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Message from the President

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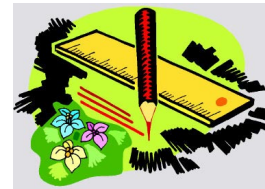
Well, Spring is here VWC members! Hopefully, many of you were able to take advantage of the Christopher Newport Writers Conference this year. As I write these words, many of you are probably visiting the Virginia Festival of the Book in Charlottesville. Others are preparing for this week's Fredericksburg Festival of Poetry. We are all looking forward to the May 15 Board of Governors Meeting sponsored by Hanover Writers. This special meeting date was approved by e-vote of the BOG when some conflicts cropped up over the projected May 1 date.

We are all deeply involved in the production of the kind of literature that we love. It is not too early to start looking forward to the Hanover Festival of the Book this summer. And of course, our VWC Chapters continue to give their monthly or even more frequent critique sessions and other events designed to hone our skills.

Recently the BOG has received contacts from groups of writers in the Blacksburg and Lexington areas who are considering the establishment of new Chapters in the western part of the state. Of course, we welcome these initiatives and hope they will soon be able to join us.

Let's resolve to do our best over the coming months to spread the word both statewide and in our local areas of the good works that the Chapters and the state organization are doing for our writers and to encourage more of our colleagues to join with us. The Board of Governors will be waiting to render all the help we can. Let us know of your concerns and desires. *Come to the Hanover May 15th meeting and join us.*

Next VWC Meeting



SATURDAY
May 15, 2010

Liberty Christian School Gymnasium
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Hosted by the
Hanover Writers Chapter

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

VWC Board of Governors Business Meeting

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Lunch break*

1:30 – 2:30 PM Afternoon Program

"A Measure of Success"

Featuring various members of the
Hanover Writers Chapter (Open to the public)

Directions: Whatever direction you are heading, you need to get onto 295 and exit at the Tappahannock exit (37) onto Mechanicsville Pike (360E). Travel 2-1/2 miles (you'll pass Lowes on your right), turn left at Liberty Christian Church. The activity building/gymnasium is behind the church.

* **LUNCH ORDERS – DEADLINE MAY 10**

Cost \$10.50 per person

Lunch will be provided by Tropical Smoothie.

– SEE PAGE 13 FOR DETAILS –

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER - MAY 24, 2010

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Northern Virginia Chapter to Host the 2010 VWC Annual Meeting - November 13

The Northern Virginia Chapter will host the VWC Annual Meeting **November 13** at the historic **Mount Vernon Inn**. Adjacent to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, the Inn is 16 miles south of Washington DC along the banks of the Potomac River.

For those who plan to stay awhile and enjoy the many area sites, **now is the time** to reserve White House and/or Capitol tours. Both tours can be arranged in advance through Senate Offices. Senator Mark Warner's office (<http://warner.senate.gov>) prefers an initial telephone call: (202) 224-2023. See the "services" link on his web site.) At Senator Jim Webb's office (<http://web.senate.gov>), tours can be arranged either by email or by phone (202) 224-4024. (See the "Constituent Services" link on his website.)

More to come on this great event!

2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Statewide Members – It's PAST TIME to RENEW your membership in the Virginia Writers Club, Inc. for the 2010 Membership Year! The basic dues rate is \$30. Other options include: Supporting Member \$100; Corporate Membership \$500; Life Member \$500. If your address, phone and e-mail has not changed from last year, just mail a check (payable to VWC) to: VWC, P.O. Box 115, Bremono Bluff, VA 23022. If you need to make some changes in your contact information please use the **Renewal Form on Page 13**.

\$15 INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

For NEW (Statewide) Virginia Writers Club Members. VWC Chapter members who have never joined the Virginia Writers Club at the statewide level now have a unique opportunity to do so for **ONLY \$15!** (Please do not confuse this amount with your regular "Chapter" dues. This offer is for new memberships in the statewide organization, only.)

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

(As of March 19, 2010)

Kristina Beard

(Joined January, 2010)

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*Member: Richmond Chapter. Writing specialties:
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(Joined March, 2010)

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*Retired. Member & Recently Elected President:
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(Joined January, 2010)

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(VWC Speaker's Bureau)*

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*Retired clerk U.S. Court of Appeals and former
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A.B. “Bud” Feuer – Roanoke, VA
James F. Gaines – Fredericksburg, VA
G.M. Malliet – Alexandria, VA
Betty LB Marcum – Fredericksburg, VA
Paul Schutte – Williamsburg, VA
Barbara D. Smith – Newport News, VA

2010 VWC SUPPORTER MEMBERS (\$100)
James L. Doherty – Richmond, VA
James W. Morrison – Moneta, VA
Jennifer Stanley – Richmond, VA

VWC EDUCATIONAL FUND \$2,500 FUND-RAISING CHALLENGE

Deadline May 1, 2010

Total Funds Raised (as of 3/19/10) \$1,159
STILL NEEDED \$1,341

On September 5, 2009 at the VWC Board of Governors meeting in Northern Virginia, Board member John Henry challenged fellow Board members to raise \$2,500 for the VWC Educational Fund by May 1, 2010. He agreed to raise \$1,000 if the Board would raise the additional \$1,500. The Board of Governors accepted John Henry’s challenge.

The Virginia Writers Club Educational Fund was created to provide college scholarships for graduating members of the Young Virginia Writers Club program (VWC’s teen division), and scholarships for both adults and teens to attend the Virginia Writers Club conferences and symposiums.

WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF VWC MEMBERS TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE! Members are encouraged participate in this fund-raising initiative by making a personal contribution and/or asking for support from associates. Members may make a tax deductible contribution to this fund when renewing memberships for 2010. On the membership renewal application there’s a space just under the membership categories for contributions to be designated to the VWC Educational Fund. All other contributions should be mailed direct to: VWC, P. O. Box 115, Bremono Bluff, VA 23022. After being recorded by the Exec. Dir. and then deposited by the Treasurer, a “thank you” letter is mailed and serves as additional documentation of the donation for tax purposes.

2010 EDUCATIONAL FUND CONTRIBUTORS

(Contributions as of 3/19/2010)

JOHN HENRY

\$235

VWC BOARD MEMBERS:

Edgar E. DeLong - \$40

Dianne Hennessy King - \$25

James W. Morrison - \$25

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P.M.H. Atwater, LHD - \$30

Kristina E. Beard - \$15

James L. Doherty - \$100

Julie Leverenz - \$30

Brenda Gates Spielman - \$30

Lauvonda Lynn Meade Young - \$30

OTHERS:

Lena McNicholas (Blue Ridge Chapter) - \$74

Lori Dixon (Blue Ridge Chapter) - \$25

A Bequest from the Estate of Ellen Lamon Anderson - \$500

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

PATSY BICKERSTAFF: Prize poems, in *Grandmother Earth*, 2010.

AUSTIN CAMACHO: Panelist--“Moonlighting--Unlikely Sleuths,” VA Festival of the Book, March 20. Presenter--“Writing Mysteries,” Maryland Writers Association Conference, Hunt Valley, MD. April 24. www.marylandwriters.org; Panelist--“Thrills and Chills: Books That Take You on a Wild Ride” on May 2 at 10:20 am at the Malice Domestic mystery convention, Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, VA www.malicedomestic.org Panelist--“Book Promotion in the New World of Publicity,” Washington Writers Conference, June 12. www.amerindywriters.org.

SHEILA DANE: Winner, 2009 Family Choice Award for book, *Fairy Hunters, Ink*. (www.fairyhunters.net).

PATRICIA DALY-LIPE: Books, *All Alone, Washington to Rome: A '60s Memoir*, and *A Cruel Calm: Paris Between the Wars*, both XLibris Corp., March 2010. Review author’s books at www.literarylady.com. Author radio station interviews, Boston; Ocala, FL; Baltimore; Sacramento; Colorado Springs, and Atlanta, ref. Messages from Nature, January-February 2010.

AUSTIN GISRIEL: Book, *Safe at Home: A Season in the Valley*, Augusta Free Press, January 2010. Available at www.rebelsbaseball.biz

JAMES MORRISON: Second Place, Big Read Roanoke Valley contest for writing new ending for Ernest J. Gaines 1993 novel, *A Lesson Before Dying*, 2010. Article, "Down Home in Moneta," *Cooperative Living*, Association of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Electric Cooperatives small-town article series, 2009.

BECKY MUSHKO: Book, *Ferradiddledumday: An Appalachian Version of the Rumpelstiltskin Tale*, Cedar Creek Publishing, January 2010. Author interviews: Blue Ridge Regional Library System telecast "Cover to Cover," December 29, 2009; Cable 12 "Rise and Shine Show" and WYTI "Our View", 2010. Book signings: Franklin County Library, January 26, and Westlake Branch Library, January 28; the General Store at Westlake, 2010. Panelist: Roanoke Regional Writers Conference, Hollins University, January 23, 2010, and at "Ask the Authors," Bluebird Grill and Bakery, Roanoke, March 2010. Participant, Westlake Branch Library "Comedy Cafe," February 11.

MICHELLE O'HEARN: Poetry Chapbook, *Hysterias & Happiness*, Pelican Publishing Co., March 2010.

HARVEY TATE: Mystery thriller, *Death Takes a Number*, Champagne Books (champagnebooks.com), January 2010, also available on Amazon Kindle.

JACK TRAMMELL: Book, *Down on the Chickahominy*, nominated for the 2010 Library of Virginia Literary Awards. Panelist - "Local History," VA Festival of the Book.

HELEN RODMAN: Book, *With Dearest Love*, Cedar Creek Publishing, December, 2009.

SALLY ROSEVEARE: Novel, *Secrets at Sweetwater Cove*, a mystery set at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, Infinity Publishing, July 2009.

JENNIFER (JB) STANLEY: Book, *Hope Street Church Mystery Series, Stirring Up Strife*, St. Martin's Minotaur, January, 2010.

JOHN M. WILLS: Book signings for novels, *Midnight Battles in the Windy City*, and *Gripped by Fear* (both Chicago Warrior Thriller Series), University Cafe, Fredericksburg, January 4 and Orleans Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 20, 2010. Wrote foreword for novel, *Child Finder Resurrection* by Mike Angley, Total Recall Publications, January 2010. Author supplied 24 copies of his novels to Mill Creek, Washington police officers as sympathy gift following murders of five officers of the police department. Authored book review for *New York Journal of Books*, January

26, 2010. Book signing, Borders Books, Central Park, February 13, 2010. Panelist, "Why We Write, What We Write: Authors Share Their Varied Works," VA Festival of the Book, March 17.

SEND YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS TO:
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(E-mail is preferred for reducing errors!)

