

February 2020 SCWG Meeting

Saturday, February 15 at 1:00 pm
at Garrett's Run Condo Clubhouse
7900 Greenboro Drive
West Melbourne, FL 32901

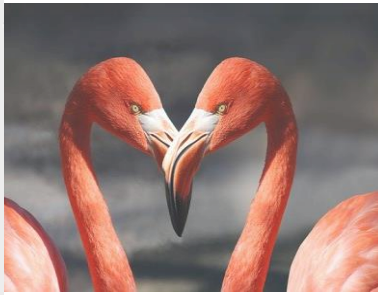


February Guest Speaker: Jaimie Engle Planning, Writing & Editing a Book that Doesn't Suck

You have a story to tell! Fiction and non-fiction writers can never learn enough about perfecting their craft. In this session, learn best practices for outlining & planning, writing, and editing your novel or memoir, to include a short section on blogging. Bring your paper and pen or device. Handouts will be provided.



Jaimie Engle is an award-winning children's book author from Melbourne, Florida. Before releasing her anti-bullying fantasy adventure, *Clifton Chase and the Arrow of Light*, she ran a body shop, played an alien on TV and managed a hip-hop band. Her book on publishing was an Amazon #1 New Release, and her novel *Metal Mouth* is a contender for the 2020-2021 Florida Sunshine State List. Learn more at www.theWRITEngle.com.



Fun Facts About February

News Flash from Gobbler's Knob, Pennsylvania!!!

Pull out the lawn chairs. Get out the suntan lotion. Grab your hoe and garden seeds. Early Sunday morning, February 2, Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his ground hog hole, and did not see his shadow. In "groundhog speak", it means an early spring will soon arrive. Note: this is only the 20th time in the past 124 years, that Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow. Will his prediction prove correct? or, will we have six or more weeks of winter to go? Only time will tell. As for me, I won't put away the boots and snow shovel just yet.

Some special days coming up in February

- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 Singles Awareness Day. Are you single or in between relationships? Well, this day is for you!
- 17 President's Day; third Monday of month
- 22 Washington's Birthday
- 25 Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
- 26 Ash Wednesday
- 29 Leap Day - just once every four years

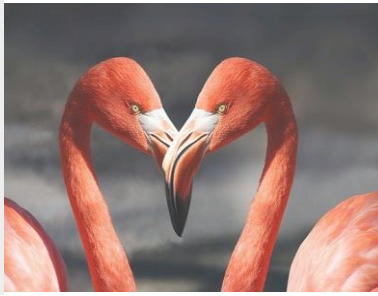
This month in history:

- February 6, 1935- The board game Monopoly first went on sale.
- February 8, 1910- The Boy Scouts were founded.
- February 28, 1692- The Salem Witch Hunts began.

For more information on February, visit

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/history/history02.htm>

Be prepared in March! On March 8, Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 a.m. (Already!! Didn't we just set our clocks back a few weeks ago??)



Membership Renewal

Just a reminder that your credit card will automatically be billed for your membership renewal. When Stripe processes your credit card information and finds that it is expired, the number has changed, the account is closed, or is unable to process it for any other reason, the system will send you an email asking you to update your credit card information, with a link for your convenience. Once you've made the changes, you will receive another confirmation email.

The 2020 Florida Writing Workshop

May 16, 2020 in Tampa

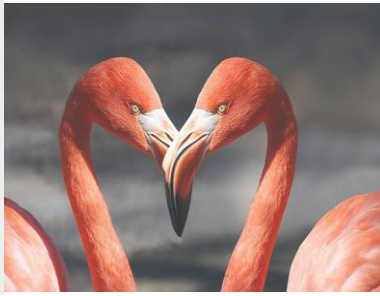
After successful 2016, 2018, and 2019 events in Tampa, Writing Day Workshops is excited to announce The 2020 Florida Writing Workshop — a full-day “How to Get Published” writing event in Tampa, FL on May 16, 2020.



