

KWI: KANSAS WRITER'S INK

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KWI Social Media Class With Karla Hall

Attention Writers! You won't want to miss a special presentation at the next KWI meeting on February 28th. Karla Hall will be joining us to discuss Social Media—How and Why Writers Should Grow Beyond Facebook. She will share simple tips and tricks to get you started, as well as resources to help you move past the beginner stage. Karla will be there to help take the mystery out of the social media experience. Please join us for this informative discussion.

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March Online Workshops

By Angela Johnson

Writing the Page-Turning Novel

Date: March 2–13, 2015

Presenter: Steve Shrott. FMI, <http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/all-workshops/#MAR>.

Crafting the Short Story

Date: March 2–27, 2015

Presenter: Susan Palmquist. FMI, <http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/all-workshops/#MAR>.

Deep Story Techniques I

Date: March 2–27, 2015

Presenter: Carol Hughes. FMI, <http://www.starrwa.org/> or carolhenry@frontiernet.net.

How Not to Pick an Editor

Date: March 2–27, 2015

Presenter: Sascha Illyvich. FMI, <http://lowcountryrwa.com/workshops/all-workshops/#MAR>.

Military 101

Date: March 2–27, 2015

Presenter: Rhonda Beardsley. FMI, <http://fthrw.com/online-workshops>.

Novel in a Month

Date: March 2–27, 2015

Presenter: Peter Andrews. FMI, heartofcarolina.org/calendar.

Social Media for the Confused and Terrified

Date: March 2–27, 2015

Presenter: Elena Dillon. FMI, <http://www.lararwa.com/laras-online-classes/>.

Writer as Word Wrangler

Date: March 2–27, 2015

Presenter: MM Pollard. FMI, <http://www.marylandromancewriters.com/writer-as-word-wrangler/>.

Writing the Continuing Series

Date: March 2–27, 2015

Presenter: Susan Palmquist. FMI, <http://www.yosemiteromancewriters.com/workshops>.

Creating Cop Characters

Date: March 2–30, 2015

Presenter: Chief Wes Harris. FMI, <http://www.rwamysterysuspense.org/coffin>.

Indy vs. Traditional: It's Not a Competition

Date: March 2–30, 2015

Presenter: Pam Beason. FMI, <http://www.rwamysterysuspense.org/coffin.php>.

Advanced GMC

Dates: March 2–31, 2015

Presenter: Kat Duncan. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#MAR4>.

“HOW'D I MISS THAT?” Tips and Tricks for Self-Editing

Date: March 2–31, 2015

Presenter: Kathryn Jane. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#MAR2>.

New Kid on the Block: A Guide to Writing New Adult

Date: March 2–31, 2015

Presenter: Chanel Cleeton. FMI, <http://www.carolinaromancewriters.com/online-workshop-schedule.html>.

Writing Fight Scenes

Dates: March 2–31, 2015

Presenter: Rayne Hall. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#MAR1>.

Perfecting the Pitch: What Do Editors Really Want To Know About Your Book?

Date: March 3–4, 2015

Presenter: Trish Owens. FMI, <http://www.passionateink.org/workshops/>.

Ready, Set, Write: How to Prepare for a Successful Writing Intensive

Date: March 5–April 2, 2015

Presenter: Maria Connor. FMI, <http://www.passionateink.org/workshops/>.

Regular Meeting

January 24, 2015

By: Billie-Renee Knight

Present: Romie Chavez; Morgan Chilson; Leslie Galbraith; Tish Glasson; Susie Graber; Ian Hall; Reed Holweger; Billie-Renee Knight; Eleanor Liu; Sabrina Moreno; Len Richter; Shayne Sawyer; Hayley Schowalter; Tonya Schowalter; Janet Stotts

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Published in January newsletter. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$2,814.21

Receipts: \$411.25

Expenses: \$134.36

Ending balance: \$3,091.10

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business:

Blog – New blog posted thanks to Cheryl Swayne - twice. Tish will provide all bloggers with a chocolate candy bar of their choice or meat.

