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Norman Galaxy of Writers

WriteLine



JUNE 6TH MEETING

GALAXY Authors will read their winning OWFI entries

**June 6, 2009, 10:00 A.M.
Norman Public Library, Lowry Room**

Six members of the Norman Galaxy of Writers brought home eleven awards from the OWFI (Oklahoma Writers Federation, Inc.) yearly contest held May 1st and 2nd at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman. Nearly four hundred writers from at least five states attended, representing dozens of writers' groups. More than 30 contest categories brought in 1,224 entries by 293 entrants. The keynote speaker was medical-thriller novelist Tess Gerritsen.

—*Kathleen Park for the Transcript*



Vickey Malone Kennedy took second place for "Inheritance" in Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror Short Story; third place in the Mazie Cox Reid Column Award for "A Shot in the Dark—Tales of a Night Nurse"; and fourth honorable mention (HM) for "Borders" in the Short Story Adult category.



Frances Wykes Searcey won second place for "Viewing Life through Trifocals" in the Mazie Cox Reid Column Award and third place in Nostalgia for "Aunt Beulah's House."



Robert Ferrier took third place for "Einstein's Unrest" in Short Rhymed Poetry and first HM in Short Unrhymed Poetry for "Indian Ball Game."

FRIDAY WRITERS THRU THE SUMMER

Friday Writers

Friday Writers will carry on through the summer with Madelaine Culp and Kathleen Park steering the group.

Writing contests: on the Web, to The Warren Adler Short Story Contest, 2009 Contest Theme: Short Fiction in Varied Genres; www.freelancewriting.com/writing-contests.php--for you'll need to sift through this one for areas of your special interests. There are many web sources for writing contests. Just "google" (a verb these days) writing contests 2009 and fish around. Of course, if you have something else ready to read for us--we want to hear it.

Madelaine's writing prompt for May 29th: Write about a lie, one that you've told or was told to you. The form is up to you: essay, poem, whatever, but try to explore the ramifications of the lie. Maybe it changed your life--or that of someone else. Maybe there were good results; maybe not. Maybe the consequences were short lived, maybe not, humorous--or tragic. Let your imagination go!

—*Kathleen Park*



Dion Mayes Burnett won sixth HM for "Prolepsis" in Short Unrhymed Poetry and eighth HM for "Thief of Memories" in Long Unrhymed Poetry.



Mark Robinson won third HM in Inspirational Prose for "Black Friday."



Kathleen Norris Park took first place in Feature Article category for "Voices of Canyon de Chelly."

MARKETS BY ANN CHAMPEAU

Think Like a Kid

It's never too early to start thinking about your entries for the Galaxy contest. One of the categories is Children's Fiction for ages 8-12. Author, Susan Shrive gives simple guidelines for children's stories, "I think of writing children's fiction in terms of events that affect ONE HERO OR HEROINE, ONE SINGLE POINT OF VIEW, A SINGLE ISSUE, AND A SINGLE RESOLUTION."

Pick a market, perhaps one these listed, follow the guidelines, write your story to fit that market, enter the contest, then submit it. Kill two birds with one stone.

BEYOND CENTAURI, P.O. Box 782, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0782

E-mail: beyondcentauri@samsdotpublishing.com.
Web: www.samsdotpublishing.com. The editor wants fantasy, horror, science fiction, sword and sorcery and slipstream stories for ages ten and up. Also buys poetry.

BREAD FOR GOD'S CHILDREN, P.O. Box 1017, Arcadia, FL 34265. E-mail: bread@sunline.net. Editors want "writers who have a solid knowledge of biblical principles and are concerned for the youth of today living by those principles. Stories must be well written, with the story itself getting the message across -- no preaching, moralizing, or tag ending." No fantasy, science fiction, or non-Christian themes. 600-800 words earns \$40-\$50.

FACES, 30 Grove Street, Suite C, Peterborough NH 03458. E-mail: facesmag@yahoo.com. Web: www.cobblestonepub.com. A monthly magazine published during school year that covers world culture for ages 9-14. Fiction is ethnic, historical, retold legends or folktales. 800 words earns 20-25 cents a word.

NEW MOON, 34 E. Superior Street, #200, Duluth, MN 55802. A magazine for 8-14 year-old girls and their dreams. E-mail: girl@newmoon.org. Web: www.newmoon.org. Contact Editorial Department. Adventure, fantasy, historical, humorous and slice-of-life fiction needs to be all-girl centered. 900-1200 words earns 6-12 cents a word.

SPIDER, P.O. Box 300, Peru IL 61354. Web: www.cricketmag.com. Contact Submissions Editor. A monthly magazine "that introduces 6-9-year-old children to the highest quality stories, poems, illustrations, articles and activities. It was created to foster in beginning readers a love for reading and discovery that will last a lifetime." 300-1000 words. Pays 25 cents a word.

