



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to your August 2018 DWW newsletter! Our 118 year old organization's mission is to encourage creative writing of the highest professional standard.

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NEXT DWW BOARD MEETING

The next DWW Board meeting is Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. at Lukich's Restaurant in Troy. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to rlbrown417@gmail.com no later than Monday, September 3, so we can reserve the proper space. The August Board Meeting was canceled due to summer fun commitments!

Name

Jerome Toson Sr
Email Address

research@lapael.life

Subject

Business Opportunity
Message

We're a social research company, looking to speak with a nonfiction writer/editor that has the ability to produce nonfiction content that reads like a novel. The candidate must have five years of production experience and is interested in a career business opportunity. The responsibility is to provide content development for books, ebooks, other publication and distribution services to the people of a much under-served market. The successful candidate must provide marketing leadership and delivery of our content production, which includes a blog with about 50,000 words of content currently, books, ebooks and other publications. If you're interested, send your resume to: research@lapael.life



Finally! Jean Alicia Elster and I have the link for the BBC interview we and others participated in last March!

Here's the direct link to the BBC interview:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3csx8ws>

DWW CRITIQUE
GROUP CALENDAR
FOR AUGUST 2018
THROUGH
DECEMBER 2018

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE DWW ANNUAL
WRITING CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 10, 2018!**

"Owning Your Craft"

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

**Information on workshops, presenters, editors, their pic-
tures, and their bios are now available on the DWW
website!**

For more details see:

<http://www.detworkingwriters.org/conference/>

2018

AUGUST 11

SEPTEMBER 8

OCTOBER 13

NOVEMBER 10 - to be
rescheduled due to
Writing Conference

DECEMBER 8

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-annual-detroit-working-writers-writing-conference-tickets-48343413451>



KERRYTOWN BOOKFEST

Linda Sienkiewicz is organizing the DWW table at this year's event, which is Sunday, September 9th. Contact Linda at

lindak sienk@live.com

Also from Linda: "Michigan authors: Are your books at the Scriptorium?"

Michigan readers: Books you want to read are at the Scriptorium! (14 Mile and Main, behind the ACE Hardware.

SUMMER WRITING CONTESTS

Hello fellow literary aficionados,

Here's some info that may be interesting to you or your organization. Thanks for sharing. It's a bit of a win/win as they say. Even if you don't "win" the contest you receive a journal, a chance to be published (and paid!), and you help an organization that is searching for treatments and cures for diseases that take many talented writers and friends away from us long before their time should end. See attachment for formatted flyer.

Thanks,
Tony Burnett
www.kallistogaiaipress.org

Kallisto Gaia Press presents:

SUMMER WRITING CONTESTS! \$1500.00 in prizes!

The 2018 Julia Darling Memorial Poetry Prize

A prize of \$750.00 and publication in The Ocotillo Review Winter 2019 will be awarded for a poem of up to 65 lines. Submit up to



three poems of no more than 65 lines each with a \$20.00 entry fee by August 20, 2018. All entries will be considered for publication. All entrants will receive a copy of the journal containing the prize winning poem. Carrie Fountain will judge. A portion of revenue generated will be donated to Cancer Research at M. D. Anderson Hospital.

Carrie Fountain's poems have appeared in *Tin House*, *Poetry*, and *The New Yorker*, among many others. She is the author of the collections *Burn Lake* (Penguin, 2010) and *Instant Winner* (Penguin, 2014), and a recipient of the National Poetry Series Award. Her first novel, *I'm Not Missing*, is forthcoming from Flatiron Books (Macmillan). Fountain received her MFA as a fellow at the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas and is now writer-in-residence at St. Edward's University. She lives in Austin with her husband, playwright and novelist Kirk Lynn, and their two children.

The 2018 Chester B. Himes Memorial Short Fiction Prize

A prize of \$750.00 and publication in *The Ocotillo Review* Winter 2019 will be awarded for a short story. Submit one story of less than 4200 words with a \$20.00 entry fee by August 20, 2018. All entries will be considered for publication. All entrants will receive a copy of the journal containing the winning story. Antonio Ruiz-Camacho will judge. A portion of revenue generated will be donated to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Antonio Ruiz-Camacho was born and raised in Toluca, Mexico. A former Knight Journalism fellow at Stanford University, a Dobie Paisano fellow in fiction by the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas Institute of Letters, and a Walter E. Dakin fellow in fiction at Sewanee Writers' Conference, he earned his MFA from The New Writers Project at UT Austin. His work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Salon*, *Texas Monthly*, *The Millions*, and elsewhere. His debut story collection *Barefoot Dogs* won the Jesse H. Jones Award for Best Book of Fiction and was named a Best Book of 2015 by *Kirkus Reviews*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Texas Observer* and *PRI's The World*. It was published in Spanish translation by the author, and is forthcoming in Dutch.

