

DEAD TO WRITES

A MALICE IN MEMPHIS NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2016 ISSUE

Dear Fellow Malice Members,

We have a lot of exciting things happening right now with Malice in Memphis. Our second anthology is in the works, and we are writing stories for the third. We have a retreat coming up October 28-30th, and we are fast at work on our very own website we hope to launch in September!

Speaking of the website, Elaine is tasked with collecting the bio's and pictures of our members for the website. If you don't wish to include a picture, that is okay, but please send a bio in of about 250 words to hookedonwriting@bellsouth.net asap.

Saturday, August 13th, will be a planning meeting for the retreat. We will go over programming, scheduling, attendance and menus. Please attend this meeting if able so we can get as many members input as possible. We will also update the group on the upcoming website. And if time allows, we will address any issues members might be having in writing a story for the third anthology in which our subject is Memphis in May.

Last month our special guest was Detective Justine Reames of the Bartlett Police Department and she shared her knowledge on Serial Killers. We thank her for attending and hope to have her return soon.

I hope to see everyone August 13th!

Thanks!

Kristi Bradley

TREASURER'S REPORT:

I won't be at the meeting because of a meeting in Milan TN that I must attend. I sent a copy of the financial report for the meeting with Carolyn McSparren and a list of membership of which I left off Jim Paavala / Susan Wooten / and Steve Bradshaw who paid 2016 dues in November of 2015. I was without a computer for a week/ then without a keyboard for a week so way behind here.

Thanks

Barbara Christopher

WRITING TIP: TAKEN FROM THE JULY 2013 MALICE NEWSLETTER

Balance the use of beats and tags throughout your manuscript so the work won't be repetitive. Remember a tag is the identifier line with the word said or another tag word (retorted, murmured etc) and a beat describes a physical action or internal thought of the speaking character.

Happy Writing

Barbara Christopher

Minutes for July 9, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Kristi

In attendance:

Kristi, Alyssa, Barbara, Vickie, Juanita, Carolyn, Jim, Richard, Margaret, Seth, Dutch, Beth, Elaine, Cheryl, Lynn, Mary Balsamo, Angelyn Jackie and Susan.

Our guest speaker was Detective Justine Reames, of Bartlett Police Department and one guest Tom Ayles.

Kristi asked for a motion to dispense on the reading of the minutes, Barbara made the motion and Vickie seconded the motion. All agreed and Motion passed.

Introductions were made for our guests. Susan informed the group that submissions for the next anthology were to be sent to her and she will make sure that we get her email address so that you can send them to her.

Barbara gave the Treasurer's report. August program will be working on the programming for the retreat. Kristi informed the group that Missy had stepped down as President due to her moving to Iowa to take care of her aunt, who recently had a stroke. It was suggested that Kristi step into the position which leaves the position of Vice President open and the subject would be brought up at the August meeting.

The floor was yielded to Det. Reames on her program of serial killers in Tennessee.

Meeting was called at 12:00 and announcement that we would be going to lunch at Sweet Pea due to Brad's being closed for vacation. (Elaine please correct me if I got that wrong on the name of the restaurant.)

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Third Anthology news:

We are working on getting the next anthology which will be focusing on Memphis in May festivities. The stories can be ghost stories or mysteries, writer's choice. We are looking at a September deadline so that hopefully the release of the anthology can coincide with next year's Memphis in May.

I would like to know the basis of your story, i.e. location or type of death, ghost story or murder. This is so we don't have any duplicates. I will have a form going around the next few meetings for people to fill out for this.

CURRENT ANTHOLOGY NEWS:

I have conferred with Allan Gilbreath, our publisher at Dark Oak Press and 2nd Anthology and the anthology is now in editing. He will keep me apprised of the status in the upcoming weeks and hopefully we will have a publication date soon. It is getting closer folks and we will need to start working on book signings for the Second Anthology.

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Kristi's book is now available. This is from the email I received from Dark Oak Press.

I spoke with Steve last month and got an update. Steve Bradshaw is with a new publisher. They are re-releasing THE BELL TRILOGY in September and his new novel EVIL LIKE ME is releasing October.



New Release!

by [agilbreath2014](#)



Release The Inner Valkyrie

The powers of the mythological valkyrie spirit begin to emerge after an attack by an obsessed fan that nearly killed Mysta.

While recuperating, she reunites with an old high school friend, Kieran, who encourages her to explore her new memories, assuring her that he was her former love. She longs for the passion they shared, until his brother Garik arrives. A strange and overwhelming attraction plunges her into a bizarre sibling rivalry as the men begin a deadly competition to win her heart.

Unknown to Mysta, for condemning him to the underworld, a demi-god seeks revenge on her valkyrie spirit. Rather than face her, he exploits the men in her life to achieve his evil goals. As the young woman continues to recover and her relationships develop, she discovers that one of the brothers really was her past love, but is he already possessed by the very fiend she must destroy?

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