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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO CELEBRATE CBW'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The executive board has worked very hard and diligently to develop a series of programs and activities for this special year. Plans include publishing an anthology of our member's work, lining up a terrific array of speakers beginning with Ethel Sternberg on February 20 (more about Ethel's presentation in What's Next) and a special anniversary luncheon featuring New York Times bestselling author, and Hollywood film writer, John Gilstrap, and many more terrific speakers and activities to celebrate CBW's 20th Anniversary. Now, it's your turn. We need your help and your participation to make our celebration a real success.

We need for as many of you as possible to join in on all of these events and activities, and none more importantly than the anthology.

This is a major undertaking and to pull it off successfully we need lots of good fiction and nonfiction stories and poems. You've already received the writer's guidelines for the anthology. To make this work and to have the finished product published and in your hands by September, we'll be working on a relatively tight deadline. *I want to remind you that the most important deadline, the one for submissions, is*

just around the corner: March 1.

It would be a real shame if we don't receive enough submissions to make this a viable publication so please take the time now to get busy doing what you do best. Please write a new piece or brush-up an old piece to bring it into line with the submission guidelines and submit it by March 1.

Remember, when we all work together, we all succeed together. Thank you, and God Bless.

2013 CALENDAR

February 20

Luncheon

April 17

Dinner

June 19

Luncheon~*20th Anniversary with*

John Gilstrap

September 18

Luncheon

November (TBA)

All Stars Luncheon

Frank Milligan, President



WHAT'S NEXT? CBW LUNCHEON MEETING - FEBRUARY 20TH

Join us for a rare opportunity to meet speaker and Holocaust Survivor Ethel Sternberg. Truth can be stranger than fiction, and our speaker was both witness to, and victim of, history's darkest hour. Whether you write fiction, nonfiction or poetry, Sternberg's presentation will challenge your comprehension of evil incarnate and infuse your imagination and understanding of the darker side of humanity. Hear



her first-hand account of how evil came to life, how people of good will responded and overcame it, and the very high price they paid in the process.

Reservation details on page 5 for Le Yaca French Restaurant, Williamsburg.

Chesapeake Bay Writers Bylaw Article II Objectives: To further the craft of writing. To provide members with opportunities for connecting and exchanging ideas with others who share similar interests; to assist and encourage members in their efforts to achieve their writing related goals; to offer educational and informative programs about writing and marketing finished works. Visit our website at: www.ChesapeakeBayWriters.org.



WELCOME ABOARD!

Laverne Morrow Carter, Ph.D. of Wicomico Church says, "I have had some success in writing, but now wish to pursue publication. I know what I want to write about, but need support, advice, critique and guidance from more experienced writers"

I just moved full-time to our Northern Neck home (owned for seven years). I own and manage a national research firm that will now be based in Kilmarnock and have written and published professional articles and technical reports for the past 30 years.

"Writing and constructing stories is one of my great passions. Over the past three years, have developed concepts for a least six fiction and nonfiction books. I now have time to devote to my goal of writing and publishing these books and welcome the experience of being part of a group of kindred spirits and fellow writers."

Gail A Kenna, of Wicomico Church says, "I have one or more books published or self-published, but in this rapidly evolving world of publishing, marketing and media, need to learn of strategies and venues that will help ensure continued success." Gail is a retired university Professor who currently teaches writing at RILL. She recently completed her fourth book and is recipient of numerous teaching and writing awards.

Thomas F. Neiger of Cobbs Creek says, "I have

one or more books published or self published, but in this rapidly evolving world of publishing, marketing and media, need to learn of strategies and venues that will help ensure continued success.

"I have written poetry and children's stories for many years. I have self published one book of poetry and seek a publisher for a children's book that I have recently written."

Carol Kidd of Williamsburg, says, "I have always loved to write, but have had little time until now to seriously pursue the craft of writing, whether for pleasure or pay. I work for a medical diagnostic company and it was in my weekly motivational emails to the one hundred plus co-workers that I discovered my passion for poetry and writing. It was my co-workers who told me I missed my calling. My neighbor, a published novelist, read some of my work suggested I join this group."

