

# DEAD TO WRITES

A MALICE IN MEMPHIS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015 ISSUE

I spoke September 14th at the Friends of the Bartlett Library meeting about Malice in Memphis, the benefits of joining a writers group, my role as VP, our anthology Bluff City Mysteries as well as my writing process. Read an excerpt of Voodoo Village. Well received, sold a few books and they'd like to have us back once we publish our second anthology. Also might have drummed up a new member or two. Thanks for having Malice at the Friends of Bartlett Library!

Our guest this month will be Preston Koelling, Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at East Arkansas Community College. He has 37 years of law enforcement including Public Safety, Private Investigations, Crime Prevention, Homeland Security, Interrogation and Criminal Investigation. He has a Master of Science in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Administration. This guest will be quite informative to the writer whether seasoned or just starting out.

I hope everyone can make this Saturday's meeting.

**Kristi Bradley**  
**VP Malice in Memphis**

October is here and hopefully fall weather will not be far behind. I am ready for cooler and the leaves will start changing. We have Halloween coming up as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas. November meeting will be here and Christmas meeting will be our Christmas party at Barbara's house in Eads, TN. We voted earlier in the year not to have a retreat this year but we are looking for a new venue so that we can hold one next year.

## WRITING TIP: FROM OCTOBER 2014

When reading, read with a literal mind. Visualize what the words really say. The girls hand flew into the air. WOW can't you just see the hand flying upward toward the ceiling. I don't know about you, but I've never been able to detach my hand so it would be impossible for it to fly. Watch out for the flying body parts. They can create a lot of laughs. It's a mistake we have all made, and while some sentences may sound like flying body parts there are some who that can pass for possible. It's the impossible ones that need fixing.

Keep writing  
Barbara Christopher

P.S. The girl raised her hand and waved frantically. (this eliminates the flying body part and adds a few more words in the process which could be helpful when needing to increase that ever necessary word count.)

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## Malice in Memphis Minutes – September 2015

Meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m. by Kristi Bradley, Vice President. In attendance: Kristi, Juanita, Pat, Cindy, Seth, Carolyn, Beth, Angelyn, Jim and Cheryl. Also our guest Lt. Mike Greenleaf of the Germantown Fire Department and Suzanne Gaia who came as a friend of our speaker.

Business: Carolyn gave an update on the stories and passed around a sheet to make sure of what she had and what the authors think she has and to make sure we are on track. If you know you owe Carolyn anything please get it to her ASAP.

Suzanne introduced herself as a member of Angelyn and Mike's critique group. Mike is a Lt. of the Germantown Fire dept. He gave a lot of good information about fires and investigations, as well as the hierarchy of the Fire Department. If you have any questions about fires or need to know more please feel free to email Mike at [mikeinusa1@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeinusa1@hotmail.com). Please let him know you are with Malice in Memphis Writers Group.

Meeting was called at 4:50p and dinner was at Rafferty's near the Cordova Library.

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Happy Halloween!