



Your DWW Board will be having a Visioning Session followed by a Board meeting on Saturday, February 10, 2018 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 the Board meeting, please RSVP with Roberta Brown no later than Monday, February 5, 2018.

**DWW CRITIQUE
GROUP CALENDAR
FOR JANUARY 2018
THROUGH
DECEMBER 2018**

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

2018

FEBRUARY 10
MARCH 10
APRIL 14
MAY 12
JUNE 9
JULY 14
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!

DWW MEMBER REQUEST

I am receiving Roberta's emails regarding the critique group, but because I work most Saturdays, I am unable to attend. My critique group at the Bloomfield Township Library does not have anyone else working in children's historic fiction, and I have yet to connect with anyone local via SCBWI.

Are there any DWW members who are published in children's historic fiction that would be willing to critique my work? I am just three chapters in to the first book of a seven-book series for upper Middle Grade.

Kind regards,

- Diane VanderBeke Mager
cell [248.321.4145](tel:248.321.4145)

STARTING A LIST OF DWW MEMBERS

INTERESTED IN BEING PAID MENTORS TO NONMEMBERS

I am receiving numerous requests from nonmembers for mentors/writing coaches. Therefore, I am starting a list of anyone in our membership who would be willing to provide this service for a fee (our time and knowledge is valuable!). If you are willing to have your name and email passed on to nonmembers requesting this service, please let me know at

rlbrown417@gmail.com

Thanks!



OUR DWW MEMBERS'

LATEST AWARDS AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!

Robin Gaines has forwarded a novel excerpt that was published in Litbreak.

Here is the link: <http://litbreak.com/category/novel-excerpt/>

She also reports that Invincible Summers received an Honorable Mention in the 2017 London Book Festival.

Deborah Pecis shares this information:

"I've been putting off reaching out to ask DWW to toot-my-horn (so to speak) about recently having an essay published in my alumni magazine, Michigan Alumnus (for the University of Michigan).

Here is a link to the digital version of the piece, which is page 50 in the paper magazine:

[http://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=460249#{"issue_id":460249,"page":52}](http://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=460249#{)

If I may, I'll share a brief backstory about the piece: I wrote it a good decade ago in response for a calling for submissions for a "Chicken Soup for the Michigan Soul" book. Life went on and I entirely forgot about writing the piece. In November 2017, I got a text from my mom stating I should contact an editor whom she had spoken to on the phone wanting to publish the story in the alumnae magazine. I had written the story so long ago that my contact information, including email, was no longer current. Thank goodness I had included my maiden name in the original submission, and there was an editor with the tenacity to track down my mother--and keep her from hanging up the phone as my mom assumed they were trying to get a donation from me. Just goes to show the various hurdles that can occur on the way to a publication, and just how long a piece might sit in someone's file before it finds a home. (The original idea of a Chicken Soup book apparently never came to fruition.) Either way, pretty cool to get published by my alma mater--Go Blue!"

Thanks!

Debbie Stevenson Pecis

(I rarely include my maiden name, but it did pay off!)



Vernie Dale reports: My fourth book, *Time Candle*, was just released in both digital and print editions on January 17. This is the third book in the *Coin of Rulve* series, and all three received the five-star Silver Seal award from Reader's Favorite Book Review.

Diana Dinverno traveled to New York City to read at the KGB Bar in celebration of her work being printed in the *Peacock Journal Anthology*. Check out her Facebook feed to see all the places she visited and activities she did while there!

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

**U.S. Poet Laureate at the DIA Friday, February 2, 2018, at
7:00 p.m.!**

Here is a chance to hear Tracy K. Smith lecture and read her poetry at the DIA in the DFT Auditorium on the 1st Level. You need a ticket to attend. Tickets are free and available through the DIA website.



2018 WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m, February 13, 2018: Speak, Poetry: ONTV taping

Saturday, 10:15 a.m. arrival time; 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. event, lunch on our own in DIA Cafe afterwards, April 28, 2018: Second Annual Creative Writing Program at the DIA. Presenter: Linda Nemec Foster

Saturday, 12 noon to 4:00 p.m., June 30, 2018: Third Annual Yule Love it Lavender Farm Writing Retreat. Presenter: Jean Alicia Elster

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