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Writers League of The Villages Newsletter

WLOV NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026 EDITION

Check out our calendar for a quick look at this month's live events

The Sunshine Committee is back, so please send us any news you might have about one of our members or families who could use the support of our wonderful group.

Scams, and how to avoid becoming a victim

Look for a letter from Bob Peterson, President of WLOV

*Yes we did!
We created a page this month for the upcoming April "Wine and Words" live event. Check it out, and come early!*

Take a look at our updated WLOV General Meeting page which now includes a list of our newest members. Welcome to you all!

See the expanded author bios for our members presenting their work at our "Local Business Tuesdays" author signings. Let's support these authors and recognize their work.

We've added a new page to display the new books presented by our members at last month's General Meeting

A letter from your editor, paying tribute to a group of talented folks who have mastered the art of shenanigans.

April 2026 Upcoming Events Quick Look Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact	Featured Authors
Thursday 4/2	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Wine and Words	Riverbend Rec Center	Frank Lancione 703-626-7514	Co-authors, Diane Dean and Carrie Murgittroyd Present <i>“Shorts”</i> Donna Hoover presents, <i>“Wandering in The Shadows”</i>
Wednesday 4/8	9:00 – 11:00 am	WLOV Monthly Meeting	Laurel Manor Rec Center	Bob Peterson 612-581-9110	Author Tina Getz presents, <i>“Your Ability to Write as it Relates to Your Brain Power”</i>
Tuesday 4/14	11:00 – 2:00 pm	Book signing	All Booked Up Colony Plaza	Donna Hoover duciesmom@aol.com	Sharon Rexroth presents, <i>“Iowa from the Sky”</i> Donna M.Z. Hoover Claudia Jacques
Tuesday 4/21	12:00 - 4:00 pm	Book signing	Patchington Spanish Springs	Judith Glynn 212-265-7915	Rita M. Boehm <i>Award winning Author</i>



Monthly General Meeting Agenda

April 8, 2026

9:00am – 11:00am

Laurel Manor Recreation Center

- *Get the latest updates and happenings from our leadership group*
- *Come out and say hello to the new members who will introduce themselves*
- *You also get to congratulate all our newly published authors of books, publications, or any other medium our members are using to present their writing.*
- *Author Tina Getz presents; “Your Ability to Write as it Relates to Your Brain Power”*
- *As Always, our 50/50 Raffle will benefit our scholarship fund*

News from our March gathering

A heartfelt welcome to all the new members who introduced themselves at our last general meeting in March. Welcome aboard!

- ***The Honorable Michele M. Woodard*** from New York shared that she is a former Supreme Court Justice who is interested in writing about a letter she found from her father to her mother.
- ***Susan Rinnick*** is hoping to write a book about her long-standing career with the airlines.
- ***Dr. Harrish Sood*** is here to learn about writing. He has 50 years of experience in the medical/health care field.
- ***Randall Dervishi*** from Michigan is a wannabe writer who is looking to write romantic comedy about senior dating.

Each month we also introduce newly published authors at our monthly meetings. You can find last month’s new publications on the “New Authors” page of this newsletter.



Message from Bob Peterson,

President of WLOV

Hi Writers,

March has been such a blur, they ought to rename it Sprint. On March 5th, I attended the Wine and Words event for the first time. Since the Riverbend Rec. Center is a 45-minute drive from my house, I've always been reluctant to make the drive, especially since I have to drive home in the dark. But wow, what a great event. Frank Lancione ran a great show that showcased a trio of WLOV authors.

The first author presenting was the fearless Holly Bell, who has already received death threats regarding her upcoming book based on Chinese geopolitics. It is definitely going to make political waves. You don't meet many people in life who had to make real decisions with life and death consequences. We were all given insight into the high stakes world she lived in. Thankfully, for all of us, we have people like Holly Bell, who quietly say, not on my watch.

The second author was Tom Bruce, the editor of Quill de Ville, or as I like to think of him, the WLOV "Quill Master." Tom is an exceptional poet regularly featured in the Villages Sun. Tom was joined on stage for his reading by Jenny Hoerauf, one of our talented new artists sharing her talent. Her voice is pure magic, and I say that as a self-proclaimed connoisseur of female vocals.

The third artist presenting was Ken Van Camp, who closed out the evening, Ken is a pioneer in multimedia and author of the uproariously funny, "Keke" book series. In Ken's gifted comedic world, it is dogs who actually train their humans. On this magical night, Ken presented us all with a thoughtful description of how he is using different levels of interactive multimedia to create new children's books. His work incorporates a vivid imagination with the new tools available to bring his vision and message to life.

The next "Wine and Words" will be on April 2nd, and it's definitely worth the drive.

Lastly, on St. Patrick's Day, I attended the Patchington author signing event for the first time. The store is located conveniently within the "Spanish Springs Town Square". What a great way for local writers to showcase their work, meet their audience and sell some books.

