

## Minutes of WLOV's January 2018 Meeting

### **Meeting date, time and location:**

Wednesday, January 3, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Laurel Manor Recreation Center, The Villages

**Presiding officer:** WLOV President Rita Boehm

Rita opened the meeting thanking incoming and outgoing board members. She noted that Larry Martin would continue to produce the newsletter and maintain the website.

### **Introduction of new members:**

- ❖ Nancy Seddon
- ❖ Carolee Owen
- ❖ Dick Kneiser
- ❖ Jeri Natter
- ❖ David Bishop
- ❖ Morris Wolff – returning member

### **New Book Announcements:**

- Rosamond van der Linde - *"The Land of No Laws – The Saga of a small Caribbean Island"*
- Sharon Solomon - 8<sup>th</sup> book, *"Ride High with the Wave"*
- Barbara Miller – 6<sup>th</sup> book, *"Keto for Life: 28-day fat-fueled journey to weight loss"*
- Darlene and Barry Greenawald – *"Gift of the Amazon"*
- Phyllis Walters – *"Worry, Fret and Fear No More"*
- Fred Cooke – *"Ordinary Fred became Wealthy . . .and you can too"*
- Larry Martin – 21<sup>st</sup> book, *"Visit to Sunnyville and Other Fiction"*
- Tom Bender – *"Avenging Allison"*
- David Bishop – Oct: *Love and Other Four-Letter Words*", Nov: *"Scandalous Behavior"*, Dec: *"The Twists and Turns of Matrimony and Murder"*
- Mary Lois Sander's *Journey 10 Collection* of short stories includes prizewinners Jack Petro, Jim Stark and Mark Newhouse.

### **Special Announcements**

- Mark Newhouse reminded WLOV members to be in touch with him to be included in his monthly column about writers in the publication ***Village Neighbors*** magazine.
- Rita Boehm suggested that WLOV members wear nametags from other groups and clubs they are affiliated with as a conversation starter. More discussion about name tags will be held at the February meeting.
- Rita Boehm thanked the members for filling out surveys. Generally people are interested in marketing, networking support and education, Rita is looking for speaker suggestions.
- Book Cover Contest – The contest will feature 49 authors and 60 book covers. Covers will be displayed at the Savannah Center from January 17 – 24. Winners in three categories (fiction, non-fiction and children's), selected by popular vote, will be announced at the Expo on January 27.
- The Central Florida Book and Author Expo is full. No more authors can be accepted. Mark Newhouse implored every member to promote the Expo using the book marks and being club ambassadors. A reminder went out to support the food vendor.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> special event at Fenney Recreation Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Local writers reading original love stories

### **Guest Speaker**

- **Rik Feeney – Book Signing/Trade Show/Speaker Events – Checklist for Success**  
Rik is a book coach, book cover designer and a publishing consultant. For more information about Rik go to [www.RickFeeney.com](http://www.RickFeeney.com). His slide presentation will be posted on the WLOV web site.