Leah Price of Hampton, says, "I am employed by the *Daily Press* as the newsroom's administrative coordinator...I was given the chance to start blogging... (dailypress.com/writersblock), which is...a weekly print column. I write commercial fiction under the pseudonym Leah St. James (mostly women's fiction, romance and romantic/suspense, but I also released a children's book earlier this year).

CONGRATS!

Rick Bailey had two literary masterpieces published in the *Virginia Gazette*: "How Not To Celebrate The Holidays" on December 29th and "French Movies I Don't Get" on January 12th.

Carol Bova's column, Ditches of Mathews County, was published in the Winter issue of *Chesapeake Style*.

Dave Carr's essay entitled *For A Fitter Santa Claus* was published in the Christmas edition of the *Gloucester-Mathews Gazette*. The piece may also be read in Dave's blog at <http://davidjarr.blogspot.com/>

Ann DeFee has a new two book deal with Harlequin's Carina Press, the first January, 2014. Her first self-published book, *In A Pickle*, is available on all digital readers and in paperback on Amazon and in the Create Space bookstore.

Jim Ducibella's *King of Clubs* won Golf Book of the Year from the International Network of Golf in Orlando. It was their 20th annual contest.

Feather Schwartz Foster book signings: Fri., Feb. 1 - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 2 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. W&M Book Store (B&N), Williamsburg

Kathleen Toomey Jabs will be in Charlottesville, at Virginia Festival of the Book March 22-24, appearing on a Crime/Thriller panel at noon, March 23. Kathleen's novel, *Black Wings*, is one of three finalists for the Bethesda, Maryland's Writer's Center First Novel Award.

Astra Publishers released **Jean C. Keating's** book *Animal Heroes and Friends*. It is available on her website, www.jeankeating.com and from River Cottage Books, in Callao. An essay from the book, Autumn, was published in the Winter issue of *Chesapeake Style*.

In January **Gail Wilson Kenna** won the intercultural essay contest by Nob Hill's PEN. Gail says, "*Sisyphus on Crosshills* won second place in the contest and I received an honorable mention for *Speechless in Germany* in memoir vignette...I won first place for *Malay Days* in the intercultural essay. I'll be going to San Francisco to read on March 24th."

In August, 2012, Gail was awarded the Donald Axinn scholarship to the Bread Loaf in Vermont. Axinn bequeathed two annual scholarships: one in poetry, one in fiction, which Gail won. In the



January-February 2013 edition of *Pleasant Living*, Gail's essay, *Sisyphus on Crosshills* was published. In April she will teach a writing and literature course, Wallace Stegner: On Writing and Aging, for the Rappahannock Institute for Lifelong Learning (RILL).

Greg Lilly has published *Sunsets & Semicolons* a trade paperback. Discover advice from creativity to mechanics to publishing, from testing an idea for a novel to perfecting a query letter that sells that novel to a publisher, in a frank and revealing *Field Guide to the Writer's Life*. Book signing and mini-workshop for *Sunsets & Semicolons*: March 14, 2013, 11 a.m., Barnes & Noble New Town, Williamsburg.

Carl Shirley is seeking writers to contribute to a collaborative blog titled Shore Lines (www.sevawriters.blogspot.com). The blog is for writers who don't have the time or content to maintain an independent blog but would like to have a place on the internet to interact with readers and writers. Check out the blog, read the first post and contact him at shorelinesblog@gmail.com.

Daddy's Christmas Angel, the latest novel by **Mary Montague Sikes**, is available in print and e-book formats. Sikes spoke about Life as a Writer and Artist at Abingdon Woman's Club in Gloucester. The covers of her books feature her original art. She was one of five featured artists at This Century Art Gallery—Weekend Gallery for February at the Art Education Center in Williamsburg. She exhibited 13 original paintings from her book, *Hotels to Remember*. Feb. 11, she will be guest author on the Neal Steele radio show. On Feb. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., she will be signing books at the

William and Mary Barnes & Noble in Williamsburg.

