



I love seeing green leaves on trees. It reminds me that summer is around the corner.

How is your writing going? Don't take a summer break. Write every day even if it's just a few words.

"Any man who keeps working is not a failure. He may not be a great writer, but if he applies the old-fashioned virtues of hard, constant labor, he'll eventually make some kind of a career for himself as a writer."

-Ray Bradbury

Write on!  
Sandra Almonte  
Newsletter Chair

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**Announcing the 2019 GLVWG Anthology**  
Theme: Rewriting The Past



Donna Brennan, Anthology Chair

**Maximum Lengths:**

Fiction: 2,500 Words ~ Essays: 500 Words ~ Poetry: 65 Lines  
You can enter in more than one category, but only one entry per category.

**Submission Dates:**

Opens: September 1, 2018 ~ Closes: September 30, 2018 (Midnight)  
(To help us plan, please let us know asap if you are interested.)

**Requirements:**

Original Material Only.  
No Previously published material.

Electronic Submission Only (.doc or .docx format);  
New Times Roman, 12 pt, double spaced;  
Website link for submissions will be available prior to September.

Family Friendly: No explicit gore, sex, or erotica.  
Best judgement on strong language.

**Fees:**

\$10 Fee to offset cost of editors.  
This fee will be waived if Author participates in critique groups  
or Writer's Café for feedback on their entire work.

**Need More Info?**

Look for more information in an upcoming blog post.

Email Questions to [glvwg.anthology@gmail.com](mailto:glvwg.anthology@gmail.com)



Dawn M. Sooy, Conference Chair

The dates for the conference are March 21, 22, 23rd, 2019 and the keynote speaker is Ben Wolf, known far and wide as “the flash fiction guy” and “the Splickety guy” and “the speculative fiction guy.” (It just depends who you ask.)



## From the Desk of our Vice President

Donna Brennan

### Volunteerism and GLVWG

GLVWG is a great organization. It provides resources, education, support, and outlets to advance the writing interests of its members.

We provide:

- monthly programs to edify, encourage, and equip members in their writing journey.
- opportunities to participate at local events (Barnes and Nobles Author Days; library talks; Battle of the Books; etc.)
- a quarterly newsletter, with tips and info on upcoming events and meetings.
- an online presence (website, Facebook, and blog) with helpful advice and as a platform to announce your events and accomplishments as authors, and also a place to publish writing related articles.

We sponsor:

- a biennial anthology that provides a publishing outlet for our members, and acts as a teaching tool for either submitting our writing or self-publishing.
- an annual conference packed with information on craft, marketing, self-publishing, and more; The conference also provides opportunities to pitch our work and to network with others interested and involved in writing and publishing.

Volunteers donate their time and effort to make all of this possible for the rest of us. Volunteers are more than just the life blood of the organization--they are the hands and feet. We cannot do anything or go anywhere without our volunteers.

Often it's the same people volunteering for multiple tasks. But we like getting new people involved in sharing their perspectives and their energy. Please consider volunteering in some capacity to ensure GLVWG and its programs continue to provide for the needs of its members.



### 2018 GLVWG General Meetings

June 23, September 22, October 27

10:00AM - 12noon

Held at the Palmer Library (1 Weller Place, Easton, PA 18045)

For more information, go [here](#). If you want to see information about past presenters, just scroll down to the "Past Events" section.

**Writers Café**  
**Craft Discussion with Read & Critique**

*Usually every **second Thursday** of the month*  
Held at the **Palmer Library** from 7PM - 9PM

**Writers Café West**  
**Craft discussion with Read & Critique**

*Usually every **third Sunday** of the month*  
Held at **Wanamakers General Store** from 1PM - 3PM  
8888 Kings Hwy, Kempton, PA

*Both are open to the public and free.*  
Get more details about the *Writers Café* and *Writers Café West* [here](#).

