

DEAD TO WRITES

A MALICE IN MEMPHIS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2015 ISSUE

From the President:

All,

They say what you are doing on New Years Eve you will be doing for the rest of the year. Well, let's hope that 'THEY' are correct because we sold 11 (count them) books at Spaghetti Warehouse Dinner Theater! Thank you Phyllis for setting that up for us, and a special thanks to Dark Oak Press and Kimberly Richardson (editor, author, cover designer) for making us our big banner and handling the sales for us.

Now that we have our first book under our belts, it is time to focus inward and get the second one up and running! Our first rough draft is due at the January meeting. If you don't have it ready, please strive for the February meeting.

I look forward to yet another productive year with all of you beside me, and I am very thankful for the support that everyone brings to the table for each other.

Missy

Don't forget to pay your dues this month. \$24.00 for the year.

Check out our new Anthology:

Malice in Memphis: Bluff City Mysteries.
You can get it at

<http://www.darkoakpress.com/malice.html> or on Amazon.

THIS MONTH: JANUARY:

DISCUSS 2015 SCHEDULE, BOOK SIGNINGS AND WHAT WE WANT FOR THE YEAR.

All,

What a wild ride 2014 has been, but we finally made it! It's been so exciting to see our book finally in print and actually selling!

I'd like to send out a special thank you to Phyllis for having us at dinner theater at Spaghetti Warehouse New Year's Eve, and thanks to Kimberly Richardson for being our Dark Oak Press Rep. We sold 11 out of 15 copies that night alone!

I'm waiting on a response from Allan regarding our total sales thus far, and regarding non-receipt of our advance checks that were supposed to be out before the end of 2014. I will pass his response on as soon as I hear back.

This Saturday, we will discuss plans for the year to include: signing locations and contact info; our next anthology; and any guests we might be interested in inviting to our meetings.

I hope everyone has a first draft finished of their ghost stories to turn in to Carolyn. Let's get the second anthology submission ready for 2015!

I hope to see everyone Saturday!

Kristi Bradley
VP Malice in Memphis

WRITING TIP:

We make plans each year to begin new, to become more prolific to be more dedicated. This takes effort on your part. Set aside time to write each day. Write one paragraph or even one sentence. Some days you won't be "home" for various reasons. If that happens write something in longhand. Whether it's on your computer or on a tablet it's still writing. And yes there will be some days when you are not able to write. In that case make time to "catch up". When you write you increase your knowledge of the craft, and knowledge of the craft makes you a better writer.

Happy Writing
Barbara Christopher

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LIST OF LOCATIONS CHOSEN FOR THE GHOST STORIES

Missy	Bemis Mill, in Bemis TN and Fictional Elementary School
Kristi	Evergreen Historical District, Rainbow Lake in Overton Park
Barbara	Russwood Park and St. Columba Episcopal Center, Eads School
Juanita	Old Maley Yarbrough Funeral home Covington, TN
Carolyn	Asher Hall
Elaine	LaGrange, TN and Train Station
Angelyn	Midtown location / Rhodes College area
Phyllis	Summer Avenue Drive in
Vicki	
Steve	Harahan Bridge, Tunnels under Memphis
Seth	Town previously occupied by Indians
Jim	Fontaine House

If I wrote down the wrong thing I apologize in advance. Please let me know the correct location you have chosen or if there is an additional location for you. There are many places around the Mid-South area so let's write some ghost stories.

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Minutes for November 7, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Kristi at 10:20 a.m. In attendance was Barbara, Jim, Angelyn Kristi, Seth, Steve, Vickie, Elaine and Pat with one visitor Richard Powell.

Old Business: Contracts

Per Pat Contracts \$30.00/story with Royalties every 6 months or quarterly instead of yearly.

Need to make note that 90 days prior to the end of the current contract we need to vote whether to continue with Dark Oak Press or terminate per the wording of contract.

New Business: Deadlines for Ghost Story Anthology

1. First Draft by January Meeting for Carolyn to start editing.
2. 20 pages

Christmas party will be at Barbara's house in Eads TN and is potluck.

Today's program is Show don't Tell...presented by Elaine Meece.