Jeff Toalson will be doing book signings and talks about *Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive* at the following locations: Feb 25 Tom Smith SCV Camp, Suffolk: Feb 27 Carrot Tree Tea Society, Yorktown: Mar 5 Isle of Wight Avengers SCV, Isle of Wight: Mar 14 General Stuart Chapter UDC, Richmond: Mar 19 Prince Edward Hist. Soc., Farmville: Mar 21 Hanover Chapter UDC, Hanover: Mar 21 Magruder-Ewell SCV Camp, Newport News: Mar 24 Manassas Museum, Manassas.

Linda Underwood says, "There's something odd about addressing the congregation or preaching to the choir. I've been a member of CBW for several years yet last year I published (albeit self) my first book. People can tell you what to do, how best to do it, but nothing can prepare an inexperienced author the about personal side of bringing a labor of love on the market. I paint and even had the opportunity to display my work at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. I never considered selling a painting. Putting my little novel on the market was difficult for me...but I'm so glad I did. If nothing else I have checked-off something I wanted to do...like that cross country road trip before you're thirty. Mine is not the great American novel...it never was and never will be. Yet it has sold well. The support I received from friends and CBW made all the difference. I, like you, have a small piece of my soul in my work. I'm preparing to finish a second novel. I applaud the members who have gone before me and wish nothing but the best for new members. Nobody paints only one painting."

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Jack Bray, Past President, Golden
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2012 ALL STARS



Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 All Stars Annual Writing Competition at Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown.

Forty-two members and guests voted for first, second, and third prize winners who received cash prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively. Attendees also voted for the most humorous entry, by Ann Skelton, who received the annual "Richard Bailey Humor Award" and a \$25 supplemental prize. Winning entries are posted on the CBW website. Pictured above, *winners Frank Milligan, Ann Skelton and Sarah Collins Honenberger*

CHESAPEAKE *Style* MAGAZINE

offers *Books in Style* reviews for members of CBW. Reviews are books by authors who are members of CBW or of the critique groups.

- About Book Reviews for *Chesapeake Style*:
- You wrote a book.
 - You want it reviewed.
 - Ask someone to review your book.
 - Send an email requesting Guidelines and Deadlines.
 - The person reviews
- the book and submits it (and a graphic of the cover) to *Chesapeake Style* for publication, according to Guidelines.
- Now it's your turn to review a book for someone else.

When your review is published, *Chesapeake Style* distributes 10,000 copies, eight months of the year, in the Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula and Williamsburg.

If you want to advertise your book in *Chesapeake Style*, ask for rates. Buying an ad is ***Not a prerequisite for your book review to be published.*** Reviews will be printed on a first come, first serve basis. ***It is your responsibility to find a reviewer.*** For Guidelines & Deadlines, email chestyle@hughes.net or www.chesapeakebaywriters.org/CSBookReviews.htm

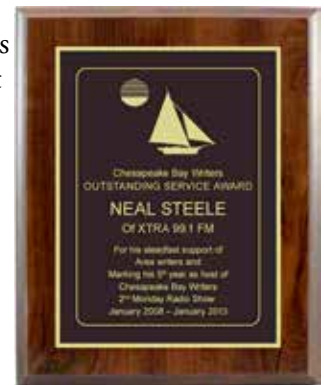
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NEAL STEELE HONORED FOR FIVE YEARS SERVICE TO CBW



The Chesapeake Bay Writers, a Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club, presented the "Outstanding Service Award" to Neal Steele of XTRA99.1FM. The award honors Steele for his steadfast support of area writers and marks his fifth year as host of the monthly "CBW Second Monday Show" in which area authors are interviewed. CBW Vice President, Jackie Guidry of Gloucester presented the award to Steele at the close of the January 14th, 2013 show.

Podcasts of the show dating back to January 2008 may be played at the Club's website at www.chesapeakebaywriters.org. Writers wishing to promote their books on the show should contact Dave Carr at 804-725-9843.



JEAN KEATING...

