



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS

NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to your January 2018 DWW newsletter! Our 117 year old organization's mission is to encourage creative writing of the highest professional standard.

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MENTOR CHAIR: Roberta Brown

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CHAIR: Robin Gaines

LAST CALL FOR THE DWW WRITING GOALS AND SKILLS WORKSHOP!

Just a reminder that registration is open and live at Eventbrite for our first DWW Workshop of 2018! On January 6, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, we will be buckling down and setting specific, achievable goals for our writing - and our life - at this workshop. Click on the link below to register through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/writing-goals-and-skills-tickets-41250883503>

Or, to save paying the service fee, you can register by check for \$20.00 (nonmembers are \$25.00) made payable to

Detroit Working Writers

Please bring the check with you to the workshop rather than mailing it, and let me know by email (rlbrown417@gmail.com) that you will be coming.

Once I have received your check or Eventbrite registration, I will be emailing you links to calendars/planners/articles that will be discussed during the workshop.

Your DWW Board will be having a Board meeting followed by a Visioning session on Saturday, January 13, 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, January 8, 2018.



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 rlbrown417@gmail.com) ASAP if you are interested; remember, we also need a studio audience, so invite your family and friends as well. Here is more information:

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

JANUARY 13
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!

- Address: Lake Orion ONTV: [1349 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1349+Joslyn+Road,+Lake+Orion,+MI+48360)
- Orion Center Building. Senior Center entrance on right, ONTV entrance on left
- Parking in front of building
- Phone #: [248-693-3377](tel:248-693-3377)
- Arrival time: 6 p.m.
- Taping time: 6:30 p.m.
- Seating capacity is 30
- Taping concludes by 8:30 p.m.
- THIS IS NOT LIVE TAPING. The reading will be edited for viewing on YouTube and Lake [Orion](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) ONTV.
- A green screen will be used for taping, so avoid wearing green clothing.
- Joe will mock Detroit Working Writers lettering into the screen to identify the group.
- We’re encouraged to bring refreshments, including coffee and tea. Joe says it makes the event more welcoming.
- Guidelines for poetry lines and fiction word count. Since this is going on the air, subject matter should be for general audience.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

At the December 9, 2017 Board Meeting, the Board voted in Joyce Harlukowicz as Membership Chair and reinstated the Book and Author Chair position, with Robin Gaines as the Chair. Thanks to Cindy Hampel for her past great work as Membership Chair and for training Joyce in her new duties!



A QUESTION FROM A FELLOW MEMBER

Nancy Solak here. I'm wondering if our membership might help me regarding a conundrum I've come across.

I've just finished my travel memoir, *Welcome to Here: A Reluctant Traveler Goes to China*, which will be going live in digital and softcover formats in February. One chapter of the book is written by my daughter-in-law, Haiyan, who writes about her perspective of getting married in her home country of China to an American man, my son. I've also written a complementary chapter about the wedding from my POV. The graphic artist set off Haiyan's chapter in half-tone and has given her a byline. I've also dedicated the book to her (and others), acknowledged her chapter in the introduction and thanked her in the acknowledgements. My question is: Is there a way I can give her credit on the front or back cover which would be in keeping with her small, yet extremely generous contribution to the book? I'm not sure how to word it.

Please reply to me at solaksinitaly@yahoo.com.

OUR DWW MEMBERS

CONTEST WINNERS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!

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

Pam Houghton has two recent pubs. One was a web-only exclusive story in Metro Parent Magazine; the other pub is Venture Michigan - the story appears in both print and digital editions.

Links:

Do You Suspect a Family Member Hates Your Kid?

- <https://www.metroparent.com/daily/parenting/parenting-issues-tip/suspect-family-member-hates-kid/>



<http://www.venturemichiganmag.com/focus/2017/12/8/the-planet-doctor>

Linda Nemec Foster has collaborated with Anne-Marie Oomen, illustrated by Meridith Ridl, on a new book of poetry - *The Lake Michigan Mermaid: A Tale in Poems*, published by Wayne State University Press. Pre-order information:

Wayne State University Press..

<http://www.wsupress.wayne.edu/books/detail/lake-michigan-mermaid>

Kelly Fordon's poem "This is Not a Poem" was published by OneJacarPress.com

Weam Namou's article on Detroit Working Writers has been reviewed by the Editorial Committee at the Historical Society of Michigan and has been accepted for publication in one of their magazines, either *Michigan History* or *Chronicle*. These magazines are published bi-monthly/quarterly, so it can take anywhere from 6 months or longer to see the article in print.

Diane Shipley DeCillis has two poems published in the *Glint Literary Journal*, Issue 8, Winter 2017: *In the Company of Sufferers*, and *It Could Have Been a Lot Worse*.

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



2018 WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, January 6, 2018: Writing Goals and Skills. Royal Oak Senior Center. Presenter: Roberta Brown

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

Saturday, 10:00 to 12 noon, lunch on our own in DIA Cafe afterwards, April 28, 2018: Second Annual Creative Writing Program at the DIA. Presenter: Linda Nemeč 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.
