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# WLOV NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2017



**EXPO '18: Saturday, Jan 27, 2018**  
**Eisenhower Rec Center**

**Application for tables is on**  
**[www.wlov.org](http://www.wlov.org).**

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## Message From Your President

The 2018 Central Florida Author & Book Expo is less than 4 months away and tables are going fast. If you plan to sell your book(s) at the Expo, and haven't yet reserved a table, please do so ASAP. The reservation form is on [www.wlov.org](http://www.wlov.org). Please see Mark Newhouse's message about the January Expo on page 3. We need volunteers to spread the word.



WLOV has one other event that requires early sign up: **our annual Breakfast Meeting and Holiday Entertainment**, Wednesday, December 6, 8:30 a.m., at Laurel Manor Rec Center. The cost is \$13 per person for a deluxe breakfast buffet, prepared by LaHacienda Catering. You can pre-pay at the monthly meeting October or November, or mail in your check (WLOV; P.O. Box 1067; Lady Lake, FL 32158). The deadline for receipt of payment is November 25, 2017.

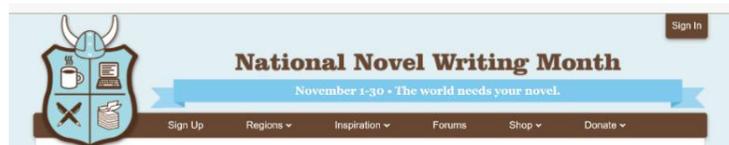
Following the Events Calendar you will find much more information pertaining to our members and to writing in general.

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## WLOV

### Calendar of Upcoming Writing-related Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Wed, Oct 4	Laurel Manor, 8:30 – 10:30 am <b>WLOV Panel on Book Genres</b> Panelists: Jack Hayes (non-fiction), Ann Heathman (contemporary fiction-romance), Larry Martin (historical fiction), Mark Newhouse (children's), Mark Pryor (techno-thriller).
Thurs, Oct 5	Beginning of Enrichment Academy's Writing Course <b>Power &amp; Practice of Humor, Irony &amp; Satire in Fiction</b> . See Sept newsletter for more information and brief bio of instructor John Prince. EA website is <a href="http://www.districtgov.org/departments/Recreation/enrichment-academy/">http://www.districtgov.org/departments/Recreation/enrichment-academy/</a> .
Wed-Sat, Oct 19-22	<b>16th Annual Florida Writers Conference</b> Altamonte Springs, FL (one hour from The Villages) <a href="https://floridawriters.net/conferences/florida-writers-conference-2017/">https://floridawriters.net/conferences/florida-writers-conference-2017/</a>
Wed, Nov 1	Laurel Manor, 8:30 – 10:30 am Speaker: DV Havlin, Prize-winning author <a href="http://www.dlhavlin.com/">http://www.dlhavlin.com/</a> <b>Tips for the Author: Novice or Old Hand – "I've met the enemy and he is me."</b>
Nov 1-30	National Novel Writing Month: "NaNoWriMo" – For details, see <a href="https://nanowrimo.org">https://nanowrimo.org</a> and <a href="http://zendogbarks.com/nano/">http://zendogbarks.com/nano/</a> .



## **WLOV Calendar of Events (continued)**

Wed, Dec 6                      Laurel Manor, 8:30 – 10:30 am  
Annual Holiday Breakfast for WLOV members; see president's message, above  
Sat, Jan 27, 2018              WLOV's Central Florida Book & Author Expo  
Eisenhower Recreation Center (for more info see next page).  
Table reservation form on [www.wlov.org](http://www.wlov.org).

## **Expo '18 is Ready to Rock! But We Need Your Help**

By Mark Newhouse

Applications for The Central Florida Book & Author Expo, January 27, 2018, 10-3pm, at the inspiring Eisenhower Recreation Center are available at [www.wlov.org](http://www.wlov.org) now. Tables are filling up quickly. Last year, we had 70 authors and almost 3,000 visitors. We're hoping for even better this year thanks to our great Expo Team from last year: Jack Hayes, Bill Russell, Jan Zahorian, Larry Martin, and our new members, Jim Meyer, Donna Beard, Maggie Wacker, and President-elect Rita Boehm. But our Team can't do it alone. You – our members - are our best publicity and we need you to help reach other clubs and organizations as Ambassadors, clubs you already belong to. We will supply flyers and bookmarks as we get closer to the Expo, but you are the best ones to help spread the word and assure success. You did an amazing job last year and we know you will do even better for Expo 18.