Or, mail to: 105 Lochmere Ct. Yorktown, VA 23693
Next newsletter deadline: May 24, 2010

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT GUIDELINES:

- Achievements are featured for permanent record in *The E-Nunciator*.
- Submit achievements by the newsletter deadline (see current issue for next deadline).
- No retrospectives, no phone-ins.
- Be complete: **give title, publisher (or periodical), and publication date.**
- **NEW!** If you have just published a book, you may also send a cover image to be placed with your announcement. (Send photo of cover or e-mail a .jpg or .tif image of photo.)
- Send clipsheets for writeups. *Don't send anything you want returned!*
- No uncompleted or not yet published projects are included.
- Vocational positions occupied are not included unless it's a new appointment.
- We've included conference directing/presentations, if submitted.
- Ordinarily, non-writing related items cited by achievers are not included.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE WEB: Member achievements will automatically be sent to our Webmaster and posted on the VWC web site after publication in *The E-Nunciator*

CHAPTER NEWS

BLUE RIDGE WRITERS CHAPTER – *Serving the City of Charlottesville and Counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Fluvanna, Greene, Madison, Nelson, and Orange.*

April is "National Poetry Month" and the Blue Ridge Chapter will have a special open mic poetry reading event at Barnes & Noble, Barracks Road, Charlottesville on Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00 PM. In May we'll be back at our usual meeting location in the conference room of the VA Foundation for the Humanities at Boars Head Inn off of Rt. 250 West in Charlottesville.

We're happy to announce our continued growth "over the mountain" and our newest member, Clifford

Garstang, who is heading up SWAG—the Staunton Waynesboro Augusta Group—of the Blue Ridge Chapter. SWAG’s aim will be to elevate the profile of writers and promote the literary arts in that area of our Chapter’s jurisdiction.

We’re also gearing up for the next Golden Nib Writing Contest. Chapter winners of this, and last year’s contest, will be featured in our special 20th Anniversary Celebration *Blue Ridge Anthology* to be published in 2011. Stay tuned for more announcements on how we’re going to make our 20th year as a VWC Chapter a special celebration for all members of the Virginia Writers Club! [The Blue Ridge Chapter—formerly called the “Charlottesville Chapter”—was the first chartered chapter of the Virginia Writers Club on April 27, 1991, and was founded by Booton Herndon.]

The Blue Ridge Chapter meets on the FOURTH Wednesday of each month unless announced otherwise. SWAG and our other groups meet at other times during the month, giving our Chapter members plenty of opportunities for networking. For current announcements about meetings and other activities, visit www.blueridgewriters.org, or contact Jack Trammell, President (804) 306-3785; jacktrammell@yahoo.com.

Submitted by Linda Layne, Chapter Rep.

CHESAPEAKE BAY WRITERS CHAPTER – *Serving the City of Williamsburg and Counties of Charles City, Essex, Gloucester, James City, King & Queen, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond & Westmoreland.*

On February 16, the Chesapeake Bay Writers Chapter conducted elections for 2010. The following individuals were nominated and elected: President—Jack Bray; Vice President—Dianne Jordan; Secretary—Martha Anne King; Treasurer—Mary Ann Carr; Members at Large—Jerry Peill and Narielle Living; Newsletter Editor—Rick Bailey; and Webmaster—David Carr.

Mark your calendars now... The Chesapeake Bay Writers will be hosting the September 11 meeting of the VWC Board of Governors and statewide membership.

For more information about the Chapter, visit: www.chesapeakebaywriters.org.

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER – *Serving the Cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.*

The Hampton Roads Chapter meets every Tuesday from 10 AM to Noon at the Higher Education

Center of Virginia Beach. For more information, contact: Dennis Bounds (757) 482-2493; mort56@cox.net or Ed DeLong at (757) 481-0121; eddelong@aol.com.

HANOVER WRITERS CHAPTER - *Serving the Counties of Hanover, King William, and Henrico*

The Hanover Writers Chapter has been busy with guest speakers and activities to help support its members in their various writing projects. New officers have been elected for the 2010-2011 term: Harvey Tate remains President for another year; Jack Ferguson is the new VP; Joanne Liggan remains the club’s Treasurer and will take on the job of Secretary as well; Sherry Ferrell is the Publicist, and Ellen Martin is the club’s Historian. Joanne Liggan and Jack Ferguson will remain the club’s representatives on the VWC board.

Upcoming events include our April 17 meeting with speaker Becky Mushko. Then on **Saturday, May 15, at 10:30AM, the Hanover Writers Club hosts the quarterly VWC meeting at the Liberty Christian School activity building/gymnasium in Mechanicsville.** (See directions and lunch info elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The Hanover Book Festival will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010, also at the Liberty Christian School gymnasium. The club members are now actively seeking sponsors and planning activities for that event. Information will be posted on the website as various activities are confirmed. **The college scholarship application is now available with a deadline of April 15, 2010.** The registration form for authors to reserve tables is also now available. For more information, visit www.hanoverbookfestival.com.

For more information about the Hanover Writers Chapter, contact chapter president Harvey Tate htaterbug@aol.com.

Submitted by Joanne Liggan, Secretary

JAMES-YORK CHAPTER – *Serving York County (including Jamestown and Yorktown), Poquoson, Hampton & Newport News*

For more information about meetings and membership, contact Narielle Living (757) 833-0887; narielleliving@gmail.com.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WRITERS CHAPTER - *Serving Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudon, and Prince William*

The Northern Virginia Chapter held elections in January and the following new officers were elected: President—Matt Iden; Vice President—Don Collier;

Treasurer—June Forte; and Secretary—Lisa Leibow.

The Chapter is also in the early stages of planning the VWC Annual Meeting (see details elsewhere in this newsletter).

For more information on membership in the NOVA Chapter and a meeting schedule, contact: Matt Iden, 5706 Evergreen Knoll Court, Alexandria, VA 22303; (703) 300-0474; miden6@yahoo.com.

