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Writers League of The Villages Newsletter

October 2026 WLOV Newsletter

Attention all members! This month's General Meeting will be held at the Savannah Center on Wednesday, October 14th from 9am until 11:20am
*****Take note of the location change for the October meeting only*****

- Calendar of events for October
- Exciting Wine and Words live event news
- See this month's update from your Communications Director, Rita Boehm
- Local Author Tuesdays! Come out and support our writers
- New Members and Newly Published Writing by our authors
- WLOV General Meeting Agenda
- WLOV Accomplishments and Notables
- A message from your WLOV president and a letter from your editor
- Help and support when you need them, your "Sunshine Committee"

Make sure to check out our redesigned website. You'll find it at the same web address, but with a whole new look. So take some time to visit. writersleagueofthevillages.com

October 2026 Upcoming Events Quick Look Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Featured Authors</i>
Thursday 10/1	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Wine and Words	Riverbend Rec Center	Frank Lancione 703-626-7514	Tom Bruce “The Art of Writing, a Multimedia Presentation Richard Rozelle “The Wishing Star A Memoir”
Tuesday 10/13	11:00 – 2:00 pm	Book signing	All Booked Up Colony Plaza	Donna Hoover donnamazajac@gmail.com	Mike Doyle “Whitewater Ohio” Diane Dean and Carrie Murgittroyd “Shorts - A Collection of Reflections” Michael Baca “The Journey for Truth”
Wed 10/14	9:00 - 10:50 am	General Meeting	Savannah Center	Casel Burnett ltdburnett@gmail.com	This month’s presentation is titled “Character Fair”
Tuesday 10/20	12:00 - 4:00 pm	Book signing	Patchington Spanish Springs	Judith Glynn 212-265-7915	Fran Szarnicki; (3 books) “Numerology: Guide to Understanding the Language of Numbers “Double Digit Numerology” “Healing Soul and Body”

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Monthly General Meeting Agenda
Wednesday October 14th, 9am till 11am
Savannah Recreation Center

- *The meeting will begin promptly at 9 am, with a message from our Vice President, Casel Burnett, who will be residing over the October General Meeting in Bob's absence.*
- *Reports from our leadership team*
- *Meet our newest members who will be able to tell us a bit about themselves.*
- *Meet our newly published authors and hear a word about their new books and publications.*
- *Our formal presentation this month is titled "Character Fair"*

Message from the WLOV President



Hi WLOV Writers,

Wow, September flew by so fast it must have broken speed records. October is here, and it's time for the license plates to change colors.

Now that the new website is online, check it out: writersleagueofthevillages.com. I'm still finding some people and books I accidentally missed. If you're an author, please check the following:

- Make sure your author photo looks okay and is high-enough resolution.
- Make sure your BIO says what you want.
- In the Fiction, Nonfiction, and Children's/YA pages, make sure your books are shown okay and linked properly to Amazon or wherever people may buy them.
- Check your "Author" page to make sure the books you want are shown (up to six).

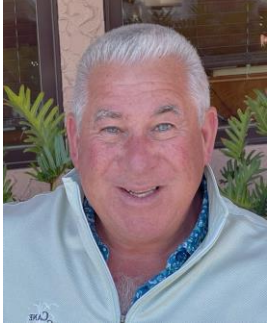
Please send me any corrections to the website.

Also, make sure to pay your annual membership dues. WLOV is a non-profit 501(c)-3 organization, so it's tax-deductible.

Bob Peterson
bob@robertpeterson.org

Letter from the Editor

Finding Neverland



A few days before writing this, I scribbled out the passage below and it became the basis for this essay;

“As a writer, I need to believe in things that aren’t real. Places like Neverland and other magical worlds. If I believe in them hard enough, I can go there and recapture things in my life I lost along the way. When I get to that conjured up world, it becomes my very own Neverland. I go there to recapture the innocence and purity of youth again, and to find my writing voice. It’s the place where the magic happens, and when I get there I hold back the tears and try to write with a voice of innocence and clarity, hoping I can take other people to their own Neverland.”

Over the years, great poets have written verses about all of us being more alike than we are different. The poets who wrote those lines were trying to foretell of a time when those words might cease to be true. They could envision a world where all that mattered were our differences, our divisiveness, our uncrossable chasm. They hoped their message would resonate with people, and through their words, we would find that elusive common ground where our differences really don’t matter. Our common ground will be a firm foundation. It’s a place where one side doesn’t have to lose for the other side to win. A common ground where each side doesn’t feel the need to destroy the other.

There’s an intentional, wide-eyed innocence in my writing. I’ve always written from a perspective that we’re all able to overcome our differences. When I sit down to write, that dreamscape common ground must be alive in my voice. I have to constantly be reaching for that magical distant horizon, again and again by using lines of words, spreading and spilling across a blank page.

I’m not burying my head in the sand. I just can’t write in a voice that’s choking on disillusionment. My own vision of Neverland is filled with light and hope, and I go there to embrace our differences, and to see us all rise collectively as one unified voice. I go there to see a dim light that grows brighter each day, and to see a thin filament of humanity that runs through us all, and how tenuously we cling to it.

