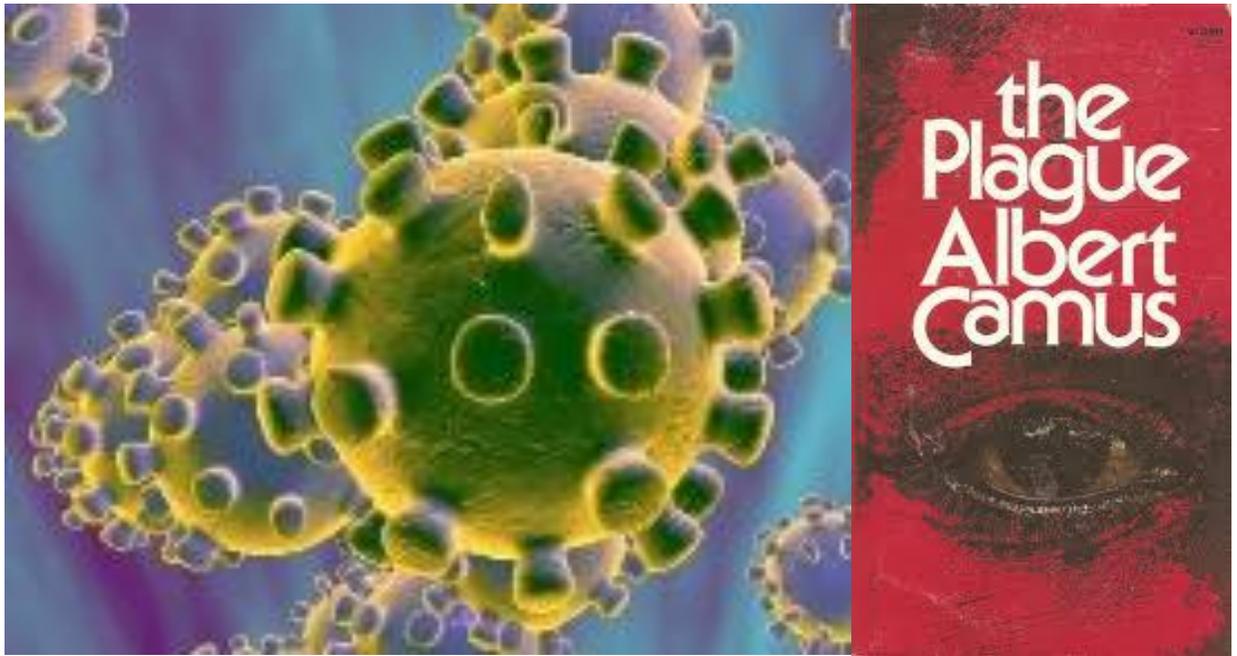


Writers League of The Villages Newsletter

May 2020



WLOV MEETING FOR MAY 13TH IS CANCELED.

WILL SHOW ONLINE VIDEOS INSTEAD. SEE PAGE 3

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WLOV Newsletter Editor's Message

By Larry Martin
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Hold on to this newsletter. At some point you'll want to show it to your grandkids, at least those who are too young to understand this viral pandemic, but old enough to look at pictures and ask questions. Questions like:

“Grandpa, why is that guy in the blue shirt wearing a mask? Does he rob banks?”

“Grandpa, why do you say all these pictures of people side by side [pages 4-6] are taken from Zoom? I thought you live in The Villages. Is Zoom near the Villages?”

“Grandma, why do all the old men look like they need a haircut?”

With these and other important questions out of the way, you can begin educating your grandkids about the pandemic, and how you had to play golf without real golf holes, how you couldn't dance in the town squares, and how, if you wanted to eat out, you had to go pick up your food “at the curb.” So put this in your “For Grandkids” digital file. You'll be glad you did.



WLOV President's Message

By Paula Howard

Hi Everyone!

Handling the Stay-at-Home situation? Are you finding new things to do after cleaning all your closets? I must confess I'm working better these days with more concentration, but haven't gotten to those closets yet (☹)

BUT, the new method of meeting online has taken off and proven helpful at getting more done. Not spending time getting ready, driving to and from meetings, has saved me a LOT of time. I kind of like it!

Another good thing is showing “Movies at 10” for WLOV members. In case you're not aware, we began showing Great Courses videos on the Art of Writing, and now show them each Thursday at 10 a.m. I send out an invitation to each WLOV member's email to “join the meeting” just before 10 am, and you click the link to join us. The last few Thursdays we've had up to 36 members.