RICHMOND CHAPTER – *Serving the City of Richmond and Counties of Chesterfield, Henrico, Goochland and Powhatan*

On January 20, the Richmond Chapter participated in a writing practice session with a “grab bag” of writing prompts followed by networking. On February 17, the group celebrated “Love Month” with a presentation on writing and publishing romance novels with guest speaker, Mary Montague Sikes. On March 17, the group conducted another writing practice session with both adult and teen writers. April’s meeting will feature a poetry workshop with continued discussions on publishing and marketing one’s work.

The Richmond Chapter meets the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at various Henrico County libraries. Critique and workshop groups are currently being formed to meet at other times and locations during the month. For more information, visit www.richmondwriters.org, or contact Linda Layne (434) 842-6203; VWCMail@aol.com.

RIVERSIDE WRITERS CHAPTER – *Serving the City of Fredericksburg and Counties of Caroline, King George, Louisa, Spotsylvania, Stafford and adjacent areas.*

The Riverside Writers Chapter is hosting a special **Celebration of Poetry on Saturday, March 27** (see details elsewhere in this newsletter). For more information about the Riverside Writers Chapter, please contact Larry Turner, President, at 540-710-2518, or email him at thanz3000@aol.com.

TRAVELERS CHAPTER – *Serving southern Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Sussex and Southampton Counties.* For more information, contact Joseph Fleming (804) 530-3817.

VALLEY WRITERS CHAPTER - *Serving Roanoke and surrounding areas.*

On January 7, 2010 the Valley Writers elected a new board of directors. The new board includes: Betsy Ashton, president; Donna Knox, vice president; Ken

Thornsbury, secretary; and Richard Raymond, treasurer. The group expressed appreciation to Jim Morrison, outgoing president, and Becky Mushko, outgoing vice president, for their thoughtful and inspired leadership.

On January 24, 2010, three members of the Valley Writers Chapter presented a roundtable discussion on self-publishing at the Roanoke Regional Writers Conference at Hollins University. The panel included Jim Morrison, Rodney Franklin, Becky Mushko and Sally Roseveare. All but Sally Roseveare are members of the Valley Writers.

On January 26, 2010, Becky Mushko, along with her illustrator, Bruce Rae, launched a marketing campaign with a performance of her recently published *Ferradiddledumday*, an Appalachian retelling of the traditional Rumpelstilzken tale, to a crowd of children and parents at the Franklin County Library in Rocky Mount. Becky and Bruce repeated their performance on January 28th at the Westlake Library as part of the library’s 2010 capital fund campaign.

On February 11, James Morrison presented two comic one-act plays and Becky Mushko read a series of comic essays at the Comedy Cafe, another fundraiser for the Westlake Library. Many other writers offered comic poems, essays and short stories on the theme of “Love and Other Problems” in anticipation of Valentine’s Day. On February 27th, Becky Mushko joined two other Smith Mountain Lake writers in an evening of “Meet the Authors” at a local restaurant, Bluebird Grill and Bakery. The evening featured each of the three writers talking about the creative influences in their lives and answered questions on writing and getting published from a full house.

Roanoke County Public Library coordinated The Big Read, sponsored by the National Endowment of the Arts in February. People were asked to read Ernest Gaines’ *A Lesson Before Dying* and rewrite the last chapter. Valley Writer, Edna Whittier, won first prize and chapter member Jim Morrison won second.

The chapter continues to meet on the first and third Thursdays at 6:30 pm at the Unitarian Universal Church of Roanoke. Participation holds steady at an average of fifteen members per meeting, with five members generally reading and asking for critiques.

For more information, contact Betsy Ashton Chapter President (540) 297-3585; betsy_ashton2005@yahoo.com.

MEET OUR 2010 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

BETSY ASHTON – Born in Washington, DC and raised in Southern California, Betsy Ashton took her undergraduate degree at UCLA and graduate degrees at USC. Married for twenty-five years, she is a writer, a thinker, the mother of three grown stepchildren, companion and friend. She writes fiction and essays, mentors young women, plays golf, sails, and hikes. She writes a bi-weekly column for Laker Weekly and has recorded several essays for WVTF. She is president of the Valley Writers Chapter. www.madmaxisms.blogspot.com
www.facebook.com/betsy.ashton

EDGAR E. “ED” DELONG LCDR USN (RET)– First published in the 1940’s, Ed wrote a 13 article series, “Legends and Superstitions of the Sea,” for a national magazine, followed by radio scripts and freelance articles. Ed was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge three successive years . His published autobiographical book *A Navy Mustang* includes stories as a 13 year old runaway circus boy. He authored the musical play “Golden Slippers,” produced by University of Maryland, Eastern shore in 2006 which received rave reviews.

JUNE FORTE is an award-winning journalist, photographer, editor and speechwriter. A government public affairs professional for 30 years, she has also held staff positions on both daily and weekly newspapers. Her writing has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph* and in magazines such as *Woman’s World*, *U.S. Medicine Aviation Digest*. She currently teaches communication courses at Northern Virginia Community College in Woodbridge and is working on her first novel.

JIM GAINES - is a professor of Modern Foreign Languages at the University of Mary Washington, where he has taught courses in French, Germanic Myth and Legend, Pirates of the World and Wealth in Western Culture since 1998. From 1998 to 2004, he was chair of his department. Previously he taught from 1978 to 1998 at Southeastern Louisiana University and was named Professor and Department Head Emeritus in 2007. While at SLU, he also served a term as head of the Honors Program. He served as an officer of the Modern Language Association of America and the Louisiana Collegiate Honors Council. He has written, edited, or co-edited five books on seventeenth-century French theater and served as General Editor of the Peter Lang Publishing “Sociocriticism” series, which brought out ten volumes. As a creative writer, he has published over 50 poems and several short stories, as well as non-fiction pieces. He came from a new England family with Portuguese, Canadian, and German roots, and enjoys staying in touch with his overseas relatives and many friends. His hobbies include birding, woodworking, and gardening. His political activities are mostly confined to environmental activism these days. He usually

doesn’t consider his day complete until he has solved a few crossword puzzles or cryptograms.

