**WLOV February 2019 Meeting**

**Meeting date, time and location:**

Wednesday, February 6, 8:30 a.m., Laurel Manor Recreation Center, The Villages

**Presiding officer**: WLOV President Paula Howard

**Introduction of new members:**

* Mike Pettit
* Marsha Shearer
* Paul Bourassa
* Robert Campbell
* Rosemary Church

**New Book Announcements:**

* Mary Ann Davenport – “*When Heaven and Earth Kiss;” “Who is God, Who Am I & Why Am I Here?”*
* Ruth DiDomenico – “*Chapter 11”*
* Nancy Perry – “*Don’t Call Me Baby”*
* Gianna Suarez – *“Cosmic Readings for Hatha Yoga”*
* Paula Howard – *“The Hidden Price Tag”*

**Special Announcements**

* Jack reported that the next EXPO will be in 2020. A request has been submitted for Sunday, January 26 at Laurel Manor. Awaiting confirmation. Jack has assembled a great team and looks forward to his team members playing a big part in organizing the 2020 EXPO.
* Millard Johnson gave update on Love Stories. Line up for the evening is nine stories, two songs and poetry. Tickets are available.
* Don Canaan reminded members the marketing committee would meet immediately following the regular WLOV meeting. Any member is invited to join this committee. He is searching for How-to articles for Best Little Bookstore website. Paula asked for a show-of-interest in participating in Vendor Night. Joe Finch volunteered to organize the logistics of set-up; Mark Newhouse volunteered use of his tent.
* Whispering Oaks – Local Authors Corner is fully set-up. Going forward there will be book signings on the third Sunday. If you patronize the winery, please let them know you are a member of WLOV so they are aware of the support from our organization.
* Treasurer Report: $3,361.19.There is $798.00 seed money for the 2020 EXPO.
* Upcoming featured authors for Villages Magazine book page: Wilma Fleming- March, David Bishop – April
* A thank you gift was presented to Larry Martin for all his work on the website and newsletter for the last several years. He received *“The New Yorker Encyclopedia of Cartoons.”*
* Mark Newhouse, co-founder of WLOV, made a statement declaring how glad he is to see the organization doing so much for so many members. He mentioned Love Stories, the growth in marketing and the great job Jack is doing with the Book EXPO as examples of the growth of WLOV. He encouraged everyone to be an active voice as a WLOV member.
* 50/50 Raffle: $35.00

**Guest Speaker**

* **Leigh Neely, mystery writer and editor Style magazine**