On Thursday, May 7, we'll be watching two 30-minute videos:

1. “The LOCK System: Foundation of Your novel”

2. “Bringing Characters to Life” (Repeated from April 30.)

The previously scheduled Panel Discussion for May 13, on **Publish, Promote, or Perish** is being moved to September, when we believe we’ll be able to meet again. **In lieu of our monthly meeting, on Wednesday May 13 we will be showing 4 videos starting at 10 am. See below for details.**

Asian people have been wearing face masks on the streets for years. You might have seen it, maybe thought it a little extreme. Now, here we are, having to do the same. Let’s be reminded that a person doing something different just might have the better idea.

Can’t find any face masks for going to the grocery store? Don’t have a sewing machine? Well, the U.S. Surgeon General made a YouTube video on how to fashion one using a t-shirt, scissors, and two rubber bands. Click the link to see the how-to movie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPx1yqvJgf4>

Watch out for scams! The hackers are vicious and cunning. NEVER respond to email requests over my name to “help me” or “buy gift cards” or any request for money. These are NOT from me. Please look at the email address from where the message came. If you don’t recognize it, you can be sure it’s a SCAM. Be safe online as well as on the street.

Last, a little advice: Don’t forget to save any you write immediately after beginning, and then often as you proceed. A distraction or hitting a wrong button can make it disappear quickly. Saving your document is a safeguard against losing the entire thing. (I just found out.)

AND: a line from “The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy”: “I love deadlines. I love the sound of them as they go ‘whooshing’ by!”

Have a happy month and we’ll see you online soon!

Paula ☺

May 13, 2020 WLOV VIDEO PRESENTATION

There will be no in-person meeting in May. Instead, on Wednesday, May 13, we’ll be offering the following writing videos, beginning at 10 a.m.

1. “Structuring Your Novel”
2. “The Disturbance”
3. “Arena of Conflict”
4. “The Resolution”

The series is narrated by Professor James Scott Bell from The Great Courses, with Closed Captioning provided for taking notes.

HOW TO VIEW THE PRESENTATION

On May 13, just before 10:00 a.m., an invitation will be sent to your email address. You simply click the line inviting you to join the meeting and follow further instructions.

Some Zoom Meetings During April



Writers of The Villages – Tuesdays at 9 am



Writers 4 Kids – Fridays at 9:30 am



Wannabes – Mondays at 8:30 am



Creative Writers – Wednesdays at 11 am



WLOV Board – Once a month, on Wednesdays

**Florida Author Project Launched
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Ben Greenberg, June 2, 1943 – April 16, 2020

Editor's note: Ben, a member of Wannabes critique group, passed away last month, age 76. For a while he had been on home kidney dialysis, but until just a few days before he died, Ben was participating in our weekly online Zoom meetings. The picture shows Ben (the tall guy) with his brother Rick (leader of the Wannabes), and between them a good friend of theirs. Below is Rick's tribute to his brother.



Before Ben's health problems, you would not find anyone more in love with life than him. At family Christmas gatherings, Ben was the one wearing the silly automated musical hat and dancing for the little ones making everyone laugh. From 1993, after Ben and I made our first trip to The Villages, Ben wanted to come and live the dream. In 2013, his dream came true. Ben loved dancing. His reputation as the dancing man became known throughout The Villages. More than once he was recognized by strangers as that dancing man. He would go to the square in Spanish Springs and dance hour after hour. Everyone knew him, and everyone loved him. I will

always cherish the times Ben and I would meet every Saturday morning for breakfast, and how he always had time for a trip to Disney. Ben, like me, was a Disney Annual Pass Holder. He and I would make trips two or three times a month to see Mickey at his favorite park, Magic Kingdom. The place never got old for him and Disney kept us both young at heart. It's sad for me now because my Saturday morning breakfast partner, my Disney World partner, my partner for online games, my brother who shared so much with me will not be here anymore. But don't be sad, because anyone who knew Ben knows the love he has for our Lord; and I know who you're having Saturday morning breakfast with. I miss you and I love you ... and I know how much you love me.

Rick

WLOV Online (4 sites total)

WLOV Membership Website, where you can pay your dues and also access a contact list of all members. www.wlovmembership.com/



TWO Facebook Pages

Writers League of The Villages

Status: Only administrators can enter posts or pictures. Anyone can view contents and offer comments.