—Ann Champeau, Markets

The business meeting was adjourned and guest speaker, Mary Stanaszek, was introduced.

—Dion Mayes-Burnett, Secretary

MAY MINUTES BY DION MAYES-BURNETT

Galaxy May 9th Minutes

The Norman Galaxy of Writer's met May 9th at the University Lutheran Student Center. President Madelaine Culp-Havey asked if there were visitors. Guest speaker Mary Stanaszek was made welcome.

Reports

Kathleen Park announced the winners, as well as the Judges and Contest Chairs, who participated in the OWFI Contest.

Lynn Wendlebo provided the Treasurer's Report with a beginning balance on April 1st of \$1128.59. Three new Galaxy members and one OWFI member brought in \$65, expenses in the amount of \$90, with a final balance of \$1103.59.

Frances Searcey who leads the Friday Writers Group, which meets Fridays, 10am-12pm, in the Norman Senior Citizens Center said her last class Friday, May 15th. Madelaine Culp and Kathleen Park will carry on the meetings until her return in September.

Kathleen Park said there was no report for the NAC Roundtable or the *Writeline* at this time, other than that she covered for Helen Duchon in her absence.

Marilyn Fleer, publicity, stated that the next meeting, June 6th, would be at the Norman Library in the Lowry room. Madelaine reminded members that the July meeting would be the 2nd Saturday, July 11th, due to the holiday.

Recruitment report was updated by Mary Spaulding, regarding the Norman Chamber of Commerce meetings and networking. We need to investigate the cost of joining and also to create name badges for our members to wear.

Old Business

V.P. Sherry Bynum regarding the possibility of obtaining lapel and/or hand held microphones. These items could be obtained at Radio Shack in Sooner Mall. Members liked the idea and injected that they wanted the best quality for the most affordable price. Lynn Wendlebo was concerned regarding cost as we have minimal income and have expenses at certain times of the year. It was agreed that costs would be looked into and item tabled for now.

Madelaine addressed new business stating first that she had received an email from Ann Champeau moving that members vote Julie Cook, our previous Treasurer of many years, as a Life Member. Kathleen Park so moved and Frances Searcey seconded by acclamation. Helen Duchon will be asked to create a certificate to be presented to Julie, who is in poor health at this time.

Sherry Bynum said that the winners of the OWFI contest will read their works at the June 6th meeting. July speaker will be Jim Etter about books on Oklahoma.

Madelaine again discussed the surveys and asked that all fill these out to help build on the history of Galaxy. She again mentioned our mission statement and stated that only two charter members remain, Dorothy Brinker and Marilyn Fleer.

BRAG SHEET**Sales and Acceptances**

KATHLEEN NORRIS PARK: PUBLISHED article in *Norman Transcript* (even though it credited the staff about our OWFI contest winners).

PRODUCED the May *WriteLine* (with much appreciation from Helen) and Norman Baha'i Newsletter

HELEN DUCHON: PUBLISHED: Facebook albums of Vienna, Modern Art Museum, and Poland sightseeing; Cara Ditto Retirement; created Hi-Noon BPW and Galaxy Facebook Group pages. Editor of *Galaxy WriteLines* for Jan, Feb., March, April and June.

ANN CHAMPEAU: PUBLISHED: Columns in *WriteLine*, *Galaxy* newsletter: New Year of Empowerment; How to Write a Thriller; What's Waiting For You at OWFI and Think Like a Kid.

STAN SOLLOWAY: COLUMNS: *Silliman on Sports* **MIKE KRAWCZYK:** CARTOONS:

3/31 Ode to Billy Clyde Kentucky BB coach gets fired See at [www.sillimanonsports.com/Basketballs Ode to Billy Clyde.html](http://www.sillimanonsports.com/Basketballs/Ode%20to%20Billy%20Clyde.html)

4/06 Pros vs Joes Spike TV sports See at [www.sillimanonsports.com/Spike TV.html](http://www.sillimanonsports.com/Spike%20TV.html)

4/14 Rollen the Rainbow Man See at [www.sillimanonsports.com/Rainbow Man Rollen.html](http://www.sillimanonsports.com/Rainbow%20Man%20Rollen.html)

4/21 Fan Man Finale Sad See at [www.sillimanonsports.com/Fan Man Sad.html](http://www.sillimanonsports.com/Fan%20Man%20Sad.html)

4/27 Coors East About the new Yankee Stadium See at www.sillimanonsports.com/New_Yankee_Stadium.

5/04 Figure Skating to macho Up Canadian Men's Skating See at www.sillimanonsports.com/Figure_Skating_Winter_Olympics.html

5/12 Pay day for ZAZA A Story with a lot of Zs See at www.sillimanonsports.com/Payday_for_ZAZA.