This writing event is a wonderful opportunity to get intense instruction over the course of one day, pitch a literary agent or editor (optional), get your questions answered, and more. Note that there are limited seats at the event (200 total). For more information, go to

<https://floridawritingworkshops.com/>





New!

NOW OUT IN PAPERBACK!

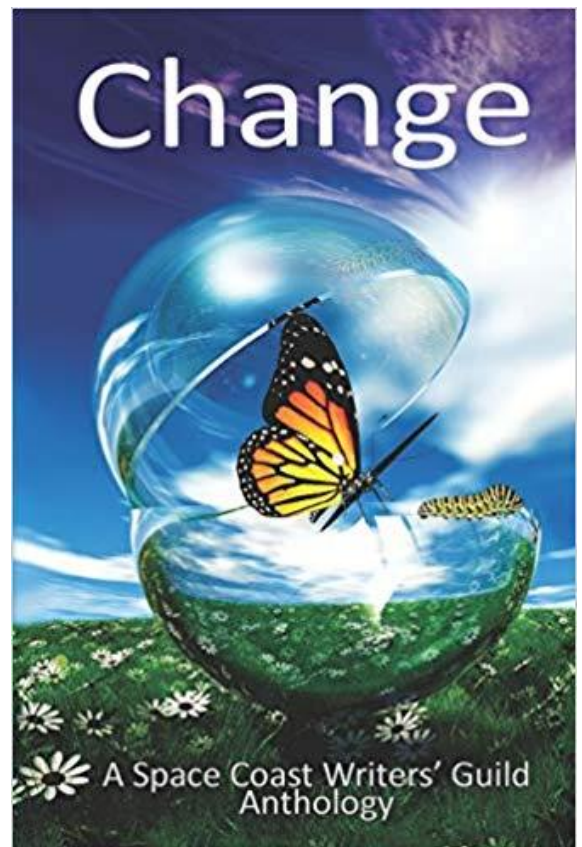
“The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without hanging our thinking” –Albert Einstein.

Bing defines *change* as “the act of making or becoming different; convert, transform, adapt, modify, rebuild, reconstruct, refashion....”

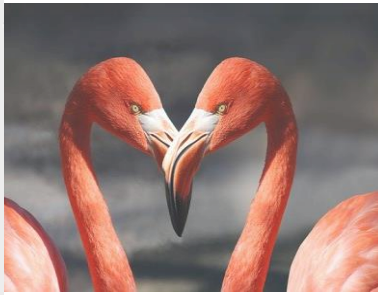
Good writing requires authors to think outside of themselves, to adapt to different situations, and to convert preconceived perceptions to those that may be revealed on the other side of the coin. Otherwise, their words may be nothing more than petty cash.

The Space Coast Writers' Guild anthology for 2019 is finally out in paperback! *Change* is a collection of poetry, inspirational and fictional stories, and memoirs about life, romance, family, and perceptions, and how inevitable unpredictability occurring in most instances can bring about *Change*.

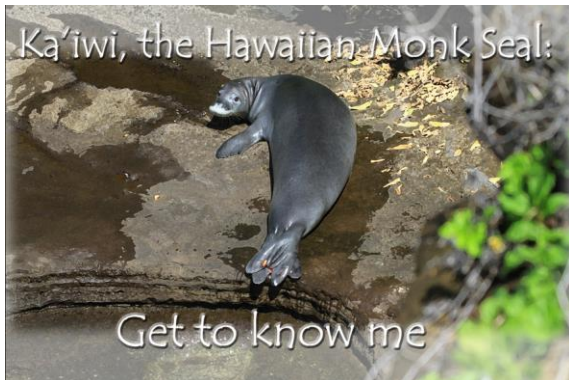
NOTE: A couple glitches have delayed the actual release of *Change*. Look for it very soon. An announcement will be posted on the scwg.org website when it is out.



The Space Coast Writers' Guild (SCWG) is a network of writers dedicated to the same goal: helping authors realize their writing ambitions. Since 1982, the SCWG has provided activities to educate, develop, and promote its members. Visit scwg.org for more information.



Hot!



