

DEAD TO WRITES

A MALICE IN MEMPHIS NEWSLETTER

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Wow, can you believe it is September already? This year is flying by fast. I want to remember those that lost their lives as well as those first responders to the tragedy in New York, Washington, DC and the field in PA. Never Forget September 11, 2001.

I want to welcome Lt. Mike Green, with the Germantown Fire Department. He writes Young Adult Fantasy and is in the same critique group as Angelyn. Welcome Mike. We will be taking Mike to dinner after the meeting if anybody would like to join us.

If we don't have a special guest for October (at the normal location Bartlett Library), Carolyn will be teaching us about Settings.

If you have an article or suggestions for articles please email them to me at juanitah03@aol.com so that they can be put in the next newsletter or future newsletters.

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL

Juanita Houston, Editor of

Dead to Writes, A Malice in Memphis production.

NEWS:

From the VP:

OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CORDOVA LIBRARY, LOCATED AT 8457 TRINITY ROAD, CORDOVA. PHONE NUMBER IS 901-754-8443. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 3P AND OUR GUEST WILL BE... Mike Green is a Lieutenant with Germantown Fire Department. He is also a writer of Young Adult Fantasy

WRITING TIP:

One subject I like to call "other world" writing has some qualities that can't be ignored. If you create a whole Universe remember to make rules, regulations and parameters for your "world" and stick to them. This can be physical, mental or material. It helps to have a "bible" with all the parameters written down. That way you can look up a 'law' that might change how one of your characters behaves.

Keep writing
Barbara Christopher

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Meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m. by Kristi Bradley, Vice President. In attendance: Kristi, Steve, Carolyn, Elaine, Richard, Beth Hines, Gene Hines (speaker) Angelyn and Guest Michael Thompson.

Business: Pictures are needed for the stores to send to Ann Smith for the drawings for the anthology. Our guest is Gene Hines: UT Health Science Center. Research Liaison, Office of Research Compliance. 1984-present.

Explained how the research process in the various labs around the country and where he is currently employed.

Meeting was called at 12:00p and Lunch was at Brad's BBQ.

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I am not sure where this came from but a good story.

The Morals of Dishonesty

Robbers entered a bank in a small town. One of them shouted, "Don't move! The money belongs to the bank. Your lives belong to you." Immediately all the people in the bank lay on the floor quietly and without panic.

This is an example of how the correct wording of a sentence can make everyone change their view of the world.

One woman lay on the floor in a provocative manner. One of the robbers approached her saying, "Ma'am, this is a robbery not a rape. Please behave accordingly."

This is an example of how to behave professionally and focus on the goal.

While running from the bank the youngest robber (who had a college degree) said to the oldest robber (who had barely finished elementary school), "Hey, maybe we should count how much we stole."

The older man said, "Don't be stupid. It's a lot of money, so let's wait for the news on TV to find out how much money was taken from the bank."
This is an example of how life experience is more important than a degree.

After the robbery, the manager of the bank said to his accountant, "Let's call the cops and tell them how much has been stolen."
"Wait," said the Accountant. "Before we do that, let's add the \$800,000.00 we took for ourselves a few months ago and say it was stolen as part of today's robbery."
This is an example of taking advantage of an opportunity.

The following day it was reported that the bank was robbed of \$3 million. The robbers then counted the money, but only found \$1 million. They grumbled, "We risked our lives for \$1 million while the bank's management robbed two million dollars without blinking? Maybe it's better to learn how to work the system, instead of being a simple robber."
This is an example of how knowledge can be more useful than power.

Moral: Give a person a gun, and he can rob a bank. Give a person a bank, and he can rob everyone.