



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS  
NEWSLETTER

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NEW MEMBERSHIP  
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Cindy Hampel

CRITIQUE GROUP AND  
MENTOR CHAIR: Roberta  
Brown

Greetings lovely and handsome DWW writers!

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

If you haven't already done so, register for the 2017 DWW Writing Conference today! Although we will take walk-ins at the door, the food count must be given to the venue on September 12th.

**[Download a registration form to mail in or click here and book through Eventbrite.](#)**

Roberta Brown  
President

**NOTE: DATE AND TIME FOR OUR  
NEXT DWW BOARD MEETING  
IS TENTATIVE AS WE CAN'T RESERVE THE ROOM UNTIL AT THE  
EARLIEST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE**

**Saturday, October 7, 2017  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY, CONFERENCE ROOM  
510 West Big Beaver Road  
Troy, MI 48084**

**All DWW members are welcome to attend this Board Meeting. Please  
RSVP to**

**Roberta Brown  
[rlbrown417@gmail.com](mailto:rlbrown417@gmail.com)  
248-854-2375**

**by Monday, October 2, 2017, so we can make sure we have enough chairs.**



**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL KERRYTOWN BOOKFEST  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

This will be the first time that DWW will have a booth at the Kerrytown Bookfest, and we thank Aubri Adkins and Linda Sienkiewicz for arranging this. According to Linda:

We have room for one author each at the following times: 10:30-12, 12-1:30, 1:30-3, and 3-4:30. We'd love to have you with us to represent Detroit Working Writers!

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for sign up information now!

**DWW CRITIQUE  
GROUP CALENDAR  
FOR OCTOBER -  
DECEMBER 2017**

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

OCTOBER 14

NOVEMBER 11

DECEMBER 9

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

**DWW BOARD CHANGES**

Theresa Falzone has resigned as DWW Treasurer; however, she recommended Cindy Hampel as her successor and the Board approved. Theresa has already met with Cindy and Roberta to do the necessary training, and the transfer has run smoothly.

Thank you Theresa for the years you have served DWW as Treasurer!

In addition, the Board has voted for Angela Amman to be our third Honorary Director. Welcome to the Board, Angela!

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## **TWO NEW BOOKSTORES!!!**

The pendulum is swinging back from digital reading to print books, and with that swing comes the opening of two new bookstores, one in Clawson, and the other in Royal Oak!

**SCRIPTORIUM** is owned and operated by Diana Kathryn Plopa, and is in the building that formerly housed Paperback Trade Inn. The owner sold the building - and its over 9000 books - to Diana. She has been open for business since August 1st, and is having her Grand Opening on Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Our DWW members are welcome to have Scriptorium sell their books - In the Context Love is already available for purchase there (see the website for all the details)!

Diana will be/has already hosted author readings and writing classes, and has a writing area complete with microwave, snacks, and beverages - check it out!

**145 East Fourteen Mile Road, Clawson, MI 48017**

**East of Main Street, on the North side of East Fourteen Mile Road, behind the ACE Hardware store.**

**248-629-6800**

**PAPER TRAIL BOOKS** just had its Grand Opening on August 30, 2017. Used fiction, nonfiction, essays, poetry, children's books, and foreign language books are available, most at half off retail pricing. Brothers Dave and Scott Brown opened the store, located between Cafe Muse and Lili's Seafood, and have stocked it with books from their collection as well as other sources. I have met and talked with Dave; he wants to feature books by Michigan authors and is open to selling our member's books!

There are tables and chairs - plus a piano! - in the store for playing, reading and writing. Pay Dave and Scott a visit at

**414 S. Washington, Royal Oak, MI 48067 (north side of the street, just south of Fourth Street).**

**248-677-4628 Open 11 am to 8 pm seven days a week.**

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## OUR DWW MEMBERS

### CONTEST WINNERS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!

The first three books of Vernie Dale's four-volume Coin of Rulve series have all received the 5-star silver seal from Readers' Favorite Book Review. The third book, *Time Candle*, isn't even out yet, but just recently received the award based on pre-publication reviews.

Linda Nemeč Foster has two new forthcoming poetry collections: a chapbook from Cervená Barva Press (Boston) that will be published later this year; and a full-length book that will be published by Wayne State University Press in spring of 2018. New poems have appeared in *South Florida Poetry Journal*, *I-70 Review*, *Presence*, *Streetlight Magazine*, *New Millennium Writings*, and *Paterson Literary Review*. Recently, she received Lifetime Achievement Awards for her poetry and literary advocacy from the Dyer-Ives Foundation and Aquinas College. She's also received finalist or honorable mention accolades from *New Letters*, *I-70 Review*, and *New Millennium Writings*.

Have you read the series of articles on Detroit written by Laura Bernstein Machlay and published in *The American Scholar*? If not, go to [www.theamericanscholar.org](http://www.theamericanscholar.org) and check them out!

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

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