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DETROIT WORKING WRITERS
NEWSLETTER

Greetings lovely and handsome DWW writers!

Welcome to Part Two of your August 2017 DWW newsletter! Our 117 year old organization's mission is to encourage creative writing of the highest professional standard.

Part Two of this newsletter includes the upcoming Kerrytown BookFest, member awards/accomplishments/publications,

Roberta Brown
President

**NOTE: DATE AND TIME CHANGE FOR
DWW BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, August 28, 2017
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY, CONFERENCE ROOM
510 West Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48084**

**All DWW members are welcome to attend this Board Meeting. Please
RSVP to**

**Roberta Brown
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by Monday, August 21, 2017, so we can make sure we have enough chairs.



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL KERRYTOWN BOOKFEST
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

This will be the first time that DWW will have a booth at the Kerrytown Bookfest, and we thank Aubri Adkins and Linda Sienkiewicz for arranging this.

As of today (August 5, 2017), we have two DWW authors signed up. There is room for more at what has been a signature author selling and signing event. Expand your horizons and your readership by contacting Aubri or Linda at

aubri.k.adkins@gmail.com or 313-320-1696

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for sign up information now!

DWW CRITIQUE
GROUP CALENDAR
FOR AUGUST -
DECEMBER 2017

All meetings are on the second Saturday of the month at Lukich's Restaurant in Troy.

SEPTEMBER 9

OCTOBER 14

NOVEMBER 11

DECEMBER 9

Watch your email for your invitation to submit your work for critiquing!

OUR DWW MEMBERS

CONTEST WINNERS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!

Carl Anthony (Automoblog.net) is a shortlisted finalist for the 2017 AutoSens Awards in the Most Engaging Content Category. This award was open to any individual or organization who has consistently produced outstanding, engaging, educational or informative content. Carl will be flying to Brussels in mid-September to celebrate the very best in autonomous vehicle technology and to attend the awards ceremony. He'll be rubbing shoulders with Elon Musk of Tesla. It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it...

Diana Dinverno has had not one, not two, but FIVE poems published in the Peacock Journal: Florence, October Afternoon in Varenna, After Supper, Gladioli, and Lunch.

Karen Dybis wrote in Corp! Magazine: One Earth Writing CEO and Founder Lynne Golodner was recently named a Fulbright Specialist by



the U.S. State Department, serving a three-year term beginning in April 2017.

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and World Learning approves Fulbright Specialists for inclusion on a roster to which institutions from 150 countries turn when seeking experts to lecture, speak and consult on diverse, short-term collaborative projects. Spanning a wide range of professional and academic fields, Specialist projects bring education and training, address institutional priorities and promote beneficial collaborations between American and foreign host institutions.

Selected U.S. academics and professionals may deliver seminars or workshops, consult on faculty or workforce development, develop academic or training curricula and materials, lecture at graduate and undergraduate levels and conduct evaluations for programs and institutions.

Pam Houghton's article "Howdy Neighbors" was published on pages 36 - 38 of the July 2017 Metro Parent Magazine. Mr. Rogers was somewhat channeled in the writing of this article...

Linda Sienkiewicz's novel "In the Context of Love" has been named to Lisa Romeo's recommended Summer Reading List; this is the third list that Linda's novel has been mentioned.

Missouri DWW author Martha Stiles' book "Sailing to Freedom" is now available in paperback, which, according to Martha, "makes me happy rather than rich."

The Yule Love it Lavender Farm Poetry Contest Winners have been announced, and our own Christian Belz was awarded third prize for his poem "Dried Lemons." Thanks to DWW member Linda Nemeč Foster for judging!

We want to promote you and your writing! Please let us know your latest writing awards/credits/publications!



Results of Search for an Auditor

I have spoken with Ford Grifo of Grifo and Company in Royal Oak regarding an audit of DWW books. According to Mr. Grifo:

1. There are three levels of audits:

Compilation - no assurance regarding financial information, the numbers, or adequate internal controls - cost of a compilation is \$2000.00

Review - this goes further, gives limited assurance - cost of a review is \$4000 to \$5000.

Audit - gives fair assurance. Cost of an audit is \$6000 on up.

Based on our annual dues revenue, he sees no reason to do any of these three levels, as this would basically wipe out most if not all of our revenue.

He suggested the following:

1. Someone on the Board - one person - must authorize ALL disbursements

2. Someone else on the Board - one person - must account for ALL revenues (i.e. reviewing bank statements, etc.)

Grifo said he knows that most organizations like ours have statements in their articles of incorporation/constitution/



by-laws etc. requiring an annual audit, but for small organizations like ours an audit is too expensive.

In addition, I've contacted MiCPA (Michigan Association of CPAs) about conducting an audit for DWW; I was told no one would be interested in performing an audit for an organization our size (i.e. small).

Therefore, we will be doing the following:

Roberta Brown, President, will be making all bank deposits.

Cindy Hampel, our new Treasurer, will be writing all checks.

Also note: A person outside of the board can serve as auditor. This protects the treasurer and the organization. Laura Hedgecock, DWW Secretary, has noted that the DWW Constitution does not specify that an "independent auditor" be a CPA. This can be a member at large that is independent of collections and disbursements processes. The Board will therefore be selecting one or two non-Board members to review our books and make any suggestions/recommendations.

