

WLOV March 2018 General Meeting

Meeting date, time and location:

Wednesday, March 7, 8:30 a.m., Laurel Manor Recreation Center, The Villages

Presiding officer: WLOV President Rita Boehm

Introduction of new members:

- ❖ Paula Howard
- ❖ Mike Cusack

New Book Announcements:

- Mark Newhouse – *Passover Puppy Coloring Book*
- James Brown – *“Echos of Remembrance”*
- Don Dears – *“Crisis in Mideast”*
- Barbara Miller – *“Keto for Life”*
- Kay Pliszka – 24th contract with *“Chicken Soup for the Soul”*
- Dan Kincaid – YA Novel *“Adventures of a Forest Ranger”* and a book of newspaper columns
- Don Canaan – *Israel News Faxx Index*
- Joe Finch – *“Faces of the Distinguished”*
- Larry Martin reminded people to send their book news to him for inclusion in the newsletter.
- Rich Cardillo announced he was featured in *Neighbors* magazine.

Special Announcements

- President Rita Boehm announced the following:
 - WLOV name tags are available for purchase. They are \$5.00 and can be purchased and picked up at WLOV meetings.
 - A 50/50 raffle will now be held at each meeting.
 - The WLOV brochure is ready for distribution. Purpose of the brochure is to let non-members know the benefits of WLOV membership. WLOV members are encouraged to take brochures to their critique groups.
 - WLOV is developing a speaker’s bureau for outreach. Speakers are needed. Contact Rita if interested.
 - Reminder to check out WLOV Facebook page.
 - Writers are encouraged to use Hometownreads.com, a free marketing tool.
 - Valentine’s Day event was successful. Stay tuned for details about a program in 2019.
- Mark Newhouse reported on January’s Book Expo. He thanked his team and all the club ambassadors. Survey results are very positive. Going forward he asked each member to do a little bit for this big event that has put the Writers League on the map.
- New Expo Chair Jim Meyer gave the following update for the Holiday Expo scheduled for December 8. Applications will be sent to WLOV members on April 15. Registration for the Expo will be for members only from May 2 – 20. After May 20 registration will be open to everyone.
- Upcoming Programs:
 - April- Penny Thomas *“So what are you writing”*
 - May – TBA
 - June – Field Trip – details TBA
 - July – Newhouse Program – details TBA
- Raffle results: Winners Dave Pederson and Mark Newhouse. Total to club - \$60.00.

Guest Speaker

- **John Prince – *Humor - why you need it and how to inject it in to your work***

WLOV member John Prince teaches humor at the Enrichment Academy. He produces personal histories and writes a Sunday feature for the Villages-News.