**WLOV August 2018 Meeting**

**Meeting date, time and location:**

Wednesday, August 1, 8:30 a.m., Laurel Manor Recreation Center, The Villages

**Presiding officer**: WLOV President Elect Penny Thomas

**Introduction of new members:**

* Valerie Walton

**New Book Announcements:**

* John Prince – a military compilation and other memoirs
* Gay Lyn Birkholz – *“Conscious Passage”*
* Mark Newhouse – *“The Case of Crazy Chicken Scratches”* is a finalist in the FWA’s RPLA
* Don Canaan – *“Spaced Out”*
* Larry Martin reminded people to send their book news to him for inclusion in the book catalogue on the WLOV website and newsletter.

**Special Announcements**

* Mark Newhouse announced Akers Media has opening for a temporary part-time writing position
* Penny recapped June and July WLOV meetings and announced the September meeting speaker: Anne Dalton, General Counsel for the Florida Writers Association. The September 5th WLOV meeting will feature an extended meeting, a three-hour session, covering “**Five Scary Things Every Writer Needs to Know**.”
* Mark Newhouse gave an update on the Book Expo. 94 authors / 65 are WLOV members. Volunteers are needed for the Expo. Bookmarks will be available in October.

**Guest Speaker**

* **Lt. Robert Siemer, Sumter County Sheriff’s Office**