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I'm SO ready for Spring. Aren't you? Well, while we wait...

...enjoy the GLVWG's The Write Stuff Writers Conference this month - the 22nd through the 24th. You're gonna be glad you attended.

"Don't forget - no one sees the world the way you do. So no one else can tell the stories that you have to tell." – Charles de Lint

Write on!  
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## 2019 GLVWG Anthology

The next GLVWG Anthology will be coming out in 2019. More information will be given at the general meeting April 28. Stay tuned.



## 2018 The Write Stuff Writers Conference™

Dawn M. Sooy, Conference Chair



**March is Roaring out like a lion, and the 2018 Write Stuff Writer's Conference™ is packed with over 30 great events. Hope to see you there, March 22, 23, 24.**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Keith Keffer

### Success Leaves Clues

One of my business mentors recently said, “Ask questions, then listen to the people who have actually done it. Success leaves clues.” I really liked this and I think, at its core, this is what I enjoy about GLVWG.

We have authors at all different levels of their journey in our group, and the wonderful thing about all of them is that they are willing to share what they have learned. If I’m stumped with a problem, I can always ask my fellow GLVWG members. Someone always seems to have experienced a similar issue, and I always learn something useful from the responses.

Often, my biggest concern is asking a question that might seem foolish, but if I have, I’ve never been made to feel that way. Our members are always supportive of our efforts, and everyone seems to be aware that what is obvious to one of us might not be so for others.

As much as I appreciate the support of others, I realize that the next step is up to me. Simply listening to advice won’t make me a better writer, or help me manage my time better, or magically make sure I hit all my deadlines. I have to be willing to act on that advice.

That’s probably true for all of us.

I try to follow a pretty basic formula when it comes to embracing new ideas.

1. Ask focused questions.
2. Listen to the answers with an open mind. I try to avoid dismissing anything out of hand. Even if I tried it before without success, I’m open to looking at it again. Maybe the problem was in my implementation and not actually the plan.
3. Test the options. Just because something worked really well for someone else, doesn’t mean it will work as well for me.
4. Keep what works well for me. File what doesn’t. If something doesn’t work today, it might work later when my situation changes.
5. Share what I’ve learned with others. It’s amazing how explaining an idea to others solidifies it in my own mind.

With the Write Stuff Writers Conference coming up at the end of March, we all have an opportunity to learn something new. After you leave the conference look at your notes and find three or four things that you can put to the test. Find out if they work for you, and when you do, share them with your fellow writers.

I’d love to hear about your successes at the April meeting.



## **2018 GLVWG General Meetings**

April 28, May 26, June 23

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](#).



## **GLVWG Conferences**

*Click on the icon below for more info.*





Dan Krippene, Social Media Chair

I'm sure you've noticed an increase of [GLVWG Wordpress Blog](https://glvwg.writestuffblog.wordpress.com) posts in preparation for the 2018 GLVWG Write Stuff Conference™ March 23 – 25 promoting the presenters. As a member, please help us get the word out by going to each presenter's Facebook pages and "Liking" them (links to presenter FB and Twitter are included at the end of each article). On the conference dates, we'll have a full schedule posted on the blog. Oh, and you haven't already done it, please sign up for email notices on the blog (<https://glvwg.writestuffblog.wordpress.com>), so you don't miss the fun.

Hopefully, you're already a frequent flyer on our public [GLVWG Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/174798142626). Did you know we also have a [Facebook Group Page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/174798142626) 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.

See you at the conference...

P.S. If you haven't signed up yet, click the "Follow" button on our [GLVWG blog site](https://glvwg.writestuffblog.wordpress.com) to get email notices of new articles posted, and don't forget to "Like" our [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/174798142626) as well.

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

GLVWG Blog Site: <https://glvwg.writestuffblog.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. Below are a few.

### Successes:

**Phil Giunta's** In February, Phil Giunta's post-WWII tale, "All That Matters is What You Believe" took second place in the short story contest sponsored by the Farpoint SF convention in Maryland.

- Will be a writer guest at the 25th anniversary Far Point Convention in Maryland.
- "Like Mother, Like Daughter" - the Third novel in paranormal series was accepted by Fire Bringer Press.
- Short story submitted and accepted by Smart Rhino Publication, for an anthology called Plague of Shadows
- Phil, Chris Ochs, Bart Palamaro have accepted short stories in the "Meanwhile in the Middle of Eternity"

**GLVWG's Writer Stuff Writers Conference™** featured in the Conference Scene area of the February issue of Writers Digest

**Donna Brennen** will be presenting the topic, "Making it personal, Mastering the Point of View" at the Lancaster Christian writers group



### Greetings New Members, Visitors, and Guests

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#### Visitors:

**AndreaHargrove** – first-time visitor - genres are fantasy and sci-fi.

**Marcus** –first-time visitor – poetry.

**EmilyMiller** – Writing a history of the Wright School, the first Montessori school in1912

#### New Members (January):

**Cheryl Jones** – children's books

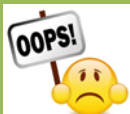
## Want to submit a writing piece to be included in a GLVWG newsletter? You can!

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.