LINDA GOODMAN, an Appalachian Mountain native of Melungeon descent, has performed nationwide. She is listed on the Virginia Commission for the Arts *Writers in Virginia Directory* and has been published in the Chicken Soup and Stories for the Heart Series. Her one-woman show and book, *Daughters of the Appalachians*, is available through Overmountain Press and has been performed to sold out audiences by theaters in California, Massachusetts, and Virginia. Visit Linda’s website at www.lindagoodmanstoryteller.com.

Novelist and short story writer **SARAH HONENBERGER** has taught at Rappahannock Community College, St. Margaret’s School, and writers’ conferences. A fellow of the VA Center for the Creative Arts and an honorary member of the Virginia Writers Club, her novels and stories have won numerous awards.

DIANNE HENNESSY KING is currently a cultural anthropologist, writing instructor, editor and television producer. She is coordinator of the *10th Annual Writing Your Personal History Symposium*, May 6, 2010, held in Vienna, VA. Formerly she was editor in chief of Pillsbury Publications.

LINDA M. LAYNE worked in the printing industry before establishing her home-based business, Cedar Creek Publishing Services, 23 years ago to serve writers and publishers. She’s the former editor and publisher of *Virginia Farm Living*, a bi-monthly magazine that featured stories of Virginia farm families. In 2006, she founded Cedar Creek Publishing. In addition to serving as VWC’s Exec. Dir., she’s chairperson of the Young Virginia Writers Club, facilitator for the Richmond Chapter VWC, and a home-school mom. VWC member since 1994. VWC Board member since 2001. www.cedarcreekauthors.com

JOANNE LIGGAN is a novelist, public speaker and instructor, and the founder of the Hanover Writers Club, the Hanover Book Festival, and Published Author Link. She has been an active member of the Board of Governors for the Virginia Writers Club for over 12 years. Liggan’s novels, *Heir of Deception* and *Air of Truth*, are the first two of a three-part family saga suspense series. Liggan is presently working on her third novel.

BETTY MARCUM (world traveler)– Prose/Poems published in Hardin Simmons Univ *Corral 1986-1987*; member Pi Gamma Mu VP-President active Sigma Tau Delta Univ Women Chaplain; Graduate Bulletin Assoc Editor; Graduate School Dean Secretary; *Who’s Who in American Univ/Colleges 1987 1994*; member Virginia Writers Club Inc; Regional Rep Young Virginia Writers Club; 1997 founder –1st President Riverside Writers Club F’burg; VWC Member at Large 1998-2001; VWC Gov at Large 2002-2003; VWC 1st VP 2003-2004; VWC President 2005-2006

H. GREGORY (GREG) MITCHELL is a long-time member of the Virginia Writers Club, and has been a member of the Riverside Writers since before it was granted its charter. He has served two years as Chapter Representative to the Board of Governors, four terms (now in his fifth) as Second Vice President, and two terms as President. During those years, he proposed creation of the Web site, cosponsored the movement to secure 501(c)(3) tax status, and co-founded and co-chaired the Mid-Atlantic Writers Conference. Greg is a freelance editor, and on occasion actually finds time to work on—and even publish—his own prose. When not editing, writing or reading, he often can be found painting, or illuminating his calligraphy.

BECKY MUSHKO (member-at-large) blogs from rural Penhook and is the author of *Ferradiddledumday*, an Appalachian version of “Rumpelstiltskin,” recently published by Cedar Creek Publishing.

Website: <http://www.beckymushko.com>

Blog: <http://peevishadvice.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/becky.mushko>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/beckymushko>

JANET ABBOTT FAST: Worked for Northern Neck News from 1994 to 1998. Writer, photographer, layout, editor of *Riverviews* mag. Started *Chesapeake Style Magazine* in 1998. In print in NN and Middle Peninsula until 2002. Online until 2007 when started in print again. Now edit, publish 10,000+ copies to 300+ locations eight months of the year. It's online at <http://www.chesapeakestyle.com/>. Belong to CBW, served on board eight years. Member of Rappatamac Writers since 1993, a CBW critique group. Just finished compiling the *Tide Writers Tales*, Vol I, issue 1, for Rapp Writers, online publication. It's online at <http://www.chesapeakestyle.com/tidewriters.html> Board member of Hospice Services of Northern Neck. Charter member of Richmond County YMCA, served on board four years.

JAMES MORRISON: Jim is retired from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He has served on the VWC Board for over 10 years and as president of the VWC and the Valley Writers Chapter. He authored both the historical drama and book *Bedford Goes to War*. He has won regional contests with his short stories and has had essays and poems published in regional publications.

RICHARD RAYMOND, III. Retired engineer, residing in Roanoke. Member of VWC since 1990 (?), current treasurer of Valley Writers. Published poetry, “Blue and Gray Ballads” 2006; many poems in “Poets’ Domain,” numerous prizes from Poetry Society of Va. and others; short stories in regional magazine *Blue Ridge Traditions*; prize essays in *ARMY* magazine and *Field Artillery Journal*.