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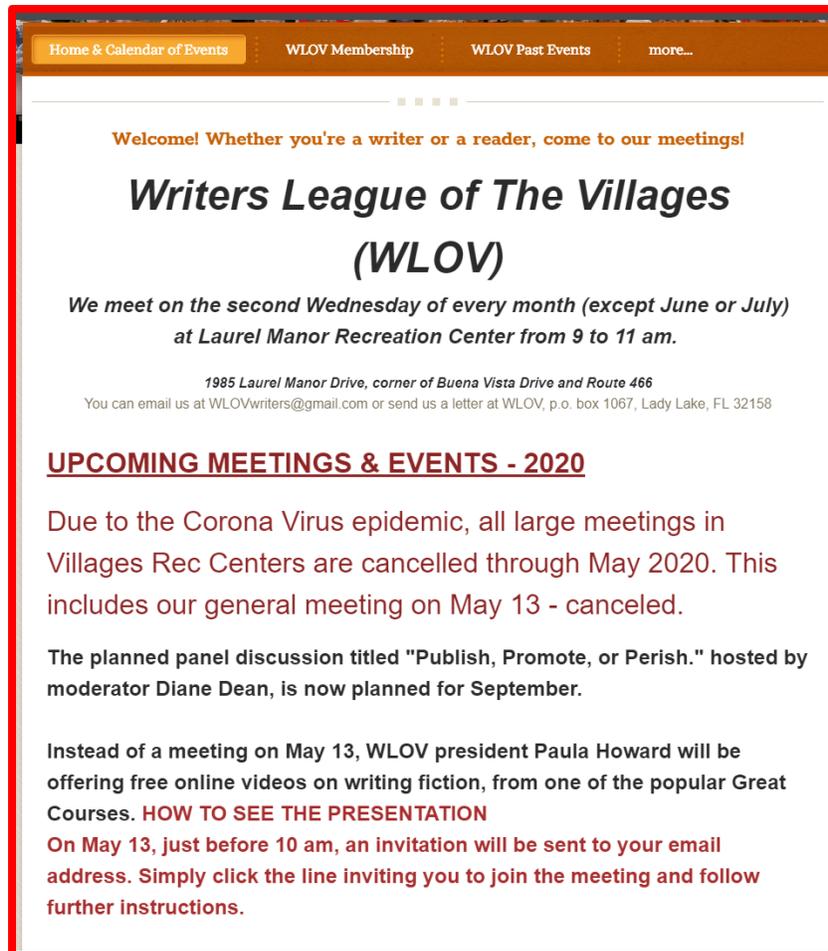
Writers of The Villages Group

Status: WLOV members can join and post pictures and/or text. Anyone can view posts and offer comments.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2456384291302772/>

Our General Information Website

www.wlov.weebly.com/

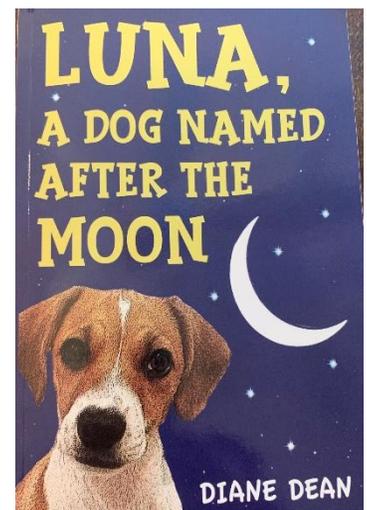
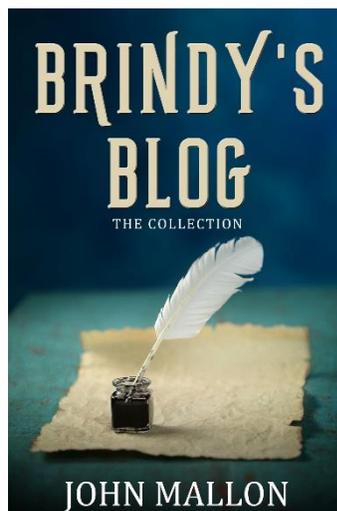
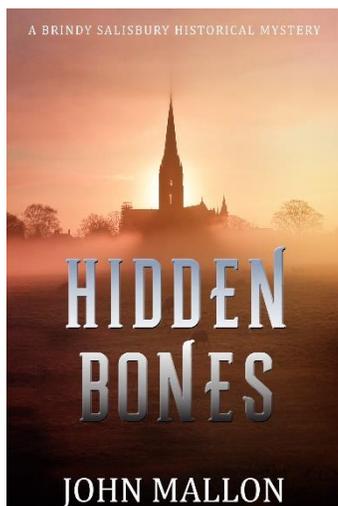
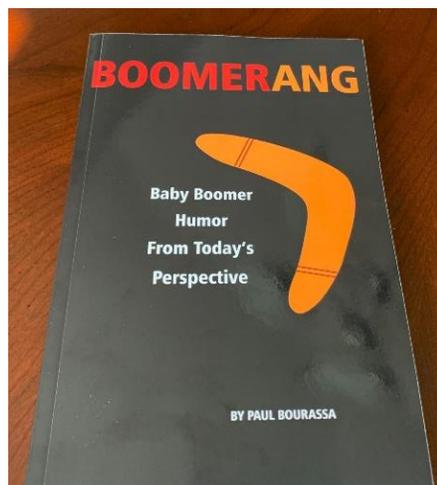
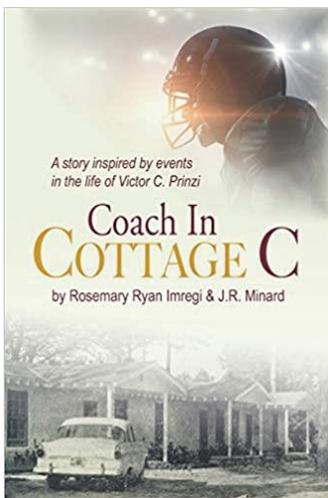