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**Writing Conferences**

*These are conferences we think you might be interested in. Please check out the websites and do your own homework. Click on the icon for more info.*





Dan Krippene, Social Media Chair

Hopefully, you're already a frequent flyer on our public [GLVWG Facebook Page](#). Did you know we also have a [Facebook Group Page](#) for members and GLVWG friends to post ideas, or share photos? You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/174798142626>. It works like our Yahoo Group Page, but easier to access and open to non-members who wish to join (approval required by administrator). In the coming year, we'll be revamping the Group Facebook page to attract more users interested in GLVWG's goals and activities. If you already have access to it, use it to share pictures taken at the conference, or post something you've published.

P.S. If you haven't signed up yet, click the "Follow" button on our [GLVWG blog site](#) to get email notices of new articles posted, and don't forget to "Like" our [Facebook Page](#) as well.

GLVWG Member Webpage: <https://greaterlehighvalleywritersgroup.wildapricot.org/>

GLVWG Blog Site: <https://glvwgwritestuffblog.wordpress.com/>

GLVWG Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Greater-Lehigh-Valley-Writers-Group-GLVWG-165117371531/>

GLVWG Yahoo Group Page: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/glvwg/info> (Members Only)



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At every GLVWG meeting, people are encouraged to share their recent successes and/or failures. From April's meeting:

### Successes:

**Matilda Chase (Tillie)** – Genres – Historical Fiction. Spent the last two weeks on a research trip. The librarian in Trenton, TN was on sick leave, and no one else in the library could help me find the info I was seeking. Our trip to Mississippi was a great success, found a lot more data than I expected from a helpful local museum curator. In Richmond, VA a dissertation that had more useful information than I expected.

**Keith Keffer** – Has a new book, "The Promises of Demons." Under technology exploration, Kindle Create— an MS Plugin to create eBooks, easy to use; KDP Rocket—Find keywords to optimize marketing efforts in Kindle (Amazon); Book Funnel—Website that allows you to gift books for a mailing list.

**Chris Ochs** – Genre, fantasy. He is the featured author for the Bethlehem Roundtable for "Off-Color Language."

**Bart and Phyllis Palamaro** – Genre, poetry. Helped a 17-year old with a book on poetry. Kate's book of poetry came out this month for her high school senior project. It was accepted with acclaim. Bart formatted it with full-color pictures under the text.

**Geoffrey Mehl** – Genre, mystery/thriller. Finished seventh book, "Storm of Secrets" and is starting to write the next in the series.

**Mitzi Reinbold aka, Mitzi Flyte** – non-fiction, horror, romance, erotic, women's fiction, mystery. I've been writing on Medium.com instead of blogging. I have more than 600 followers.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR SUCCESSES

### Failure Stories:

One of our members (didn't catch her name) is having health issues and asks for us to keep her in our prayers.  
*YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS*



### Greetings New Members, Visitors, and Guests

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#### Visitors:

**Robert Thornburg** – Considering joining. He writes genres—fantasy, journalism, various short forms.

**Todd Leopold** – He writes genres—general middlebrow fiction, various journalism. He is a recovering journalist who wrote material every day. At times the topics were great, other times dismal. He worked on writing every day. He is challenging himself to stick to writing more fiction, something he hasn't written in years. He is looking to write a novel.

**Dennis Decker** – He writes genres — Poetry, Children's Stories, Historical Fiction. His only published work to date is a technical user guide for software. It's not one of his preferred genres, but it was nice to see something in print.

**Kelly Craig** – Genres — Poetry, children's books, short stories.

#### New Members:

**Kim Lemke** - Genres - Fiction, Fantasy, some poetry.

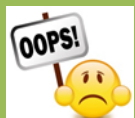
## Want to submit a writing piece to be included in a GLVWG newsletter? You can!

All submissions for the GLVWG newsletter are to be no more than 250 words. Please note that we reserve the right to exclude any writing submissions that are not appropriate for any reason.

You can submit your writing piece at any time. If accepted, it will go into the upcoming issue.

Submissions can be emailed to [glvwg.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:glvwg.newsletter@gmail.com).

**NOTE:** The GLVWG newsletter goes out four times a year - March, June, September, and December. Submissions are due 15 days before the month the publication is going out or it will be included in the next issue.



From time to time there will be human errors. Below are corrections, if any.  
WOOHOO! No errors to report in this issue.