KWI goals for new year – The board will meet to discuss this at their next meeting. Items submitted at last meeting were more activities than goals. This meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. before next month's meeting (February meeting).

Newsletter – Please send items to Romie. He will send out a reminder the week before articles are due.

Website – Billie-Renee will be updating the Members' page on the website following the fall registration drive. Members are encouraged to send her a short bio, a photo and a link to their websites if available. Her email is knightdrk2@yahoo.com.

Bloody Gavel – Shayne will get the entries from Morgan and complete the layouts.

Retreat – Shayne reported on retreat plans. April 17 – 19. Basswood Resort in Platt City, MO toward the airport in KC. Has campgrounds, lakes, stores and suites. Each suite sleeps 6 people and has a kitchenette. \$139 per night per suite. \$278 for 2 nights or \$46.33 + tax per person for 6 people. We would have to provide our own food on top of the cost of the suite. The clubhouse is available for \$175 per day and seats 60 people or we could write in one of the suites. There is also a lodge available for \$400+ and sleeps 16. Verbal commitment to Tish by Wednesday, January 28 and \$50 non-refundable deposit by Wednesday, February 4 to Reed.

Gavel – Morgan has misplaced it somewhere in her house and will look for it for next meeting.

New Business: February Write-a-thon - KWI member, Cheryl Swayne is hosting another all day writeathon on February 14th, 2015 (9:00am - 4:00pm.). Members refer to your invite for details, which is included with the newsletter. A huge thanks to Cheryl for doing this!

February's Program – Karla will present on social media marketing.

Future Program Ideas – The group brainstormed a list of ideas for future programs to help Morgan. Social media marketing, sessions on editing and critiquing, self-publishing platforms, genre specific sessions, poetry writing, character creation, world building, creative non-fiction writing, published members present their work and process.

Community Novel Organizational Meeting – January 31 from 12 – 2 at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.

Committee Reports: None submitted.

Kudos: Ian Hall released his latest book, *Caledonii: Birth of a Celtic Nation*, on Christmas day.

Janet Stotts e-published a book, *The Orchid Garden*, available through Amazon.

Kudos

A special Kudos goes out to Eleanor Liu who was recently featured in *Expat*. What is *Expat* you ask, well, according to their website, it is The Wall Street Journal's hub for expatriates and global nomads. Expat spans the globe in expat hotspots like London, Paris, Hong Kong, Beijing, Sydney and many more. Check out the article *Dragon Boats & Dominoes: Life As An Expat Trailing Spouse in Beijing*. Congrats Eleanor!! You can find the link here:

<http://blogs.wsj.com/expat/2015/02/12/dragon-boats-dominoes-life-as-an-expat-trailing-spouse-in-beijing/>

Further Reading

Descriptive Faces—Resources for Writers.

<http://descriptivefaces.blogspot.com/2011/02/facial-expressions-anger.html>

The Grimace website shows you what emotions look like.

<http://www.grimace-project.net/>

Copyright article.

<http://booksat.scarlettrugers.com/bookcoverdesign/who-owns-the-copyright-to-my-book-cover/>

Author Wisdom from R.L. Stine.

<http://writerscircle.com/2013/10/writing-tips-from-rl-stine.html>

Making time to be creative can positively affect your health and well-being.

http://blog.theliteracysite.com/health-creativity/?utm_source=social&utm_medium=twc&utm_campaign=health-creativity&utm_term=20150220

KWI Blog

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

KWI Next Meeting

When:

February 28th, 2015

Where:

Topeka Shawnee County
Public Library

Topic:

Future Meetings:

When:

March 28th, 2015

Where:

Topeka Shawnee County
Public Library

Topic: TBA

Welcome Back Writers!!!

Financials

Beginning balance: \$3091.10
Receipts: \$0.00
Expenses: \$321.00
Ending balance: \$3412.10

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