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Hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend. If you were on a writing summer hiatus, it's time to get back at it.

Remember...

"If you wait for inspiration to write, you're not a writer, you're a waiter." - Dan Poynter

SO...

"Don't be 'a writer'. Be writing." - William Faulkner

Write on!
Sandra Almonte
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2019 GLVWG Anthology

Dawn M. Sooy, Anthology Chair

2019 seems so far away, and yet it will arrive quickly. Has anyone noticed the older you are, the faster time passes? This is one good reason why we should start preparing now.

A few weeks ago, I sent a survey to the active members asking them to choose their favorite theme for the anthology. Remember, your choice will reflect in the three categories of writing: Short Story, Essay, and Poetry. If you have not received the email, please get in touch with me dmssooy@msn.com, and I will be happy to forward the survey to you.

Just as a reminder:

1. Short Story

- a. No more than 2,500 words
2. Essay
 - a. No more than 500 words
3. Poetry
 - a. 65 lines less than 70 characters.
 - b. Two pages or less
 - c. Left Justified
4. ALL CATEGORIES
 - a. Submission, double-spaced, times roman font size 12
 - b. Document format, odt, doc or docx
 - c. Absolutely no graphic sexual content or gore. PG content.
 - d. No illustrations

At our September 23rd General Meeting, I will announce the theme with the most votes. Any votes made after September 22nd, 6:00 PM EST will not be included.

Bernadette Sukley has agreed to be the Anthology Co-Chair, and I am grateful as well as delighted with the opportunity to work with her.

See you all in September!

2018 The Write Stuff Writers Conference ^(TM)

Dawn M. Sooy, Conference Chair

Greetings to my fellow writers.

Is everyone anxiously waiting to attend our 2018 Writer's Conference? I sure hope so because we, the Conference Committee, have been working diligently to bring you a program you can sink your teeth into or to put it in writer terms, dip your quill in the inkwell.

During the upcoming months, we will add blogs concerning the sessions offered, information about our presenters, registration, and much more. Stay tuned. You don't want to miss anything.

In 2018, GLVWG is celebrating 25 years as a writer's group, and as part of the conference, we are acknowledging that fact. After all, without The Greater Lehigh Valley Writer's Group, there would be no Write Stuff Writer's ConferenceTM. Please select this link <https://glvwgwritesstuffblog.wordpress.com/> to read more about GLVWG's 25 years.

Join us in 2018 by registering beginning December 1, 2017, and **check out our prices**. What conference offers three-days of a keynote speaker with over 70 published books, Marketing Promotions, critique sessions, agent/editor pitch sessions, and 20+ writing sessions for less than \$300 (member price)?

GLVWG does.

All these workshops...

AND free lunch.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Keith Keffer

Settling In

Wow! My first article as President.

There are so many things running through my head as I sit down to write this that I had to struggle to narrow it down to one topic. With a little effort I was able to do better than that. I was able to narrow it down to two words.

Thank you.

To all of the GLVWG members, thank you for your faith in me. The well wishes I've received from members have been greatly appreciated. Please feel free to bring any concerns, suggestions or questions to my attention. I have always felt that the best way to grow is to listen to those around you. Steady feedback from our membership is crucial to ensuring that we are addressing your needs.

To all of the members of the board, thank you for your continued dedication to the improvement of GLVWG. Your hard work is what makes so many of our programs run seamlessly. I'm sure there will be challenges for us to face. I'm equally sure that together we will overcome them.

To Peggy Adamczyk, thank you for inviting me on the board and helping me to get started on this path. I always appreciate your advice and admire your passion for GLVWG's well-being.

I'm excited to be a part of GLVWG and to be able to take part in all of the awesome workshops and seminars that we offer throughout the year including the annual The Write Stuff Writers Conference^(TM). I hope that all of you will be able to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities that are available to you by being a member of GLVWG, and I look forward to working with you in the year to come.

From the Desk of our Vice President

Donna Brennan

Reciprocity and the Writer

When I was young, my idea of being a writer was sitting at a typewriter on my kitchen table and typing away at my works of genius. I thought, "All I have to do is write it, send it out, and of course it will sell." Boy did I have a lot to learn.