Please join us for our next general meeting on **April 8, at 9 a.m., at Laurel Manor Rec Center.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE : The May meeting has been moved to Lake Miona Rec Center, and our Vice President, Casel Burnett, will preside.

Keep writing!
Bob Peterson

From the Desk of Tom Bruce, Editor of “The Quill De Ville”

*Dear fellow members, what would you say if
“99” chipmunks walked into a bar?*



In early March, my friend Donna Hoover, a gifted author and performance artist, invited me to come and watch a live show by her and the cast of “The Villages Improv Group.”

When I parked my car, the sun was setting on a perfect early spring day, and the magical world of improv was in the air. The patrons descended on the venue from all directions. I mixed in with the murmuring sounds of their voices, and followed the pulsing crowd.

By the time I walked into the stage room at Lake Miona Rec, just before 7pm, the whole place was buzzing with life. I knew right off, this was no ordinary event.

The lighting, the sound, and the embraces from friends and fellow artists, overwhelmed me. I let go of my own reality, hoping to immerse myself in their freewheeling world.

Right from the start of the show, I was swept up by the sounds of their strong comedic voices, the magical lighting, and the constant, flowing, movement on stage. The laughter from the sold-out audience sprang forth spontaneously, and unabashed. These quick witted performers take the stage with a confident presence, showing no fear of the unknown. But in the audience, we sensed the unknown was coming. The performers sensed it too. They knew when the lights dimmed, it was showtime, and the element of surprise was coming for them with full force.

Improv is about spontaneity, and letting your imagination lead the way. As writers, we need to embrace the spirit of improv, and delve boldly and unafraid into the unknown. Let your imagination lead the way and try connecting with the world around you in a nonjudgmental way. See the world through the stark, unblinking, lens of a camera with the aperture open wide. I look for something transformative I can put into words about everything I see transpiring around me. Like the improv artists, writers should embrace spontaneity, and hope it shows up in our writing.

At the end of the show, the lights came up, but the foggy haze of togetherness was still palpable in the large crowded room. I hugged my friend, and on my way out to the parking lot, I thought about the afterglow she wore right after the show, and how her silent expression told me, she had faced her fears again, and again she had won.

Donna Hoover is a WLOV member and a member of Mike and Denise Doyle’s “Creative Writing Group”. She recently published “Wandering in The Shadows”, a poignant true story about a journey through the ups and downs in the life of someone you love dearly. In the pages of this book, you will have a rare look into the kind of love and faith that can lead to redemption.

Tom Bruce



***Live event! Wine and Words,
Thursday, April, 2, 2026
Riverbend Recreation Center***

Doors open at 6pm, the presentation begins at 6:30

Diane Dean & Carrie Murgittroyd

What's the experience like when you team up with other successful authors and publish a collection of your individual works?



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Donna Hoover

How do you tell a story this personal, this painful, this important?

How do you communicate its emotional complexity in a vivid, visceral way that makes people want to buy it, read it?



Wandering In The Shadows

Whether you write for fun or are an internationally recognized author, we'd love to showcase you and your work at Wine and Words. If you are interested in presenting or would just like more information on our monthly 1st Thursday talk show events at Riverbend Recreation Center, contact me, Frank A. Lancione at 703-626-7514 or flancione@verizon.net.

THE WRITERS LEAGUE OF THE VILLAGES & PATCHINGTON

LOCAL AUTHOR TUESDAYS

3rd Tuesday Every Month

April 21, 2026 - Noon until 4:00 p.m.

Rita M. Boehm, Multi-Award-Winning Author

Rita's award-winning books cover a wide range of genres, including Thrillers, International Romantic Suspense, Mystery, and WWII nonfiction. Her children's picture book, a tribute to the lovely bluebirds that raised a family in her garden, was named "Best Children's Book of the Year" in 2019 by the Florida Writers Association.



May 19, 2026 – Frank Lancione, poet, author, and creator of exciting and fun book-play-game murder mysteries

Local Author Tuesdays at “All Booked Up” bookstore



If you haven't signed up to present your work at one of these events, please contact us at WLOVwriters@gmail.com or sign up at the next General Meeting.

**MEET
LOCAL AUTHORS**

— In-Store Book Signings & Conversations —

11 AM – 2 PM

In Person March 10:

- ***Desert Ghost*** by Nathan Hunter (Ron Whetsell)
- ***Dinner with Donnie*** by Barry Robbins
- ***Folio*** by Bobbie Calhoun

In Person April 14:

- ***Iowa from the Sky*** by Sharon Rexroth
- ***Wandering in the Shadows*** by Donna M.Z. Hoover
- ***The House on Beverly Road*** by Claudia Jacques



Know of a member recuperating from surgery, down with the flu, suffering from the loss of a loved one – or facing some other traumatic event? Please contact us at wlovwriters@gmail.com and share the member's name and situation. Or, come to the Membership Services table at a General Meeting and let one of us know.

We'll forward the information to our Sunshine Committee Chair, Kathy DeMaCarty, who will send them a card with a caring message to show WLOV's support.