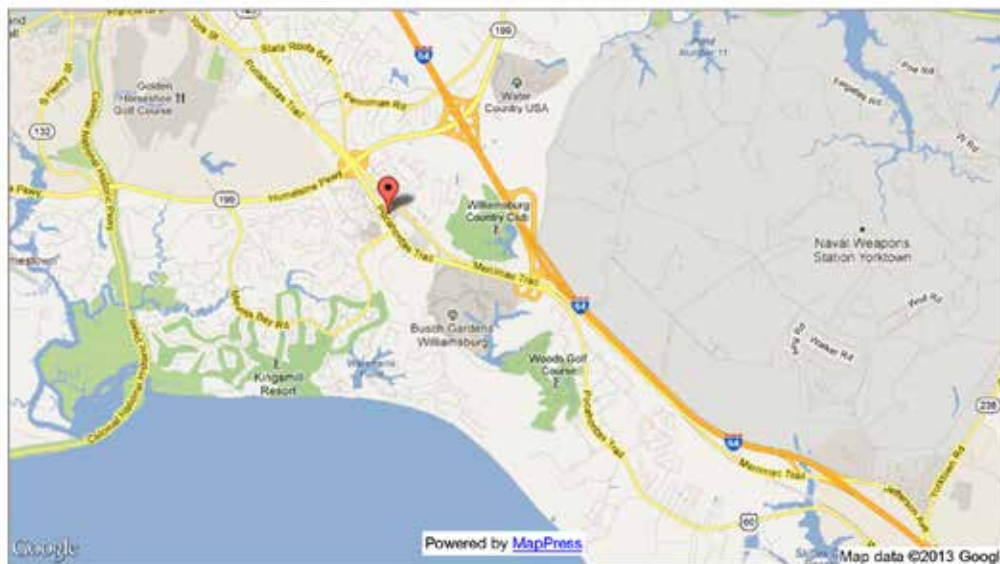
Update from Rick Bailey

Jean is very ill with cancer and has chosen to not continue any therapy. She is spending her time at home. Jean served as Vice President and President of the CBW for several years in addition to many other contributions and publishing seven books since she retired. Jean has been a contributing/active member of the Mathews/Williamsburg critique group for almost 15 years. Please remember Jean in your thoughts and prayers.

Cards may be sent to her home at 209 Matoaka Court, Williamsburg, VA 23185 (757-220-3385)



LE YACA RESTAURANT, 1915 POCAHONTAS TRAIL, WILLIAMSBURG 757-220-3616



Directions:

From Interstate 64 West towards Williamsburg/Richmond: Take I-64W Williamsburg/Richmond to Exit 243A for US-60, Turn left at bottom of ramp onto US-60/Pocahontas Trail. Go 1.3 mi and turn left into Village Shops at Kingsmill Shopping Center

From Interstate 64 East towards Newport News: Take Exit 243A for US-60. *Follow directions above.*

From Va Rt 199 E/Humelsine Parkway East Take the ramp to US-60E/Pocahontas Trail Turn right onto US-60E/Pocahontas Trail 0.6 mi. Make a U-turn at Kingsmill Road. 0.2 mi. Turn right into Village Shops at Kingsmill Shopping Center

From Yorktown and adjacent areas:

Take Colonial Parkway towards Williamsburg 5.4 mi. Slight right towards Cheatham Annex 295 ft. Left onto

Sanda Ave (away from guard gate at Cheatham Annex) 0.2 mi. Continue Straight (you'll be on Penniman Rd/State route 641) 1.2 mi. Continue Straight onto VA-199 W/Humelsine Pkwy W 1.9 mi. Take the US-60 ramp to Williamsburg, Busch Gardens 0.2 mi. Turn right onto Route 60 E/Pocahontas Trail 0.7 mi. Make a U-turn at Kingsmill Road 0.2 mi. Turn right into Village Shops at Kingsmill Shopping Center

From Gloucester, Mathews, Deltaville

Take Route 17, George Washington Memorial Hwy across the Coleman Bridge

Follow directions from Yorktown:

From Northern Neck: either 33 to West Point and then follow I-64 east. Or 33 to 3 to 17 and *follow Gloucester, Mathews*

LE YACA MENU FEBRUARY 20, 2013

Reservations can be made online at www.chesapeakebaywriters.org/reservcheck/reservations_view.php, or by completing this form and mailing it. *Online reservations preferred.* Reservations and payment must be mailed by **Friday, February 15th**. Make Check payable to "CBW", Mail to: CBW Treasurer, P.O. Box 385, Port Haywood, Va 23138. Cost is \$28 per person. Meet and Greet, Cash Bar: 11:30, Lunch at noon.