We especially need volunteers to meet with a local school media specialist and get their support for distributing flyers about the Expo. Children bring parents, and parents buy books for their kids and themselves. We will be offering cash and other prizes for schools and libraries (details to follow); this is one area where you can really be of help. All you need to do is pick one local school or library and meet with a media specialist or librarian to announce our "contest" and distribute bookmarks and flyers. I will be happy to field all questions and assist you. Just email or call if you can help with this important outreach effort. Thank you.

Every crazy idea will be considered, so please feel free to contact me and let's rock Eisenhower on January 27.

Mark Newhouse, Expo 18 Chairperson

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## **WLOV'S New President-elect**



At the September general meeting Rita Boehm was voted in as the club's new president elect for the remainder of 2017. This means she will be the president for 2018. Read her bio on the website, [www.wlov.org](http://www.wlov.org), under Board of Directors.

Elections for 2018 officers (Treasurer, Secretary and President-elect) are slated to take place in November. Anyone interested in running for these positions, please email me at [drlarry437@gmail.com](mailto:drlarry437@gmail.com).

# WLOV Facebook Page – How to find it

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Writers-League-of-The-Villages-162776817086391/>

by Larry Martin

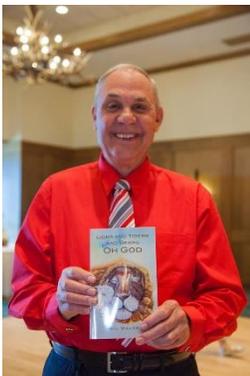
For many of us Facebook is inscrutable. What’s the difference between Timeline and Newsfeed? Why do you need Messenger to send a message? And why does someone’s dog pictures keep showing up on my Facebook page?

But you can’t ignore a social media site with about 2 billion customers, and WLOV has a Facebook presence. Our FB page, managed by Rita Boehm, is used mainly to post pictures of club activities. To get to the page, you can use the above URL, or just enter “The Writers League of the Villages” into the Facebook search box. Below is the page recently retrieved. Note that entering the club’s name with or without an apostrophe after Writers will yield the same result. Once arrived, you should be able to find pictures of our recent events by clicking on “Photos” in left column. If you have pictures or something else you would like posted, please contact Rita at [ritanbob2@aol.com](mailto:ritanbob2@aol.com).



## Sea-Hill Press Publisher Gives Interesting Talk at WLOV September Meeting

Greg Sharp, publisher of Sea-Hill Press (pictured left; <http://www.seahillpress.com/>), gave an interesting talk at our Sept 6 meeting. Titled **Self-publishing and Book Promotion: It's Never Easy**, the topic elicited numerous questions and comments from the audience. A one-page outline of his presentation is on our website, [www.wlov.org](http://www.wlov.org) (under WLOV Past Events/Speaker Presentations).



### **New Writers' Critique Group Started in The Villages**

A new Villages critique group, Working Writers Workshop, has been started by WLOV member Phil Walker (pictured). It is a splinter group from WLOV member Millard Johnson's Writers of the Villages (WOV). Working Writers Workshop began informally last year in Phil's home, when WOV became too large for a critique group. It has now achieved official status in The Villages, and meets 8:30 – 11:30 am, every Tuesday, at Canal Rec Center. The new group is open to all Villages residents. For more information, email Phil Walker at [walkhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:walkhouse@yahoo.com).

A list of all the writers' critique groups in and near The Villages is on our website, [www.wlov.org](http://www.wlov.org) (under Writing Groups in Table of Contents, home page).