5/19 Celeb Ballhawking Tips See at www.sillimanonsports.com/Celeb_Ballhawking_Tips.html

5/26 Duke Golf Sinks Putz Andrew Guiliani See at www.sillimanonsports.com/Duke_Golf_Sinks_Putz.

Professional Activities

ANN CHAMPEAU: Will do 9 sessions on **Journaling: A Boost for the Brain** throughout the Pioneer Library System in June and July. **July 17, 10:00 A.M.** she will be at the Norman Public Library, 225 N. Webster, Norman OK 73069; 405-701-2600.

Category chaired Sci/Fi, Fantasy Book contest for OWFI.

ROBERT FERRIER: Judged the 2,000 words or less Short Story category for the OWFI contest.

Club News

Two members, **JILL BROWN** and **AMY**

TREADWELL, are both leaving Oklahoma: Jill for Colorado Springs and Amy for Pittsburgh, PA.

CINDY STEVENS, the adult book selection librarian, will join *Galaxy* and OWFI to support Oklahoma writers by with appearances at libraries within the system, displaying their books, mentioning our activities in their newsletters and communications.

SHARING SECRETS**PR is Easy**

Public Relations for clubs is easy. All you need is a great speaker and at least one belly laugh per meeting. (It also helps if everyone at the meeting learns something and feels part of the process.)

The press release starts with a heart wrenching, mind stumping or wealth promising Lead Sentence. It's the Hook that makes the reader wonder, "What's in it for me?" The next sentence tells Who will provide that information.

The second paragraph lists three other Ws: What, When, Where. What is the club sponsoring the meeting. Artists, I've noticed often fail to tell the date, time or place of their art show or poetry reading. I guess that they are so excited about their project that they think everyone can see what they see and know what they know.

The third paragraph gives the credentials of the speaker and why they are qualified to speak on the topic. Save the info about where they were born, their kids or dogs for the very last and only if you really need to fill the space! Only use words that give information, create pictures or require action, e.g. RSVP phone number. No fluff.

—*Helen Duchon, Editor*

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

ROBINSON, Mark 2009 *Galaxy*, 2009 OWFI

ASHLEY, Vickie and her daughter Elizabeth, 2009 *Galaxy*, 2009 OWFI

BOHON-BOTHWELL, Leslie, 2009 *Galaxy*, 2009 OWFI

LAMBERSON, Robbie, 2009 *Galaxy*

RAUNIG, Colin, 2009 *Galaxy*

TREASURER'S REPORT - LYNN WENDELBO

BEGINNING BALANCE: 4/4/09 \$ 1128.59

EXPENSES

April Speakers:

Phil Kemp & Mark Robinson \$50.00

OWFI dues, 1 member \$20.00

Helen Duchon, April *WriteLine* \$15.09

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 85.09

DEPOSITS

Dues, 4 *Galaxy* & 1 OWFI \$ 80.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$ 80.00

CURRENT BALANCE: 5/9/09 \$ 1123.50

GRAMMAR BY KATHLEEN PARK

Between the Two of Us

Have you read or heard sentences like these actual examples?

- Please leave two spaces between each item on the list.
- Put the basketball on the floor next to you between every player.

Does something sound a little funny here? Maybe you recall a teacher somewhere back there, pounding on the correct use of **between** and **among**.

“Between two, among more than two!”

I seem to remember having that drilled into my head. In fact, I was certain of it until I started hunting for good examples. Oh, yes, those two sentences above are definitely wrong. You must have two items or players in order to use *between*. So every or each, meaning only one, blows *between* out of the water. Substitute *after* for *between* in the first sentence: “Leave two spaces after each item.” And “Put the ball *between* players” or “*between* you and the next player.”

But now comes the hard part. According to my usage guru Roy Copperud, “The proper use of **between** does not depend on the number of objects but on whether they are being considered in pairs. Even this

is open to question as an absolute rule. The OED (Oxford English Dictionary) specifies that **between** may be used of relations between two or more things.”

The venerable OED says that *between* is still the only word available to express the relation of a thing to many surrounding things generally and individually; *among* expresses a relation to them collectively and vaguely. Well, now, that has the solid ring of truth, doesn’t it? Try these examples:

- “Agreements were reached *between* six nations.”
- “Our airline will soon establish new routes *between* several cities.”
- “The contest *between* all the teams in the league will begin in June.”

You can envision that the flights must go *between* two cities at a time, and that two teams take the field together, not six or so at a time.

Of course, the sloppy “*between* you and I” or “*between* you and he” is still a blunder, but for a different reason.

Between is a preposition and takes the accusative or objective case.

Believe it. Say “*between* you and me” or “*between* you and him.”

—Kathleen Park, Grammarian

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2009 Dues for Galaxy are \$15

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10:00 AM

Public Library

**OWFI Contest
winners read**