SCAMS!

By Rita Boehm

At every general meeting, we spend some time covering the latest scams. Thanks to AI, it has become easier for scammers—and harder for the rest of us.

Some scams to be on the lookout for:

- Receipt of an email that appears to be from another WLOV member asking for your help – or for gift cards.
 - THIS IS A SCAM. DO NOT RESPOND. If you have even the slightest question, call the person, or send an email to WLOVwriters@gmail.com. The simplest approach is to hover your mouse over the email address. You'll likely see that it is coming from an email address you don't recognize and they've hijacked the member's name.
- Receipt of an email that provides a glowing review of one of your books, and other emails that invite you to speak to an online book club or literary event.
 - Scammers, usually using Gmail accounts, send out thousands of AI generated reviews, hoping to get you to respond. They offer to provide reviews and other services – ALL ARE SCAMS. Other scammers have hijacked the names of legitimate online book clubs. The legitimate clubs DO NOT solicit authors.
 - Note: Local Villages book clubs are different. They sometimes do solicit speakers. However, it should be very easy to tell the difference.
 - If you respond to the scammers, they will attempt to sell you a variety of services, others will try to hack you KDP accounts.

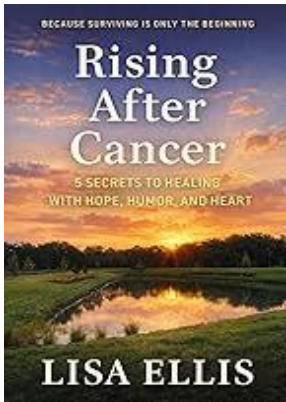
BEST TOOL FOR CHECKING OUT THE LATEST INFORMATION ON SCAMMERS:

Go to: writerbeware.blog

You can also do a Google search, using the information from the email, and asking a simple question, such as, "Is Mary Oliphant a legitimate book reviewer?", or "Does the Seattle Book Club solicit authors?"

Stay alert and stay safe.

New Books and Publications announced at our March 11th General Meeting



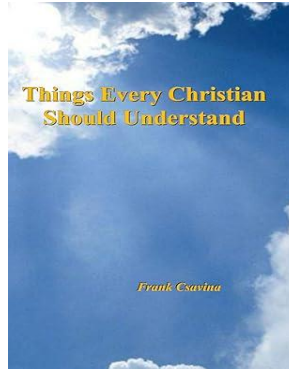
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By Lisa Ellis



“The Attic”

By Richard Mc Master



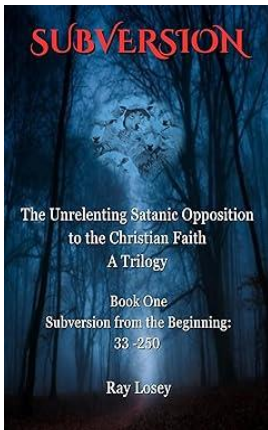
“Things Every Chritsian Should Understand”

By Frank Csavina



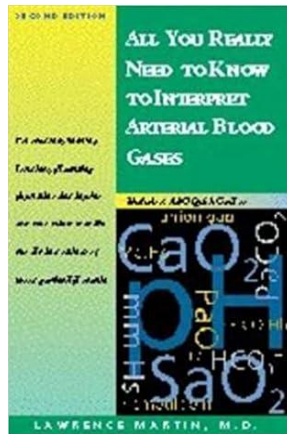
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By Susan Grimm



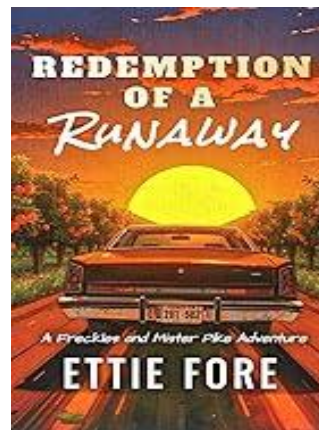
“Subversion”

By Ray Losey



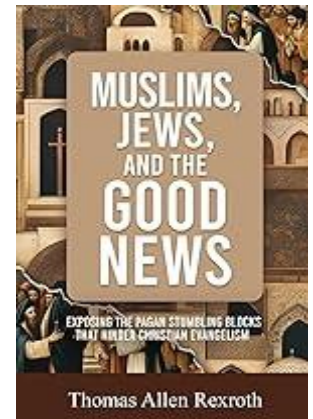
“All you Really Need Know to Interpret Arterial Blood Gases”

By Dr. Larry Martin



“Redemption of a Runaway”

**By Bill Thomas,
(writing as Ette Forte)**



Muslims, Jews and the Good news”

**By Thomas Allen
Rexroth**

Congratulations and thank you to all the authors who presented their latest books during our March 11th General Meeting.

Also congratulation is extended to Frank Lancione. He announced that his poetry will be encased and displayed at a local business. The poetry was compiled from his popular “Sunset Years” poetry books. Many people will be exposed to Frank’s work due to this honor.