Tom Bruce

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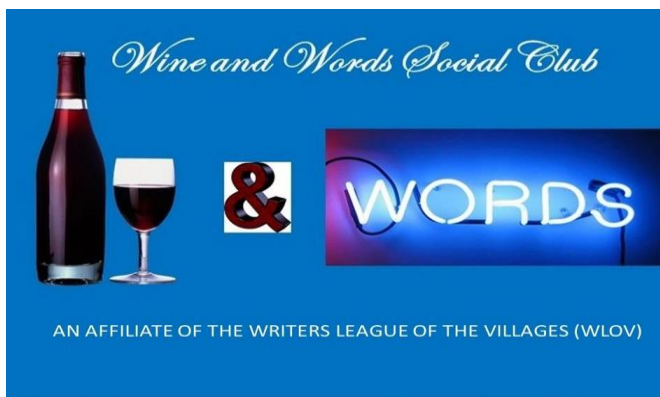
Wine and Words

Thursday evening October 1st

Doors open at 6 pm

Riverbend Recreation Center

The event starts at 6:30 pm till about 8:30pm



Featured Authors this month will include;

Tom Bruce

presenting “The Art of Writing” a four part multimedia presentation,

*Cityscape in Black and White * Two Acapella Poems * Harlem in Moonlight * The Golf Cart Diner*

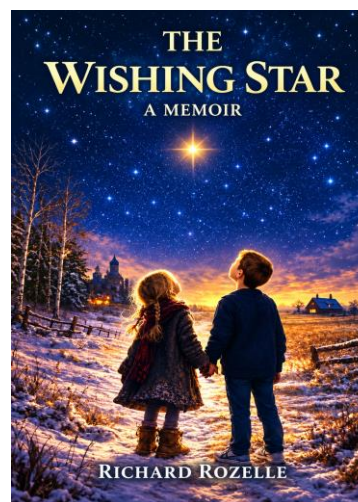
and,

Richard Rozelle

author of

“The Wishing Star”

A memoir



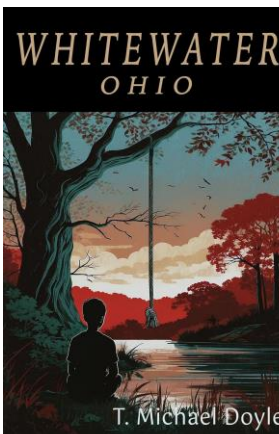
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Local Author Tuesdays, Book Signings

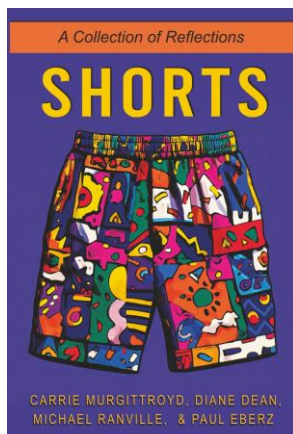
***"All Booked Up Bookstore" at Colony Plaza,
October 13th, from 11 am until 2 pm***



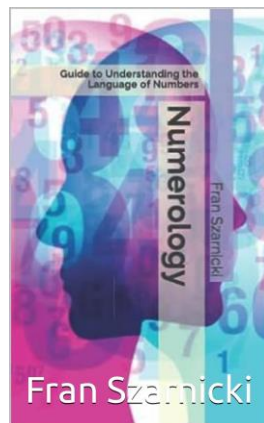
***"Patchington" at Spanish Springs
October 20th, form 12 pm until 4 pm***



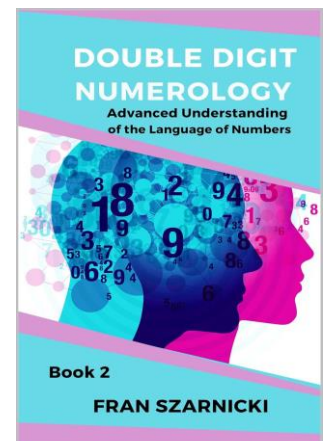
Mike Doyle
"White Water Ohio"



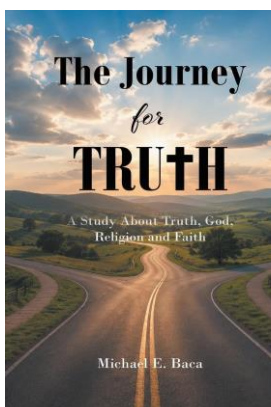
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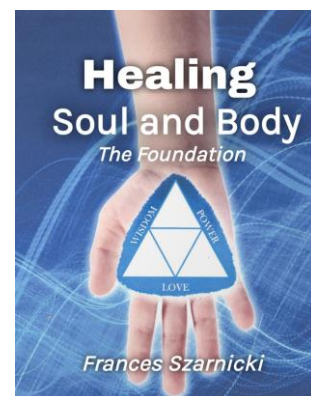