The screenshot shows the homepage of the Writers League of The Villages (WLOV) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Home & Calendar of Events", "WLOV Membership", "WLOV Past Events", and "more...". Below the navigation bar, a welcome message reads: "Welcome! Whether you're a writer or a reader, come to our meetings!". The main heading is "Writers League of The Villages (WLOV)". Below this, it states: "We meet on the second Wednesday of every month (except June or July) at Laurel Manor Recreation Center from 9 to 11 am." The address is given as "1985 Laurel Manor Drive, corner of Buena Vista Drive and Route 466" and contact information is provided: "You can email us at WLOVwriters@gmail.com or send us a letter at WLOV, p.o. box 1067, Lady Lake, FL 32158". A section titled "UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2020" contains the following text: "Due to the Corona Virus epidemic, all large meetings in Villages Rec Centers are cancelled through May 2020. This includes our general meeting on May 13 - canceled." It also mentions a panel discussion titled "Publish, Promote, or Perish." hosted by moderator Diane Dean, now planned for September. Finally, it notes that instead of a meeting on May 13, WLOV president Paula Howard will be offering free online videos on writing fiction, from one of the popular Great Courses. It provides instructions on how to see the presentation: "On May 13, just before 10 am, an invitation will be sent to your email address. Simply click the line inviting you to join the meeting and follow further instructions."

New Books by WLOV Members

If you have a new book you would like entered into the WLOV book catalogue, please send the information to Nancy Hellekson, at nancy.hellekson@gmail.com. Send a jpg of the cover, a short blurb, and the Amazon link. We will update the catalogue periodically. For the most recent book catalogue, with information about books on this page, please see:

http://wlov.weebly.com/uploads/2/4/3/6/24362452/master_catalog-updated_april_21_2020.pdf.



Jack Hayes – Health Update

By Rita Boehm



Good news!

Jack Hayes spent three weeks in the hospital after his stroke on March 23rd. As a result of medical intervention and his strong will and constitution, his health steadily improved. He was released from the hospital last week. According to Jack's wife, Darlene, he's walking without his walker (when he forgets to use it). Although he lost 25 – 30 pounds, he's gained back about 9 pounds. He's receiving cognitive, operational, and physical therapy several times a week and it's all helping in his recovery.

From Darlene's email: "He has come through this difficult journey in ways that I could never have imagined... With patience and the grace of God, he is getting better every day. Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers."

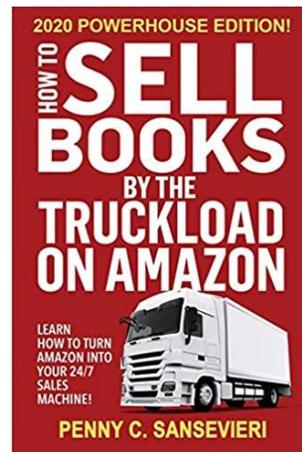
Way to go, Jack! Hopefully, Jack will be able to join us all when WLOV meetings once again convene.

