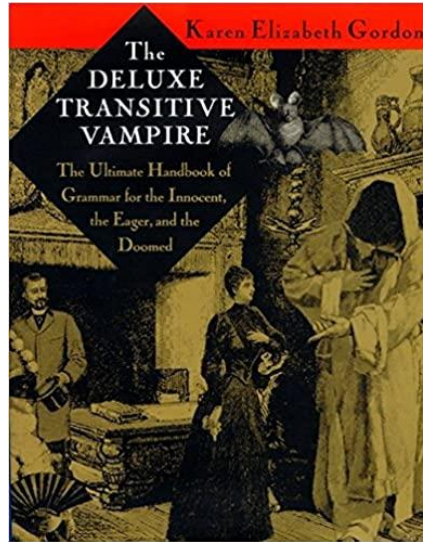
Beginning Cash Balance:
\$3,699.49

Income: \$00.00

Expenses: \$335.83

Ending Cash Balance: \$3,363.49

From the Slush Pile



It was inevitable that a book on grammar would appear on the list at some point. I know what you're thinking. "Grammar, ugh! The boring part of writing. I'd rather suck my own eyeballs out with a turkey baster."

Okay, you're probably not thinking anything that extreme. But if you are thinking that grammar is boring...I can't disagree with you. It's tedious, time consuming, and often leaves me questioning my life choices.

However, it is necessary. So long as it remains so, why not at least try to make it as fun as possible? Thus, I give you *The Deluxe Transitive Vampire: The Ultimate Handbook of Grammar for the Innocent, the Eager, and the Doomed* by Karen Elizabeth Gordon.

This one has been on my self for years, and so long as we're stuck wading through issues of passive voice and comma splices, why not do so with "a wickedly decadent cast of gargoyles, mastodons, murderous debutantes, and, yes, vampires (both transitive and otherwise)."

Have an awesome read you want to recommend to our writing community? Send the info to 221bwilles@gmail.com.