NOTE TO 2010 BOARD MEMBERS NOT LISTED: Please submit your bios to VWCmail@aol.com by May 24 to be featured in the next issue of *The E-Nunciator*.

UPCOMING WRITERS’ EVENTS FEATURING VWC MEMBERS

Eighth Annual Celebration of Poetry

Saturday March 27, 9:30-4:00

Central Rappahannock Regional Library Theater
1201 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg

Sponsored by Riverside Writers,
A Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club

9:30-10:00	Registration (Review Table of Poets’ Books.)
10:00-10:30	Open Mike Poetry Reading
10:30-11:00	Discussion of Poetry Slams and Instructions for the Slam
11:00-1:00	Poetry Slam
1:00-2:00	Lunch Break (Call Joe Metz, 540-582-9745, to make reservations for buffet lunch.—\$10)
2:00-2:30	Open Mike Poetry Reading
2:30-4:00	Featured Poet Dr. Jeremy Larochelle, University of Mary Washington “(Re)Writing the Jungle: Perspectives on Nature in Recent Amazonian Poetry”

Jeremy Larochelle is Asst. Professor of Spanish at the University of Mary Washington

For More Information Contact Larry Turner, 4208 Stonehaven Way, Fredericksburg VA 22408, 540-710-2518, Thanz3000@aol.com

FREEWHEELING FREEWRITING

An 8-Week Class on Monday nights

Beginning April 5

6:30 to 8:30 PM

WriterHouse — Charlottesville, VA

Instructor – VWC Member

SARAH HONENBERGER

Scare away the vultures and pump up your production. Prompts to inspire, entice and seduce. Private critiques or read to the class—your choice—but you won't be able to resist this novelist/short story writer's conviction that words have power and edited words have more power. Bring your writing weapon of choice and your imagination.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/bYGpuZ>

The Vienna Community Center Presents
***The Tenth Annual Writing Your Own
Personal History Symposium***
Thursday, May 6, 2010 10:00-2:00
Fee: \$20 Symposium only

Coordinated by VWC Member **Dianne Hennessy King**
Editor, Cultural Anthropologist and Memoir Writing Teacher

ACROSS GENRES: FOUR WRITING WORKSHOPS

*Improve Your Writing with Techniques Used by
Novelists, Journalists, Oral Storytellers and Essayists*

Bring a bag lunch or pre-order a boxed lunch for \$6.50. Each workshop will feature a speaker's presentation, audience discussion and writing exercises. All writers are welcome, from those who are just beginning to write to those with years of experience. Workshop Presenters are 1. Tim Wendel, author of eight books, journalist, columnist and writing teacher at Johns Hopkins University 2. Cheryl Somers Aubin, essayist 3. Nadine James, oral storyteller and 4. Deborah Ross, psychotherapist. The Town of Vienna's Web site is www.viennava.gov to register or, for more information, call Cheryl at The Vienna Community Center 703-255-7801 (120 Cherry St. Vienna, VA 22180). You can also contact Dianne Hennessy King at tuckking@aol.com.

**Breaking Into the Field:
A Symposium for the Aspiring Writer**

Saturday, June 12, 2010
Rappahannock Community College
Warsaw Campus

About the Symposium

Have you always wanted to be a writer? Would you like to find out what it takes to get started? Would you like to learn more about the obstacles and pitfalls? If so, join us for *Breaking into the Field, A Symposium for the Aspiring Writer*.

Workforce Development at Rappahannock Community College is pleased to join forces with regional professional writers to provide you with an overview of the field of professional writing. You will have an opportunity to purchase books from many of the presenters (cash or checks only, please) and have the opportunity to speak to each of them individually. The registration fee of \$79 also covers lunch and all handouts.

Symposium Schedule

8:30 – 9 AM Registration
9 – 10 AM **Finding Your Writer's Voice**
Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda*
10 – 11 AM **Poetry of Place** – Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda*
-or- **Imagery** Linda White
11 – 11:15 AM Break

11:15 AM– 12:15 PM **Researching, Writing and Selling
Nonfiction** Marc Leepson
-or-
Pros and Cons of Self-Publishing
Charles Finley*

12:15 – 1 PM Lunch

1 – 2 PM **Advanced Memoir Writing** Barbara Shine
-or- **Who is the Man with the Scar:
Developing Memorable Characters**
Sarah Honenberger*
2 – 3 PM **The World of Bailey Fish:
Writing for Children**– Linda Salisbury
-or- **Writing for the Education
Community** Paul Fleisher*

* VWC Members

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBER BENEFIT – VWC Members receive the Affiliate Rate for membership in SPAN (Small Publishers Association of North America. Dues for VWC members (new and renewals) is just \$60 (regularly \$80). Visit www.SPANnet.org to see the many benefits of joining.

ARTICLE LINK FOR AUTHORS:

Six Rules for a Good Author Reading

[http://news.shelf-awareness.com/ar/theshelf/2010-02-10/
an_authors_six_rules_for_better_readings.html](http://news.shelf-awareness.com/ar/theshelf/2010-02-10/an_authors_six_rules_for_better_readings.html)

Interested in writing Fantasy or Science Fiction?

FREE 145-page guide to writing speculative fiction, free on the web at www.writingtips.com.au. All 145 pages will help fantasy/SF writers, about 100 are relevant to genre writers generally, and the last 30 pages on "Getting Published" are relevant to anyone wanting to get published in any form.