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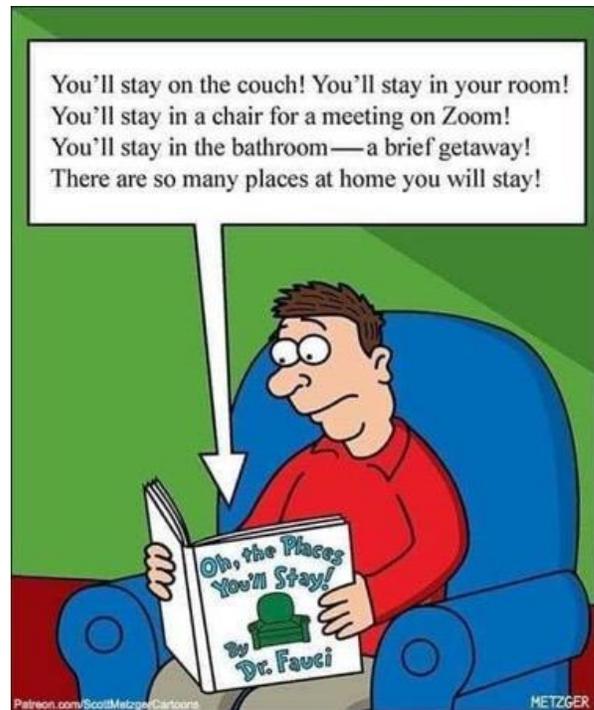
On April 2nd, Penny Sansevieri gave a free hour-long webinar on this topic, which is also the subject of her new book. The webinar is posted for viewing at <https://bit.ly/3aFCz7x>. The book is available on Amazon at the link below.



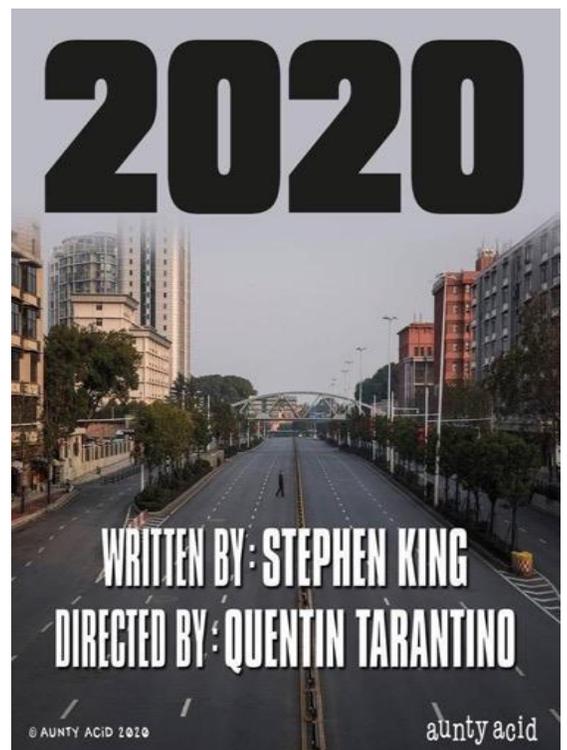
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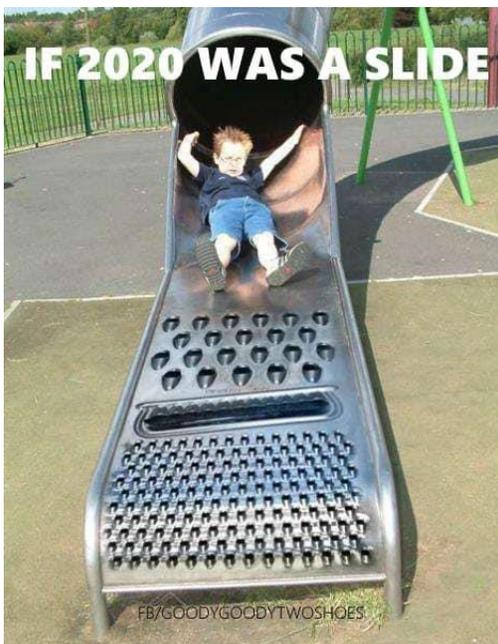


**It's like being 16
again
Gas is cheap and I'm
Grounded.**



MY HUSBAND AND I
DECIDED WE DON'T WANT
TO HAVE CHILDREN.

WE WILL BE TELLING THEM
TONIGHT AT DINNER.



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