Menu selection to be made at Restaurant. Your choice of Soup or Salad and one of the following gourmet entrees:

1. Filet de Saumon poché, Sauce légère aux Câpres et Tomates, *Poached Filet of Salmon, sautéed Spinach, light sauce with capers and tomatoes*
2. Suprême de Volaille, Sauce Moutarde, *Boneless Breast of Chicken, Pommery Mustard Sauce*
3. Crêpe au Crabe et aux Epinards, sauce Mornay, *Thin French pancake stuffed with lump crabmeat and Spinach, Béchamel with cheese.*
4. Quiche, Quiche of the Day, Small Green Salad

For Dessert, Choice of: 1. Marquise au Chocolat, *Rich Truffle Cake with Vanilla Bean Sauce* 2. Le Gâteau au Citron, Coulis de Framboises, *Delicate combination of light Lemon Mousse and Almond Cake with Raspberry coulis*

Total in Party X \$28 = \$

Please be sure member's name(s) appears on the check. Refunds are only given when notice of cancellation is received at least two (2) business days in advance of the date of the meeting.



RECURRING EVENTS, MONTHLY, BI-MONTHLY



CBW Author Interview with Neal XTRA 99.1 FM,

Gloucester, Second Monday 8:05-8:30 a.m.

Contact Dave Carr 804-725-9843 or carr1600@netscape.net

Gloucester Evening Critique: Location TBD, Last Saturday of the month, 7 p.m.

Contact Gary Herring 804-694-5646 or docargent@cox.net

James York Critique: Tabb Library, Yorktown, Third

Saturday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Contact Narielle Living, narielleliving@gmail.com

Rappatomac Critiques: Lively at The Oaks, Route 3

First Thursday of the month, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Contact Janet Fast, chestyle@hughes.net

Tappahannock at Arnest Seafood (Formerly Java Jacks)

Third Thursday of the month, Eat at noon, Meet noon-3 p.m.

Contact Janet Fast, chestyle@hughes.net

Williamsburg Critiques:

Bailey Residence, 6244 N. Mayfair Circle

Second Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.

Contact Rick Bailey 757-564-7118 or rvbailey@verizon.net

Bray Residence, 261 Zelkova Road

Fourth Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.

Contact Jack Bray 757-345-0405 or jbray6@cox.net

Our critique groups listed above are all inclusive and meant for writers of every stage in their career. Whether you are just starting out and want to see what a critique group is like or you are a multi-published author, there is a critique home for you. If you have any questions please feel free to call the contact person listed. Come join our community of talent!

MEMBERSHIP

TIME TO RENEW YOUR CBW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013

Members are reminded that dues for the 2013 calendar year must be received by March 1st, after which By-Laws require removal of their names from the roster of active members and deletion from the CBW website of personal web pages, if any, and any listings of Books and Services.

If you do not plan to renew your membership, I'd very much appreciate an email or telephone call to let me know. This will save me the time, expense and effort of mailing final notices and, more important, save you from being harassed with pesky emails and environmentally unfriendly snail mail reminders. Call me at 804-725-9843 or email me at carr1600@netscape.net.

For those of you planning to renew membership, please mail your check for \$20 to: Treasurer, CBW, P.O. Box 385, Port Haywood, VA 23138.

If you wish to pay on line by credit card or Paypal,

www.ChesapeakeBayWriters.org

email me to that effect and I will generate an email invoice with the Paypal secure link so that you can do so.

Your help in this annual chore is much appreciated and special thanks to those 30 plus members who have already paid their 2013 dues.

Dave Carr, Membership Chairperson

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Chesapeake Bay Writers can be found on Facebook and Twitter. Our Twitter address is @baywriters. Facebook and Twitter are easy to use, fun and informative, and a great way to meet your peers and others in the publishing industry. If you have questions about these social media sites, contact Narielle Living at narielleliving@gmail.com.

The QR code can be scanned by a Smartphone to go to the CBW website.

Click on the Facebook logo and go to the CBW Facebook page.