CONTESTS:

2nd Annual "Scare the Dickens Out of Us" ghost story contest offers \$1000 first place, \$500 second place and \$250 third place prize money this year for a new, original ghost story up to 5000 words. Any genre is welcome. This literary contest is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library in Lockhart, Texas, the oldest continuously in use library in Texas. Entry fee is \$20. Full rules are available at www.clarklibraryfriends.com. Entries will be accepted from July 1 to October 1, 2010. They are also supporting a *"Junior Scare the Dickens Out of Us" ghost story contest* with a \$250 first prize for ages 12-18 and requires a \$5 entry fee.

2010 VWC Golden Nib Writing Contest



ABOUT THE CONTEST: In 2005, the Virginia Writers Club, Inc. created a two-tier writing contest whereby entries would be submitted and judged at the (first tier) VWC Chapter level first, and then each Chapter would forward their first-place winning entries for judging at the (second tier) statewide VWC level. Entrants need to live within the jurisdiction of the respective Chapter to enter the first tier of the contest. For those living in an area where no Chapter exists, they may submit their entries to the Chapter closest to them.

SUBMIT ENTRIES TO YOUR LOCAL VWC CHAPTER BY THEIR SPECIFIED DEADLINE

Each Chapter has their own guidelines, deadline and membership requirements for entering the Chapter level contest. All chapters must adhere to the state contest rules (on right). Some Chapters require membership in their Chapter, some don't.

All entries in the second tier statewide VWC contest must be a first-place Chapter level entry and the entrant must be a statewide VWC member. Thus, if a winner at the Chapter level is not a member of the statewide VWC, a membership application and payment of dues must accompany the entry.

Contact your local VWC Chapter to find out what the deadline is for Chapter Contest Submissions!

NOTE: *Entries sent by writers directly to VWC for the statewide contest will not be accepted.* Each chapter president is responsible for forwarding only the first-place entries from the chapter competition (in each of the three categories), written by a member of the VWC or a writer who completes an application to join the VWC and submits a check for annual dues of \$30 to accompany the entry.

STATEWIDE VWC AWARDS: There are ten VWC Chapters in the state. *Only first place winners from the Chapters will be eligible for the statewide contest.* That means only 30 entries will be forwarded for the statewide competition - ten entries total per category (fiction, nonfiction, poetry) - by the **Statewide Deadline of Sept. 3.** Winners of the statewide VWC Contest will be announced and awards presented at the statewide VWC Annual Meeting on NOVEMBER 13. Awards for each category: **First Place**—\$100; **Second Place**—\$50; **Third Place**—\$25.

CONTEST RULES

Entries will be accepted on any subject the author or poet so chooses, in the categories of Fiction, Nonfiction and Poetry.

1. *Manuscripts must be the original, unpublished work of the entrant, and must not have won a prize at any level in any other competition.*

2. *Entrants may submit not more than one entry per category of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.*

3. *Fiction and non-fiction entries must be not longer than 3,000 words. Poetry entries must be not longer than 40 lines.*

4. *Format:*

a. *Detachable cover sheet including author's name, address, telephone number, email address (if available), category (fiction, non-fiction, poetry), and title.*

b. *All other pages must show contest category, title and page number in the header. If the author's name appears on any page of the manuscript other than the cover sheet, the entry will be disqualified.*

c. *Prose (fiction and non-fiction) manuscripts must be printed in a plain and legible font, such as Times New Roman in 12- to 14-pitch. Manuscripts must be printed on 8½ by 11-inch white paper, double-spaced, with one-inch margins top, bottom and left, and a ragged right margin.*

d. *Poetry manuscripts must be*

printed in a plain, legible font, such as Times New Roman in 12- to 14-pitch. Manuscripts must be printed on 8½ by 11-inch white paper with one-inch margins top and bottom.

e. *No hand-written manuscripts will be accepted.*

5. *Submissions must include an original and one copy of the manuscript.*

6. *Submissions not in accord with format and other rules will be disqualified.*

7. *First, second and third place winning entries in each category will be published in Portable Data File (*.pdf) format, on the VWC Web site. All other rights remain the property of the author.*

8. *Manuscripts for the second-tier contest will not be returned.*

Attention VWC Chapters!

Winning Chapter entries need to be submitted by SEPT. 3 to: Greg Mitchell, Contest Chair

P. O. Box 3451
Fredericksburg, VA 22402

For more information, contact Greg at va.writers@gmail.com or call: 540-786-2859

2010 EVENTS

(Virginia & Not Too Far Away)

(E-mail VWCMail@aol.com with any additional book festival or writer's conference events.)

MARCH 24-28 – 24th Annual Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival, New Orleans, LA.

www.tennesseewilliams.net

MARCH 25-27 – Tennessee Mountain Writers Conference, Oak Ridge, TN. www.tmwi.org/events.html

APRIL – NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

APRIL – Alabama Book Festival, Montgomery, AL

APRIL – Nonfiction Writer's Conference (NY). Presented by the American Society of Journalists and Authors. www.asja.org

APRIL 17 – Southern Kentucky Book Festival, Bowling Green, KY www.sokybookfest.org

APRIL 17-18 – Philadelphia Book Festival, Philadelphia, PA www.philadelphiabookfestival.org

APRIL 23-24 – Newburyport Literary Festival, Newburyport, MA. www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org

APRIL 24 – Maryland Writers' Association Annual Writers' Conference. www.marylandwriters.org

APRIL 30- MAY 2 - Malice Domestic Mystery Convention, Arlington, VA. www.malicedomestic.org

MAY – Pennwriters Conference (PA) www.pennwriters.com

DEADLINE FOR NEXT VWC E-NUNCIATOR – MAY 24, 2010

Chapter Leaders send Chapter news to VWCMail@aol.com; **VWC Members** (1) send writing-related achievements to JohnLRomjue@cox.net; (2) send news of writer's events where you'll be a presenter, panelist or teacher (with complete event details) to VWCMail@aol.com. All other news and announcements send to VWCMail@aol.com.

