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PWC Monthly Meetings

Phoenix Writers Club meets monthly on the third Saturday

We are hybrid! Join us Saturday, February 17:

In-person: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Arrive at Gallagher's (7575 N. 16th St. Phoenix, AZ 85020) by noon to place your lunch order (\$25 (member), \$30 (guest) cash for lunch, drink, tax, and tip)

Virtual (Zoom): 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are a guest and wish to join the meeting, send an email to phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com a week in advance.

Questions? Email Cindi Reiss at writeoncindi@gmail.com

February 2024 Speaker

In February we welcome Stella Pope Duarte!

We welcome longtime friend of PWC, Stella Pope-Duarte, as our January speaker. Stella has been supportive of PWC for many years and is looking forward to celebrating 100 years with us in 2026.

Multi-award-winning author, Stella Pope Duarte will explore the "invisible city dwellers," in a presentation from her short story collection, *Women Who Live in Coffee Shops*. Inspiring, charming and heart-filled, her story, "Benny", won acclaim in Ireland from Frank McCourt, author of *Angela's Ashes*.



Learn more at stellapopeduarte.com.

A Note from the PWC President



February 2024 President Column

We offer our condolences to D'Anne Pientka, our newsletter editor, for the passing of her father. D'Anne shared many stories of the joys and sorrows of her journey with her parents through dementia and illnesses. We send her and her family strength and peace at this time.

Ilsa Manning is filling in as editor this month.

Thank you, members, for your patience during our meetings as we tussle with Zoom, microphones and logistics each month. We are looking at various options and will keep you apprised of the best way to keep PWC flowing smoothly.

During this month of February as Hallmark pulls at our hearts with valentines, I offer you this poem by one of my wisest go-to poets, Shel Silverstein. For what better way to celebrate love than by trusting and loving yourself first and foremost.

The Voice

By Shel Silverstein

There is a voice inside of you
that whispers all day long,
'I feel that this is right for me,
I know that this is wrong.'
No teacher, preacher, parent, friend
or wise man can decide
what's right for you - just listen to
the voice that speaks inside.

Write on,

Cindi Reiss

Miss Out? January's Meeting Minutes

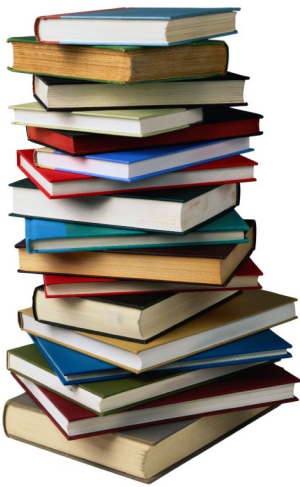
January 20, 2024, PWC Secretary's Notes

By Bernadette Inclan

Jenny Bilskie-Smith, Vice-President, opened the meeting which was held at Gallagher's. After announcements and members' news, she introduced our speaker, Ryder Lyne, whose presentation provided the attendees with the business components of authorship.

Ryder gave statistics on preparing the book for publication by providing estimates on formatting, cover design, marketing, and advertising. See the handout she provided for budgeting for a book launch. She also provided a reader/editor comparison chart and encouraged using a development editor and copy editor for your book. Ryder wrapped the session with best budgeting practices for a book launch that sets realistic goals and involves planning for expenses. She closed the presentation with a list to follow for a do-it-yourself book launch.





PWC Critique Writing Group

Our critique workshop meets via Zoom every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Email Bernadette Inlan at bsbincoin@aol.com for information.

Local Writing Clubs

PWC may be the longest running local writing club—however, there are others in the area you might like:

- Shut Up and Write—Shut Up & Write hosts free in-person and online writing events for writers all over the world
- Tempe Science Fiction Writing Meetup—Thursday Evening South Tempe. Come write and talk about writing craft with local writers. All skill levels welcome.
- Scottsdale Society of Women Writers—<https://brooksgoldmannpublishing.com/scottsdale-society-of-women-writers/>
- Arizona State Poetry Society (ASPS)—azpoetry.net.
- Phoenix Oasis Press (POP) - they have numerous classes coming up—check their website for details.



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Local Writing Activities—Google for more details!

- [CENTRAL PHOENIX Shut Up & Write!™ Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, 10 AM \(First Draft Book Bar\)](#)
- West Valley Writers' Workshop, Saturday, Feb 24—Avondale Civic Center Library
- East Mesa Writing Workshop: Read drafts, critique, Sat, Feb 3—<https://www.meetup.com/redsands/events/krypjtygcdbfb/>
- Tuesday Central Phoenix Writers Group—Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.
- Virginia G. Piper Center For Creative Writing—visit their website for all their February offerings
- Desert Sleuths Chapter—Wednesday, February 21st, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.