More info at www.kallistogaiapress.org



METRO DETROIT BOOK AND AUTHOR SOCIETY

Robin Gaines will be accepting checks for tickets for this event until ***August 22nd*** when she needs to give the board her final count. You can still register after that date, but you will not be sitting at the DWW table!

Please make checks out to Robin Gaines and mail with a SASE to [300 E. Cady Street, Northville 48167](mailto:300.E.Cady.Street.Northville.48167). She will mail your ticket to you if you provide her with the SASE.

Here is the info:



93rd Luncheon

Monday, October 15, 2018

[Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center](#)
[27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia MI 48150](#)
[[Detailed Directions](#)] - (734) 427-9110

From Points East: I-96 West to Inkster exit. Follow service drive west past Inkster Road (Schoolcraft) to Cardwell, turn left. The parking lot is straight ahead across the bridge.

From Points West: I-96 East to Middlebelt exit. Follow the service drive (Schoolcraft) east. Burton Manor will be on the right, just east of Middlebelt Road.



Schedule

11:00 am - Book Sale Room Opens

12:00 pm - Lunch is Served

1:00 pm - Authors Begin to Speak

Authors will be available to sign purchased books after luncheon.

Book sales support grants. Please buy your books at the luncheon, but

be aware that the number of books available for purchase may be limited.

**Program and speakers are subject to change.

Grants to be Presented Dick Johnston Award

This award is presented at the annual fall luncheon to a public library for the purpose of establishing or improving a library collection.

The award was established to honor the late Dick Johnston, who was a member of the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society and served as its president in 1980 and 1981. Mr. Johnston was president of the Michigan Library Association and Director of the Birmingham and Bloomfield Township Libraries.

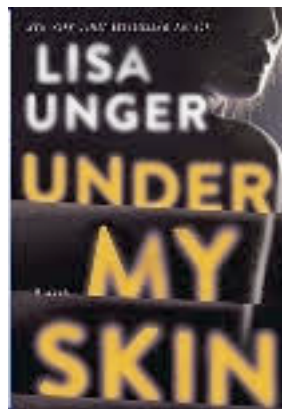
Elaine R. Irvin Friends Award

This award is presented at the annual fall luncheon to a Friends of the Library group. The grant is awarded to support a program or project which fills a significant need that impacts the library's patrons and the community. The award was established to honor the late Elaine R. Irvin, who was a devoted member of the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society Board for many years. Elaine worked for the Friends of the Detroit Public Library and was dedicated to the principle that "good libraries need good Friends".

[More about Grants](#) / [Past Grant Awardees](#)



Luncheon Authors

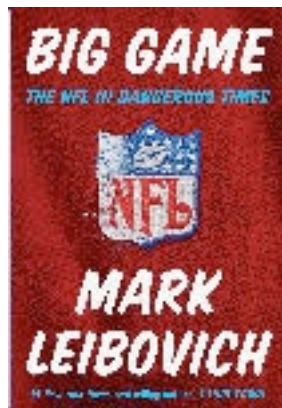


Lisa Unger

Official Website:

www.lisaunger.com

Lisa Unger is the award-winning New York Times and international bestselling author of sixteen novels, including her newest, *Under My Skin*, a twisting, spellbinding thriller. Her books are published in 26 languages worldwide, have sold millions of copies, and have been named “Best of the Year” or top picks by *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Entertainment Weekly*, Amazon, and Goodreads, to name a few. Combining knowledge of the human psyche and an understanding of fear, readers and critics alike call her one of the top writers of psychological thrillers today.



Mark Leibovich

Official Website:

www.markleibovich.com

Mark Leibovich is the New York Times Magazine's chief national correspondent and is a lifelong New England Patriot's fan. He tried for years to profile quarterback Tom Brady, and in 2014, Brady finally agreed. Then came the infamous "deflategate" controversy. Now, when pro football is being attacked on many fronts, Leibovich has taken a fascinating in-depth look at where the sport is going in his new book *Big Game: The NFL in Dangerous Times*. He is also the author of the scathing 2013 bestselling Washington expose, *This Town: Two Parties and a Funeral – Plus Plenty of Valet Parking! – in America's Guided Capital*.



Anne Ford

Official Website:

www.anneford.net/

Anne Ford, great-granddaughter of Henry Ford and daughter of Henry Ford II, became a well-known writer and advocate for people with learning disabilities after her daughter Allegra was diagnosed with learning problems. She has written several books on the subject, including her latest, *The Stigmatized Child: Helping Parents Overcome the Stigma Attached to Learning Disabilities, ADHD and Lack of Social Skills*. Ford served as Chairman of the Board of the National Center for Learning Disabilities from 1989 to 2001. She has received many honors for her work, and has lectured widely on LD and ADHD issues.