MAY 15 – Gaithersburg Book Festival, Maryland. www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org

MAY 15 – VWC Board of Governors & Membership Meeting, hosted by the Hanover Writers Chapter. (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.)

MAY 16-20 – Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writer's Conference (NC). www.lifeway.com/christianwriters

JUNE – Philadelphia Writer's Conference (PA) www.pwcwriters.org

JUNE – Southeastern Writer's Conference (GA) www.southeasternwriters.com

JUNE 12 - Washington Writers Conference, Washington, DC. www.amerindywriters.org

JUNE 13-18 - Tinker Mountain Writers' Workshop, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA. Contact: Hollins University, Christine Powell, P.O. Box 9552, Roanoke, VA 24020-1552; (540) 362-6229; Fax (540) 561-2325; cpowell@hollins.edu; <http://www.hollins.edu/tmww/index.html>.

JULY 13-25 – Sewanee Writer's Conference, Sewanee, TN

AUGUST 7, 2010 – 5th Annual HANOVER BOOK FESTIVAL, hosted by the Hanover Writers Chapter VWC, will have a new location for 2010 at The Liberty Christian School Activity Building. For more information, contact Joanne Liggan, Festival Committee Chairman (804) 799-2660; jliggan@verizon.net. www.hanoverbookfestival.org

SEPTEMBER 24-26 – Baltimore Book Festival, Maryland. www.baltimorebookfestival.com

SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 – VWC Board of Governors Meeting & Afternoon Program for VWC Members. Hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Writers Chapter VWC. (More details forthcoming.)

OCTOBER 18-22 TEEN READ WEEK www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2009/home.cfm

May 15 VWC Meeting

Lunch details & ordering information

LUNCH ORDER DEADLINE: MAY 10

All food choices can be emailed to htaterbug@aol.com. List your name and choices: Choose one toasted wrap, bistro sandwich, or gourmet salad; choose fruit or chips; and choose a Smoothie flavor.

Checks should be made out to **Hanover Writers Club** and sent by May 10 to: **Joanne Liggan, 8201 N Shall Dr., Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

MENU: \$10.50, includes your choice of one of the following and includes a smoothie and chips or fruit.

TOASTED WRAPS:

- Totally Turkey** — Turkey, Swiss, Tomatoes, Romaine, Light Ranch & a Garlic Herb Tortilla
- Veggie Veggie** — Southwestern Rice with Corn, Black Beans and Asparagus, Parmesan, Tomatoes, Onions, Romaine, Light Southwest Ranch and a Garlic Herb Tortilla
- Cordon Bleu** — Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Swiss, Light Ranch & White tortilla
- Southwest Chicken** — Chicken, Salsa, Southwestern Rice and Corn, Black Beans and Asparagus, Tomatoes, Onions, Guacamole, Romaine, Light Southwest Ranch and White Tortilla

BISTRO SANDWICHES:

- The Italian** — Ham, Spicy Ham, Provolone, Banana Peppers, Parmesan, Tomatoes, Field Greens and Pesto on Toasted Ciabatta
- Wasabi Roast Beef** — Roast Beef, Pepper Jack, Romaine and Wasabi Caesar Dressing on Toasted Ciabatta
- Turkey Guacamole** — Turkey, Guacamole, Cilantro-lime, Onions, Tomatoes and Field Greens on Nine-Grain Bread
- Ultimate Club** — Ham, Turkey, Bacon, Swiss, Parmesan, Tomatoes, Field Greens and Bistro Sauce on Toasted Ciabatta

GOURMET SALADS:

- Chicken Caesar** — Romaine, Chicken, Tomatoes and Caesar dressing
- TSC Signature:** — Romaine, Field Greens, Chicken, Almonds, Pineapple, Blueberries, Carrots and TSC Signature Dressing
- Cranberry Walnut Chicken Salad** — Romaine, Field Greens Tomatoes, Cranberry Walnut Chicken and TSC Signature Dressing

SMOOTHIES: all 24 ounce made with turbinado unless otherwise requested.

LOW FAT SMOOTHIES

- Blimey Limey** — Strawberries, Pineapple, Orange and Lime
Mango Magic — Mango, Pineapple, and non-Fat Yogurt
Peaches and Silk — Peaches, Strawberries, and Bananas
Sunny Day — Mango, Banana, Kiwi and Orange

REGULAR SMOOTHIES

- Chocolate Chiller** — Chocolate, White Chocolate and non-fat yogurt
Peanut Butter Cup — Peanut Butter, Banana and Chocolate

FRUIT OR CHIPS

VWC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

ACTIVE

\$30 \$100 Supporter \$500 Lifetime Member

Those who have a) written a book, play, movie, or other script which has been published, produced, or broadcast; b) edited a published anthology or other writings; or c) written and sold to a magazine, newspaper, book publisher, or other communications medium, two poems, one short story, or an article. Other writings may be considered on their merits at the discretion of the Board of Governors.

ASSOCIATE

\$30 \$100 Supporter \$500 Lifetime Member

Those who have not yet fulfilled the eligibility requirements for active membership.

CORPORATE

\$30 \$100 Supporter \$500 Corporate Sponsor

Businesses and philanthropic organizations that support the mission and objectives of the Club.

STUDENT (COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY) \$15

Full-time students or part-time students age 26 and under. Name of College or University _____

Additional Tax-Deductible Contribution of \$ _____ enclosed for the VWC Educational Fund.

Name _____

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