Fran Szarnicki
"Double Digit Numerology"



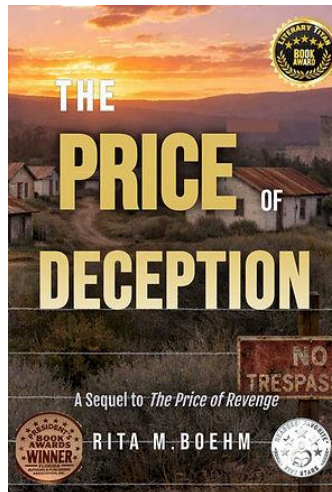
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Fran Szarnicki
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WLOV Members Accomplishments and Notables

Congratulations go out to **Rita Boehm** and her new book, *The Price of Deception*. Rita has made it to the Long List in the *Chanticleer International Book Award* competition in the Thriller and Suspense category. This competition takes a few months, and the next step is to make it down to the Short List, then Semi Finalist, then Finalist. Rita's first book in the series got as far as Finalist, and while that's no small thing, let's hope for even greater success from this latest work.



Members,

This newsletter will keep you updated as Rita's book moves through the judging process.

If you or someone you know is a member of WLOV and has had their work recently recognized, then give me a shout out and I'll make sure the accomplishment is noted and shared in this newsletter. We're here for you and excited with what you have to share, so reach out to me at authortombruce@gmail.com

New Members and Newly Published Work

The information listed here is from those who came forward to speak at our previous month's General meeting. If you are a new member or have published a new book, or had something published other than a book, reach out and I will list that information here. You can send me a note at authortombruce@gmail.com. You can also announce yourself or your new publication at the next General Meeting.

New Members

Susie Perrine is from Las Vegas where she was a real estate broker. She has written several books including *Christmas in Las Vegas*.

Members with New Publications

Mark Philipson has written *The Fall of the House of Light* which takes place in Key West during the Great Havana Hurricane of 1846.

Rick Karlowsky, who usually writes International thrillers, has recently published a children's book, *The Great Frog Chase*, and is donating the proceeds to support autism research.

Dave McKeon has already won two awards for his recent publication of Book 6 in the Lou Gault series, *Eyes of the Assassin*.

Bill Weiss writes about spirituality and has recently published *Soul Verse*.

The Sunshine Committee



Do you know about one of our members 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.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Rita Boehm

FACEBOOK: The Writers League has a public Facebook page – and a special Facebook Group only open to members. I hope you'll check them both out.

Local media articles about members and about WLOV activities are posted on our Facebook page and included in a folder available to everyone. Here's the link to the 2026 album folder of articles and pictures:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1355121896655464&type=3>

If you aren't a part of our Facebook Group, please join us! It's a private Group, so you'll have to request permission to join. Here's the link:

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

FREE PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

THE VILLAGES MAGAZINE: Monthly Author Spotlight

If you haven't been spotlighted in THE VILLAGES MAGAZINE in the last 18 months, email us at WLOVwriters@gmail.com with "Villages Magazine" in the Subject line, and we'll forward the required questionnaire.

We have open slots starting in December. Don't miss out.

THE DAILY SUN: Weekly Author Spotlight

The Daily Sun features local authors in its Sunday edition. If you've published a book within the last 12 months and would like to be featured, send an email with "Daily Sun" in the Subject line, along with a hi-res copy of the book cover to us at WLOVwriters@gmail.com, and we'll add you to the list.

Other opportunities:

All Booked Up, Colony Plaza – If you are interested in having your books featured at this great independent Villages bookstore (1 title for 2 months with an opportunity for a book signing on the 2nd Tuesday of the month), contact Donna Hoover at duciesmom@aol.com or sign up at our next WLOV meeting.

Patchington, Spanish Springs - Contact Judith Glynn at Judith@judithglynn.com if you are interested in doing a book signing on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12 – 4 at this exceptional women's clothing store.

Publishing Services Directory:

Pleased with the publishing services you received from an individual or company? Share the info with your fellow WLOV members by submitting the service provider's contact info to WLOVwriters@gmail.com. We'll add them to our Services Directory.

BOOKEXPO 2027 – Sunday, January 24th, 2027

Registration for BookExpo 2027 opened on July 1. ***Please note that all of the of the exhibitor tables are now spoken for.***

Registration forms were sent to each member with last month's newsletter. Another copy is being forwarded with this newsletter and is also posted on our website: writersleagueofthevillages.com.

The event opens to the general public on September 1 and will be sold out by early October.

Sign up soon if you want to be a part of this exciting annual event.

BookExpo Committee:

We've held 2 very fruitful meetings and the level of support is exciting. We'd love to have you join our team.

Currently, our Sponsorship Subcommittee is hard at work and needs some additional volunteers to approach potential sponsors. You'll be provided with a script and all the materials that you need.

WLOV is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Our sponsor contributions go to funding scholarships, like the one provided to Wildwood HS senior, Abigail Hawes, whose winning essay is included in this newsletter.