



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS

NEWSLETTER

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

LAST CALL FOR THE DWW ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

Sunday, December 3, 2017

**at the home of
Iris Underwood
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
960 Yule Road
Leonard, MI 48367
248-628-7814**

**Please RSVP to Iris at
irisleeu@sbcglobal.net**

**Please note that Rochester Road will be closed from
1:00 to 4:30 p.m. for the**

**Annual Rochester Christmas Parade
Also note that we have moved
the time of the party an hour earlier.**

Your DWW Board will be having a brief Board meeting followed by a Visioning meeting on Saturday, December 9, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending promptly at 11:25 a.m. to make way for the monthly DWW Critique Group at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting will be at Lukich's Restaurant, 3900 Rochester Road, Troy, MI. If you wish to attend what will be a brief Board meeting, please RSVP with Roberta Brown no later than Monday, December 4, 2017.



OUR DWW MEMBERS

CONTEST WINNERS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!

Our DWW members have been racking up the awards and publication credits:

This in from Lynne Golodner:

I'm thrilled to share that my company, Your People LLC (www.yourppl.com), won 3 MarCom Awards this year - Platinum for our work in strategic communications and crisis planning on behalf of our client Samaritas, after the presidential Executive Order on immigration and refugees last January/February; Gold for developing the website for One Earth Writing; and an Honorable Mention for digital media/writing for the Transitions Legal blog, in collaboration with Alisa Peskin-Shepherd. Woot woot!!!

From Diane VanderBeke Mager: I want to share that my five-part short story, "Sleeping Single," was published in the Bloomfield Township Library *Writers' Rendezvous Anthology 2017*. I served as the Manuscript Editor and as a Designer on the project. The anthology is available on Amazon at https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/1977990924/ref=mp_s_a_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1509158144&sr=1-1&pi=AC_SX236_SY340_QL65&keyword=s+writers'+rendezvous&dpPl=1&dpID=41OckVbfLXL&ref=plSrch

From Patricia Hooper: My news is that my poetry book, *Separate Flights* (University of Tampa Press, 2016), which won the Anita Claire Sharf Award from Tampa, has won the North Carolina Literary and Historical Society's Roanoke-Chowan Award for Poetry. I'm going to Raleigh to accept it on November 17.

Lynne Cobb's post "Love is a Battlefield - Midlife Style" was featured November 5 on the Erma Bombeck Writers Workshop.

Meg LeDuc has been accepted as a Blogger beginning December 1, 2017, for bpHope.com: Hope and Harmony for People with Bipolar.

From Diane Shipley DeCillis:

Hi Friends. I'm so pleased to have my short story "Mother was Partial to Palindromes" featured in the winter issue of the Adirondack Review. Here is the link: <http://www.theadirondackreview.com/winter2017.html>

DWW CRITIQUE GROUP CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 2018

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

DECEMBER 9

2018

JANUARY 13
FEBRUARY 10
MARCH 10
APRIL 14
MAY 12
JUNE 9
JULY 14
AUGUST 11
SEPTEMBER 8
OCTOBER 13
NOVEMBER 10
DECEMBER 8

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



ROBERT TELL, AUTHOR
ANNOUNCES THE NOVEMBER 2017
PRE-RELEASE
OF
"DEEP POCKETS"

ANOTHER GREAT HARRY GROUCH MYSTERY
(BOOK 4 OF THE SERIES)
Newsletter (OK to Forward)
Robert Tell, Author
November/December 2017
Harry Grouch Mystery Novels
Volume 2, No. 1
Dementia Diary (A Caregiver's Journal)

Fiction and Poetry

- E-book edition has been pre-released for the discounted price of \$2.99 at all e-book retailers.
 - Order today for delivery to your e-reader device on December 1st release date.
 - Price will be \$3.99 after December 1st.
 - Paperback edition available immediately at Amazon and Barnes and Noble for \$14.95.
- You asked for Book 4 and now it's here!

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

President@detworkingwriters.org



REQUESTS FOR WRITING/EDITING ASSISTANCE

DWW Member Christine Fowler has a request:

“I need an editor for my memoir which is one chapter away from its finale after three years of working on it. Can anyone in our group could assist me with this immediate problem?”

And here is a request from a nonmember:

Hello DWW:

By day I am a federal prosecutor in Detroit, but by night, some lunch times, and on weekends, I am an aspiring writer. I finished a novel over the summer, had friends and colleagues review it and provide feedback, and I have revised it many times over myself, but I am looking for professional guidance before I continue submitting queries to prospective agents.

I see from your website that membership is currently closed, and I am not sure I would qualify as an "Emerging Writer" anyway since I do not have five different works, nor one that was impartially published. I am hoping, however, to get in touch with someone who is willing to mentor me and critique my manuscript. If that requires a fee, I am willing to explore that as well.

My email address is brandonc.helms@gmail.com and my phone number is [\(312\) 731.6568](tel:3127316568). Thank you for your time, and Happy Holidays!

Best Regards,
Brandon Helms



HOLIDAY GIFT FOR WRITERS

Wouldn't you love to go on a writing retreat that is close to home but far enough away from distractions? Check out this website:

www.peleeislandwriting.com

Amy Garabedian has attended a workshop at this location; workshops are available in poetry, nature writing, science fiction, novel writing, and nonfiction. You can also book a retreat or a self-directed residency.

The holidays are coming up; you can hint for this as a gift or just gift it to yourself!

UPCOMING POETRY/FLASH FICTION READING ON CABLE TV!

Those of you who attended our fall conference know that we have the opportunity to use Lake Orion ON TV to "market" DWW. We have booked Tuesday, February 13, 2018 for DWW poets and flash fiction writers to present readings of our works. Let us know (email rbrown417@gmail.com) ASAP if you are interested; remember, we also need a studio audience, so invite your family and friends as well. More info to come later!

OTHER 2018 EVENTS!

In addition to the Poetry/Flash Fiction reading, DWW will be presenting workshops on Your Writing Goals/Time Management for 2018, another writing trip to the DIA, the process of applying for a Kresge Fellowship, as well as other events. Watch your email for more information!

**WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