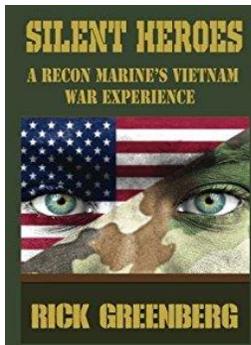
### **WLOV Want Ads**

WLOV members who have a specific request related to writing and/or marketing can send in a Want Ad. These will appear in the Newsletter and also remain on the website ([www.wlov.org](http://www.wlov.org)) until they are no longer active.

### **Published a Book Recently? Won an Award?**

If so, let me know. New books published will go in the WLOV book catalogue, posted on [www.wlov.org](http://www.wlov.org). Send me the title, cover shot and a short blurb ([drlarry437@gmail.com](mailto:drlarry437@gmail.com)). And if you've recently won any writing-related award or honor that you want to share, send it along and I'll put it in the next Newsletter.

## Readers' Favorite recognizes WLOV member Rick Greenberg's *Silent Heroes* in its annual International Book Award contest.



The Readers' Favorite International Book Award Contest featured thousands of contestants from over a dozen countries, ranging from new independent authors to NYT best-sellers and celebrities. The contest organizers note in a press release:

"We receive thousands of entries from all over the world. Because of these large submission numbers, we are able to break down our contest into 140+ genres, and each genre is judged separately, ensuring that books only compete against books of their same genre for a fairer and more accurate competition. We receive submissions from independent authors, small publishers, and publishing giants such as Random House, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster, with contestants that range from the first-time, self-published author to New York Times bestsellers like J.A. Jance, James Rollins, and #1 best-selling author Daniel Silva, as well as celebrity authors like Jim Carrey (Bruce Almighty), Henry Winkler (Happy Days), and Eriq La Salle (E.R., Coming to America).

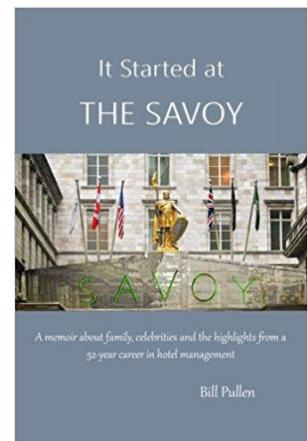
"Readers' Favorite is proud to announce that "Silent Heroes" by Rick Greenberg won the Honorable Mention in the Fiction - Historical - Event/Era category. You can learn more about Rick Greenberg and "Silent Heroes" at <https://readersfavorite.com/book-review/silent-heroes> where you can read reviews and the author's biography, as well as connect with the author directly or through their website and social media pages."

## Presentation November 2<sup>nd</sup> for *It Started at The Savoy*



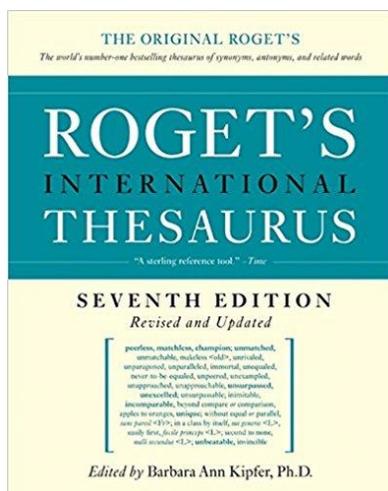
WLOV member Bill Pullen is scheduled to do a presentation of his newly-published book *It Started at The Savoy* at the Pinellas Plaza branch of the Sumter County Library System, 2 pm, Thursday, November 2nd. The book is available on Amazon, and is listed in our WLOV book catalogue.

For more info contact Bill at [billanita@att.net](mailto:billanita@att.net).



## Classic Books on Writing – Roget’s Thesaurus

By Larry Martin



(In previous editions of the WLOV newsletter I discussed Stephen King’s *On Writing*, Strunk & White’s *Elements of Style*, William Zinsser’s *On Writing Well*, *The Chicago Manual of Style*, and Lynn Truss’s *Eats Shoots and Leaves*. This month’s classic is *Roget’s Thesaurus*, plus some modern-day derivatives of that seminal work.)

