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## PWC Monthly Meetings

*Phoenix Writers Club meets every 3rd Saturday of the month.*

### NEXT MEETING:

**Saturday, January 15 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. via Zoom.**

Members: No fee. Guests: Two meetings free, then membership required for further attendance.

**RSVP** to Navissa Kaiser at [navissak@hotmail.com](mailto:navissak@hotmail.com), call or text (480) 200-5191.



## January Speaker

*In January, we welcome Chantelle Aimée Osman !*

Chantelle Aimée Osman (she/her) is the editor of Agora Books, focusing on socially and culturally unique crime fiction and horror from award-winning publisher Polis Books.



Since founding in 2019, Agora titles have been nominated for Edgar, Dagger, Anthony, Strand Critics, Macavity and Lefty awards, as well as being featured in *NPR*, *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Post*, *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, *The Chicago Tribune* and *Entertainment Weekly*, named to several “best of” lists for both 2020 and 2021 and won three International Latino Book Award medals.

She was named a *Publishers Weekly* Rising Star honoree in 2020 and has been a judge for the Phoenix Film Festival, International Thriller Awards and the National Association of Hispanic Publication’s José Martí Awards.

The former editor-in-chief of *RT Book Reviews Magazine* and a freelance editor for over 10 years, she is also an instructor at the Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing, Authors at Large and LitReactor. Chantelle is the author of the non-fiction series on writing The Quick and Dirty Guides To..., has published numerous works of short fiction, and has served as the editor of multiple anthologies, including the upcoming *Jewish Noir, Volume 2* from PM Press. She hosts the Words of Prey podcast through the Pipeline Artists Network.

Find her online at [chantelleaimee.com](http://chantelleaimee.com) and on Twitter [@SuspenseSiren](https://twitter.com/SuspenseSiren).

## A Note from the PWC President

Happy 2022!

It was good to see so many of you at our December gathering and we missed all of you who couldn't attend. There are pictures sent with this newsletter. Thank you again to our ideal hosts, Bernadette and Joe Inlan. We are hoping to get back to in-person meetings soon and will touch on this at our meeting and at our board meeting immediately following the general session. It seems that we are still in that 'not knowing how to proceed period' that we were in last year so we will do our best to do what is right for the members.

### *Honorary Memberships*

We recognized the following members with an honorary membership at our December Salon. This is an acknowledgment of a long-time member who has given to the club in various capacities over the years and to the art of writing.

Pam Coulter is a long-time PWC member and served as our detailed secretary for eight years. During this time, she also assisted in leading meetings and stepping in when we did not have a president in whatever capacity that was needed. Pam has shared with us her entrancing stories of her family and life growing up in Wyoming. She continually encourages our members with her wise advice and her youthful spirit keeps us going through good times and bad. Thank you Pam!

Uta Behrens is one of PWC's longest-time members and former president of PWC several times, the most recent when we were without a president before the pandemic. She has established two writing contests for PWC members, one for poetry and another for a non-fiction book that are taking place this year. Uta is an award-winning poet with several books of poetry and encourages our members to write and share their work. She also has written a non-fiction book relating her many years in real estate and the ups and downs of being a landlord. She is and has been a board member of many philanthropic organizations in Phoenix and her expertise is an integral benefit to PWC. Thank you Uta!

Geri Rosato is another long-standing member and advocate of PWC members for many years. Geri has arranged for book signings, speaker opportunities, public relations, and booster to many of our authors. She has formed followings and supported countless PWC authors and is active with numerous organizations that promote authors and news people across the board. She is a member of Arizona House of Broadcasting and has provided a myriad of speakers over the years for PWC, including Bill Thompson, 'Wallace' of one of the longest-running shows in Phoenix, The Wallace and Ladmo Show. Thank you Geri!

PWC has been home to some of the most creative writers and supporters of all genres in its long history and we are fortunate to have your talents as part of our group.

Here's to a year of writing that fills your soul and I look forward to partaking in your journey.

Write on,  
*Cindi Reiss*

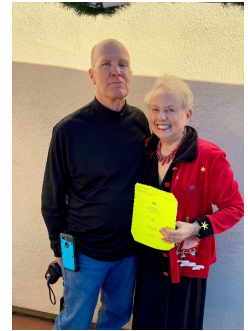


## Miss Out? December's 2021 Salon

Thank you to Bernadette and Joe for hosting such a fun event.

We enjoyed appetizers and then munchie foods. The desserts were decadent. The best was seeing everyone face-to-face.

During the Salon, we heard from many folks as they shared their writings and life events.



Cindi , Jenny, June Powers, Kixx Goldman, Les Goldman, and Bernadette highlighted the Salon.

We even had a camera-shy out-of-state member join us (CW).

Jenny posted more pictures on Facebook at

<https://photos.google.com/album/AF1QipNAAsBZsrHGXjwhWkVNc6-vEBnBpqwjCOVKtCG>

As Cindi mentions in her President's note, three members were awarded honorary membership in recognition for their service to the club: Pam Coulter, Uta Behrens, and Geri Rosato. Join us in our celebrations of their recognition.

## PWC Critique Writing Group

Our critique workshop meets via Zoom every other Friday. The January workshops will be on January 14, 6-8 p.m. and January 28, 6-8 p.m. Email Bernadette Inclan at [bsbincoin@aol.com](mailto:bsbincoin@aol.com) for more information.

## Write On Writers (WOW) News

You are always welcome to join us at our Write on Writers (WOW) group after the general meeting. However, in January 2022 there will be an officer's meeting instead. Email Cindi Reiss at [writeoncindi@gmail.com](mailto:writeoncindi@gmail.com) for more info.



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## Local Writing Activities

**The Arizona Writing Workshop**, online conferences coming soon.

<https://arizonawritingworkshop.com/>

**Western Pulp Fiction with Steven Renzi**, Jan 26, 11:00—12:00 pm.

<https://azhumanities.org/organizer/city-of-surprise/>

**The Desert Nights, Rising Stars Writers Conference**, Feb 18-20, 2022. Arizona State University

<https://piper.asu.edu/conference>

**Tucson Festival of Books**, March 12-13, 2022. 9:30—5:30, University of AZ campus.

<https://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/>

If you want to get out and experience other activities that might spark the writing creativity bug in you, check out these activities:

<https://www.phoenixmag.com/2022/01/01/january-festivals-events-and-things-to-do/>