Through my association with other writers, writing groups, and writing conferences, I learned that there is much to learn when it comes to writing. I've also learned that selling a book doesn't end when you sign a contract. There's often a lot of editing before a book is published, and a lot of promoting and networking before and after it's released. That's where having a strong network of writer friends comes in handy.

While having a small critique group and an editor are both invaluable as you prepare your work, you need a much larger group to help you promote your book and you as a writer. Of course, it only works when we all help each other. We can share on Facebook, twitter, and other social media when a friend has written something we find useful or enjoyable--even better, post a review on Amazon or Goodreads. If we're not willing to help out others, we can't expect them to help us out.

And be sure to take advantages of some of the opportunities offered by GLVWG to promote your books or yourself. These programs can help you to succeed, but the programs themselves are only successful if members

participate.



You must be 18 years of age or older to attend any GLVWG event.

2017 GLVWG General Meetings

September 23, October 28, November 25

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.



GLVWG Afternoon Speakers

After the GLVWG General Meetings (1:30PM)

Held at the Palmer Library

(The afternoon workshops are free for GLVWG members, and \$15 for non-members. Registration is easy, simply go to glvwg.org. And if you're paying via check, please bring it with you to the event.)

For more information, go [here](#). If you're looking for 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

7PM - 9PM

Held at the Palmer Library

Open to the public and free.

Get more details about the Writers Café [here](#).



Non GLVWG Conferences

Below are conferences we think you might be interested in. Click on the icon for more info.



Dan Krippene

The 2017 GLVWG Conference behind us, we're already making plans for getting the word out about our 2018 conference with best seller, **Bob Mayer**, headlining the event. It will also mark GLVWG's 25th anniversary, celebrating a quarter century of excellence in writing partnerships.

We'll begin a blog campaign with presenter profiles beginning November through early January, followed by answers to "a few questions" by presenters through February. Meanwhile, check out Dawn Sooy's article, [The Number Twenty-Five](#), highlighting the amazing events planned for the 2018 conference.

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.

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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)



GLVWG Success Stories

Judy England-McCarthy

At every GLVWG meeting, people are encouraged to share their recent successes and/or failures. Below are a few.

In May:

Peggy Adamczyk won a free conference held at the Seton Hill University in Pittsburgh for the MSA Conference for their students.

Dawn Sooy has a short story published in an anthology called "Incarceration". Available in book and kindle format.

Steve Sora asked to endorse a book called *The Secret Life of Lady Liberty* and the book was also endorsed by Graham Nash (Crosby, Stills, and Nash).

Christine Bush – a hybrid publisher of *Sunny Smile* and *Almost Anonymous*; trying to cross genres, learning about CreateSpace.

Bob Moyer is a featured poet for "Cowboy Poetry Press" website.

Ralph Burns – researching for a book and had the privilege of speaking with the Arthur Conan Doyle Family who shared many unknown facts.

In June:

Successes

Alan Katz Is collaborating with Project Adventure to submit a proposal to the MacArthur Foundation to create a pilot program using his team building kit as a way to promote his work.

Joe Fleckenstein - His short story titled "We, the ROTC Cadets" was published in "Military Experiences & the Arts" ezine.

Christopher D. Ochs - Received a 4 out of 5 star review from ReadersFavorite.Com for his book, *If I can't Sleep, You can't Sleep*.

Failures

Bernadette Sukley - Received a rejection, but it is a step forward toward the representation that she is seeking.

Arlene Steelman - She has two rejections on a nail on the wall in her office. Following the example set by Stephen King.

Charles Kiernan - After creating a Facebook page for his book, Jonathan Clearly, "Jonathan" received an American Express application.

Keith Keffer - Has gotten very little writing done since getting a new puppy (Hugster). That surprised him because 5 years ago when he last got a new puppy (Cuddles), the puppy kept waking him up at 3am then going back to sleep. 3am turned out to be a great time to write. Hugster is a bit more demanding. When he wakes him up, it's playtime not writing time.

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Greetings New Members, Visitors, and Guests

Judy England-McCarthy

New Members:

Christine Gillies – writes short stories, memoirs (also a visitor)

Alan Katz – created a teen-building kit based on qualities and roles

Judy England-McCarthy – short stories, mysteries

Jennifer Watts – 26 years ops IT technical writer, editor of newsletter, creative non-fiction.

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 glvvg.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.

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