We all grew up using *Roget’s Thesaurus* as a printed book. *Roget’s* is still in print, in various editions, but I suspect most of now use the online thesaurus available at <http://www.thesaurus.com/>. In addition, there are several spin-offs worth exploring, with one popular series shown on page 8. First, some words about the original.

*Roget’s Thesaurus* was created in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century by Englishman Peter Mark Roget (1779–1869), and first published in 1852. The original edition had 15,000 words, and each new edition has been larger. Roget described his thesaurus in the foreword to the first edition:

“It is now nearly fifty years since I first projected a system of verbal classification similar to that on which the present work is founded. Conceiving that such a compilation might help to supply my own deficiencies, I had, in the year 1805, completed a classed catalogue of words on a small scale, but on the same principle, and nearly in the same form, as the Thesaurus now published.”

### Who was Peter Mark Roget?



He is described by Wikipedia as an “eminent 19th century physician, physiology expert, mathematician, inventor, writer, editor and chess whiz...obsessed with words ever since he began studying Latin as a schoolboy.” The photo is from 1867 (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/rogets-thesaurus>).

Roget completed a first draft of the *Thesaurus* (the Latin word for “treasure” or “treasury”) in 1805, when he was just 26. However, it was not until his retirement from science in 1848, at age 69, that he took on the challenge of finishing the work. The project took 4 years. Roget continued to tinker with his masterpiece through 28

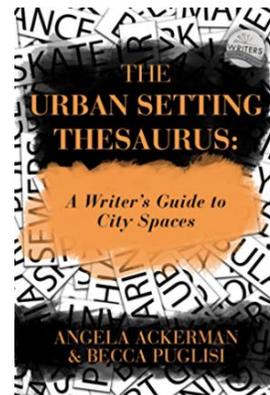
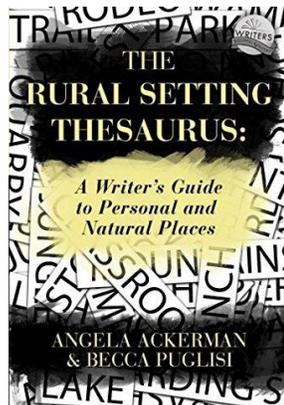
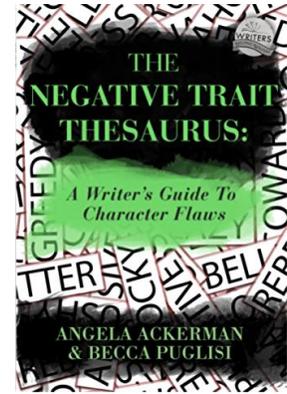
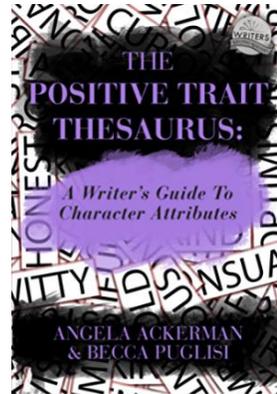
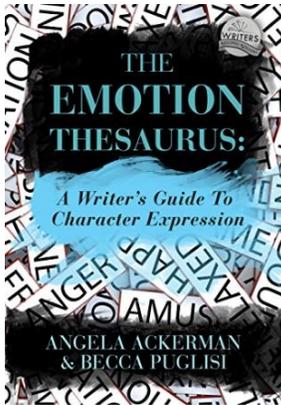
editions, until his death at the age of ninety in 1869.

Since first rolling off the presses of London’s Longman, Brown, Green and Longmans in 1852, *Roget’s Thesaurus of English Words And Phrases* has emerged as one of the most recognizable books in the English language. *Roget’s* has sold more than 40 million copies, and has become a proprietary eponym like Coke, Kleenex, or Google.

## **Modern-Day Derivatives of *Roget's Thesaurus* –**

### **For Fiction Writers**

There are numerous specialized derivatives, with the series below perhaps the most popular among fiction writers.



Several local authors particularly recommend *The Emotion Thesaurus*. First published in 2012, *The Emotion Thesaurus* highlights 75 emotions and lists body language cues, thoughts, and visceral responses for each. Here is one of the emotions listed, along with just a few of the items for each category.

