



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS NEWSLETTER

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

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In case you missed the email, our first ever "Speak, Poetry" event on February 6, 2018, went so well that we have been invited back on a quarterly basis to do more readings! Here is the link that Joe Johnson of Orion ONTV provided to the taping - enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obZ81bVQymU>

DWW GOES INTERNATIONAL ON THE BBC WORLD SERVICE RADIO WORLD BOOK CAFE!

On Friday, March 9, 2018, Jean Alicia Elster and I will be in the audience at Source Booksellers in Detroit for a taping of the BBC 4 World Book Cafe. The topic will be on writing in Detroit; Jean and I will be briefly interviewed during this segment.

Space is limited, but if you are interested in attending let me know!

Your DWW Board will be having a Visioning Session followed by a Board meeting on Saturday, March 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, March 5, 2018.



Metro Detroit Book and Author Society

92nd Luncheon

Monday, May 21, 2018

Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center

27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150

featuring authors Anita Shreve, Jessica Knoll, Dani Shapiro,

Michael Hodges, and Tiya Miles

SCHEDULE

11:00 a.m. Book Sale Room Opens

12:00 p.m. Lunch is served

1:00 p.m. Authors begin to speak

DWW CRITIQUE
GROUP CALENDAR
FOR MARCH 2018
THROUGH
DECEMBER 2018

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

2018

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

Robin Gaines, our DWW Book and Author chair, is willing to arrange for a DWW table for this luncheon. Ten of us would need to sign up for this to happen. She needs a check for \$40.00 made out to Robin Gaines before March 21 when she has to turn them in to the committee. **You can mail the \$40 with a SASE (if you want your ticket mailed to you) to:**

Robin Gaines
[300 E. Cady Street, #305](#)
[Northville, MI 48167](#)

[Thank you.](#)

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

Robin



REQUEST FOR PROOFREADING SERVICES

Hello, my name is Dwain Reynolds, and I teach Global Studies at Kent Innovation High School at the Kent ISD. Global Studies is a freshman course that combines World History and 9th grade ELA. Kent Innovation High is a project-based school that uses real-world projects to teach content to students from all twenty districts in Kent County. Our next project covers WWII. During this unit we will be covering the holocaust and dystopian literature, and we have partnered with the biology class to cover genetics. Our final product will be sixteen dystopian short stories that focus on the effects of humanity going too far after conquering genetics--like Hitler's attempt with the Lebensborn breeding program. We then plan to combine these short stories into a book which we will sell in order to donate money to the Holocaust Memorial Center education fund. This fund provides the opportunity for schools to visit who are otherwise unable to afford it.

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to proofread these short stories and digitally provide feedback and insight . Please feel free to give me a call on my cell at [269-804-2000](tel:269-804-2000).

Thank you for your time!

OUR DWW MEMBERS'

LATEST AWARDS AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!

Diana Dinverno's poem "How Long Will She Last?" was published in The Mentor, a web newsletter of the State Bar of Michigan's Master Lawyers Section.

Meg LeDuc's photo essay based on her 2017 West Virginia family reunion is being published in Kestrel. This is her first publication in a literary journal; this work was reviewed by the DWW Critique Group.



Roberta Brown's poem "The Oboe Reed of Life" is being published in the Peninsula Poets' Spring Members Only Edition. This poem was written during her online Coursera "Sharpened Visions" course and was reviewed twice by the DWW Critique Group.

Linda Sienkiewicz's "In the Context of Love" is now a 2017 New Apple Book Awards Official Selection. This is an Award of Excellence in Independent Publishing. Linda also has a recent publication: an essay online at Women Writers, Women's Books on The Darkest Moment in my Writing Career: "Life is a constantly evolving journey of self-discovery. I don't know if there's ever an end to such a journey when you lose someone to suicide."

<http://booksbywomen.org/darkest-moment-in-my-writing-career/>

Robin Gaines' novel "Invincible Summers" was a Runner Up in the 2018 Florida Book Festival.

Alex Morgan posts that his chapbook "Loneliness Among Primates" has been accepted for publication by Kelsay Books. It will be out in (approximately) a year.

Weam Namou's essay "Chaldean Roots, American Soil" was published in the February 15th issue of the Historical Society of Michigan's Chronicle. In addition, her script "Pomegranate" is a quarter finalist out of 1600 scripts vetted by Francis Coppola of the Godfather Saga and the Zoetrope Staff.

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

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



DWW MEMBERS AS PRESENTERS!

Laura Hedgecock is presenting "Bring your Family Tree to Life with Family Stories" for Capital Area District Libraries' Family History Open House in Lansing on March 10, 2018.

On April 12, 19, 26, May 3, or May 10, 2018 at 12:30 pm, Angela Rochon leads participants in reminiscence. "Life Legacies: Preserving our Stories" is open to all without charge and is located at the Algonac/Clay Township Library at [2011 St Clair River Drive, Algonac MI 48001](#). Phone the library at [810 794-4471](#) for directions and to reserve a spot.

The St Clair County Library System sponsors and further information is on the website www.stclaircountylibrary.org. Individuals find it valuable to share and preserve their life stories on any or all of the dates. Memoir writers explore reminiscence as a springboard to mining their memories.

Writers interested in being considered to give presentations at the meetings of the Algonac/Clay Historical Society may e-mail the President, Ms. Allen, at alltwins@sbcglobal.net or phone her at [810 794-5154](tel:8107945154).

2018 WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE EVENT CALENDAR

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.
