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Official Newsletter of the Writers' Guild of Acadiana

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Announcement: Apologies

The board decided to cancel the October 31 meeting, realizing that attendance would be very light. Our secretary and scheduled speaker Ed Gauthier agreed to postpone his talk until January 30. We are sorry for any inconvenience we caused by the last-minute cancellation.

Next Meeting: November 28

All meetings are open to the public. The South Regional Branch of the Lafayette Library, Auditorium. Address is 6101 Johnston St, Lafayette. Start time is **6:00 p.m.** We usually go to 7:15, but we must end by 7:30.

We will have a Door Prize from the books that were donated by authors.

November: Prompt "It's My Turn"

Category: Fiction

This is a fun competition for members. The prompt **MUST APPEAR** somewhere within the work, and entries must be no longer than 500 words. The author must be present, but may allow another to read the piece aloud. When the prompt category is poetry, both traditional and free verse poems are acceptable. All entries must be typed and double-spaced. The story or poem must have the word count, title, author's name, and date of the competition written at the top of the first page, and a paper copy of the winner and runner-up is to be handed in to the vice-president after the judging. Contest

participants are not allowed to enter the contest with works that are typed on iPhones or any other electronic devices.

Our November meeting is “Members read” month. Members may bring work that they have created and share with the attendees. It may be a work in progress or a completed work. Five minutes will be allotted for each reader. Singers and songwriters within the organization are invited to share their work as a cappella or acoustic numbers; however, there is a limit of one song per performer and the song must also be no longer than five minutes.

No Meeting in December.

Looking Ahead: January Guest Speaker: Ed Gauthier

The honorable Mr. Edward Gauthier is our Guild secretary, and has published two novels. On January 30, he will speak on artist colonies. Ever wanted to get away and take time to just finish the last chapters of that unpublished novel? To complete those four poems? To finish your family’s memoirs? This lecture will go over methods to get acceptance into a writer’s colony and amaze you with how many writer’s colonies are available for us writers. Dairy Hollow Writer’s Colony in Eureka Springs, Arkansas will be featured, and will include pictures.

Special: What is your definition of a writer?

"All good books are alike in that they are truer than if they had really happened and after you are finished reading one you will feel that all that happened to you and afterwards it all belongs to you: the good and the bad, the ecstasy, the remorse and sorrow, the people and the places and how the weather was. If you can get so that you can give that to people, then you are a writer."

- Ernest Hemingway's definition of a writer, courtesy Nobel Prize

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