**DISBELIEF:** withholding belief; a refusal to see the truth

Physical Signals: Mouth slackening, eyes widening, looking down or away, rubbing absently at the arms, lifting a single eyebrow, rapid blinking, neck bending forward

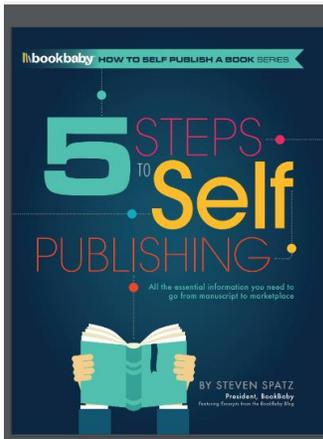
Internal Sensations: A tingling in one's chest; a hardening or clenching stomach; lightheadedness; restricted breathing

Mental Responses: Attempting to reason or glean more information; pretending to have misheard

Cues of Acute or Long-term Disbelief: Arguing, walking away

Cues of Suppressed Disbelief: Changing the topic; a nervous laugh; making excuses

## BookBaby Advice

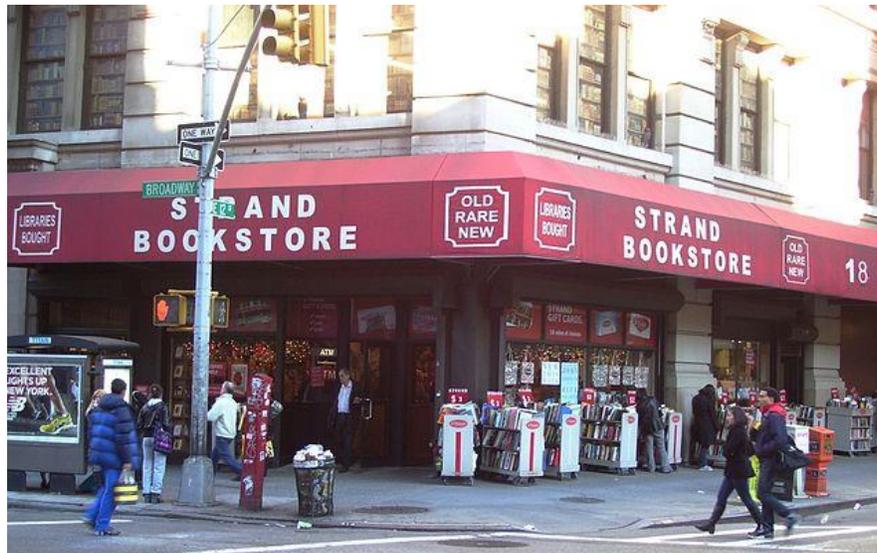


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BookBaby is a one-stop Self-Publishing Company that wants your business. They produce this free *5 Steps to Self-Publishing Guide* that does have some useful advice, which you've no doubt heard before but is still worth reviewing. The Steps emphasize the importance of professional editing, quality cover design and rigorous formatting.

## Literary Quiz: Are You Qualified to Work at Strand?

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/07/14/nyregion/strand-quiz.html>



This month's literary quiz is just a link (shown above) to the actual quiz. According to *The New York Times*, since the 1970's New York's Strand Bookstore has given prospective employees a quiz to see if they know who wrote selected famous books. You just match the author (from a list provided) with a book title. As two sample questions on the next page show, the 5-section quiz is easy to take — but not easy. (I would not be hired.)

BTW, if you've never been there, consider Strand Bookstore a must-stop on your next trip to Manhattan. The store is located at 828 Broadway, at the corner of East 12th Street in the East Village, two blocks south of Union Square. The company's slogan is "18 Miles Of Books". In 2016, *The New York Times* called Strand "the undisputed king of the city's independent bookstores."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/17/nyregion/want-to-work-in-18-miles-of-books-first-the-quiz.html>

Screenshots of sample questions of the Strand hiring quiz, from <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/07/14/nyregion/strand-quiz.html>

In Quiz 1, from the list shown you are to choose the author of *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*.

In Quiz 2, from the list shown you are to choose the author of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.