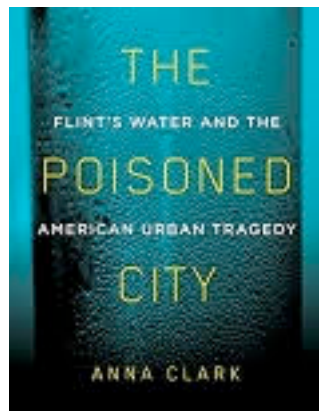


Dr. Rana Awdish

Official Website:

www.ranaawdishmd.com

Dr, Rana Awdish was a young critical care physician near the end of her medical training at Wayne State University in Detroit when she suddenly became a patient fighting for her own life. In her critically acclaimed bestselling book, *In Shock: My Journey from Death to Recovery and the Redemptive Power of Hope*, she reveals how her troubling experiences exposed her to flaws in today's care standard and how to better embrace the emotional bond between doctor and patient. Today she serves as Medical Director of Care Experience for the entire Henry Ford Medical Group.



Anna Clark

Official Website:

<http://annaclark.net/the-poisoned-city>

Anna Clark is an award-winning Michigan journalist whose work has appeared in Elle Magazine, the New York Times, Politico, and others. Like many people, she began to take notice when the residents of Flint began to complain that something was very wrong with the water coming out of their taps. Clark, who has covered the story from the beginning, has written the first full account of the Flint water scandal and its broader implications for pollution and America's communities in her new book *The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy*. An excerpt from her book appeared in the Detroit Sunday Free Press in July.

[View Previous Luncheon Authors](#)

[Learn more about The Book and Author Society](#)

The book and author luncheon is presented in partnership with:

[The Library Network](#)

[Brodart Corporation](#)

[The Suburban Library Cooperative](#)



OUR DWW MEMBERS'

LATEST AWARDS AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!

Iris Underwood, author, and Joyce Harlukowicz, illustrator, announce publication of *The Mantle*. Nineteen years of hard work has paid off!

You may find how to purchase *The Mantle*

here: http://www.yuleloveitlavenderfarm.com/p/teas-tours_9.html

Pam Houghton has publication news:

Rethinking Attitudes on Medication in the July issue of *Metro Parent* - here is a link to the digital version.

<https://www.metroparent.com/daily/health-fitness/childrens-health/rethinking-attitudes-on-medication/>

Elizabeth Buzzelli writes: I got this about my new novel, due out in September--*In Want of Knife*.

“Buzzelli's well-developed characters are the stars of the show in a complex tale that tips more than a hat to *Pride and Prejudice*.”

—Kirkus Reviews

Just heard they are taping *In Want of a Knife* for a book on tape.

<http://penandanvil.com/breakfast/>

The lovely Cat Dossett, the chapbook editor at [Pen & Anvil Press](#), has created a broadsheet for Diana Dinverno's poem, “Recipe from a Friend.”

Breakfast, anyone? penandanvil.com/breakfast.

Diane DeCillis' poem *When the Heart Needs a Stunt Double* has been featured in *Columbia Journal*:

www.columbiajournal.org



Meg LeDuc's article on the new Superintendent of Romeo Community Schools has been published in the Mitt Magazine.

Nancy Solak will be giving local library presentations about her book, "Welcome to Here: A Reluctant Traveler Goes to China on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 22, Dexter District Library,
6 p.m.
3255 Alpine Street, Dexter, MI 48130

Thursday, August 23, Berkley Public Library
3155 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley, MI 48072, 6:30
p.m.

Tuesday, September 18, Charlotte Comm Li-
brary, 226 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI 48813, 7
p.m.

**We want to promote you and your writing! Please let us know
your latest writing awards/credits/publications! Email your
information to Roberta Brown**

PLEASE PUT DWW WRITING/PUBLICATION NEWS IN
THE SUBJECT OF YOUR EMAIL ;-)
at

President@detworkingwriters.org



2018 WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., November 10, 2018: Annual DWW Writing Conference, MSU Management Education Center, Troy, MI. Registration is now open!

REQUEST FROM MIRA STEFANIUK

My "Dibrova Diary" book is at the printer and will be out later this month. Since I'm a newbie at this, I'm seeking advice how to create an account and sell it online from my website. Suggestions welcome. I am not putting it on Amazon yet. Want to distribute as many as I can directly first. Perhaps a call out to our members about how they've done it?

Email Mira at myroslava@wowway.com;