This is a short story narrated by the main character: a young female Hawaiian monk seal called Ka'iwi, born on August 11, 2011, and a very popular seal to the locals. Ka'iwi belongs to a critically endangered species of seals.

Using real life photos, in a simple manner, she explains the Hawaiian monk seal main habits and a few simple steps we can all take to help protect this critically endangered marine mammal.



In August 2011 Zeenat Mian (above, right) went to a beach on the east side of Oahu to see a Hawaiian monk seal pup. she had never seen one and was very curious. When she saw that incredibly active, little black seal and her very doting mum, Zeenat fell in love. This was Ka'iwi.

After that she decided to follow the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal population in Hawaii, more specifically in the island of Oahu.

Zeenat has logged more than 16,000 hours observing and taking footage of the behavior of the Hawaiian monk seal and her pup.

WORLD POETRY DAY

Poetry Matters

A Panel of Brevard Poets moderated by John Lavelle, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, School of Arts and Communication, Florida Tech

For more information, please
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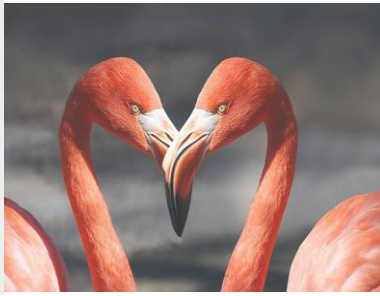
POETRY FORUM

March 21, 2020, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Cocoa Beach Public Library

550 N. Brevard Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

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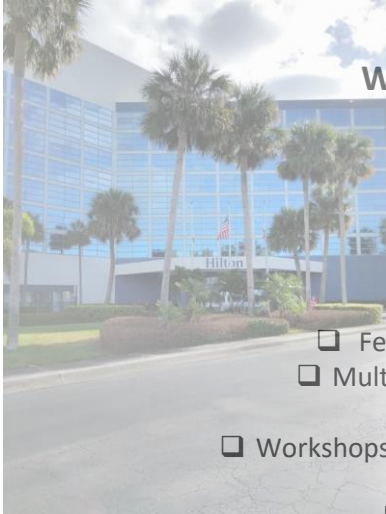
Writers' Conference: Write, Publish, Sell!

April 26, 2020, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Hilton Rialto Airport Melbourne
200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL 32901

~ ~ Registration ~ ~

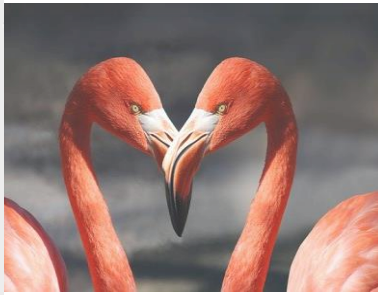
- Fee = \$50.00 (Late and on-site registrations Fee= \$60.00)
- Multiple breakout sessions, discussion groups, book displays, vendors, and keynote speaker.
- Workshops focus on how to write, edit, format, publish, market, and sell!
- Meet the presenters and authors.
- Network with aspiring and experience writers.
- Browse the book displays!



~ ~ SPEAKERS ~ ~

Dr. Valerie Allen
Lee Boyland
Jill Clark
Jaimie Engle
Chrys Fey
Joanne Fisher
Cindy Foley
DL Havlin
Joe Lafferty
Judy Lindquist
Wanda Luthman
Maritza M Mejia
Jim Nelson
Brian Steinberger, Esq.
Gene Luke Vlahovic
Dr. Martha Watts
Karen Whiting
Dr. Gayle Woolson
Linda Zern





Happy V-Day!

February's big event is Valentine's Day. If you're like most people, you bought a card, and maybe some flowers for that "special someone" in your life. Your President (not Trump) received a dozen roses and a couple of nice cards. Your humble editor and author is the proud recipient of two greeting cards and a decorative pillow commemorating the beginning of our relationship.

So, where does all this come from? Why do we spend millions of dollars each February, filling the coffers of card printers and florists?

The modern celebration of Valentine's day has evolved over the years and centuries. According to Wikipedia, there were two, and possibly three, separate Valentines who were canonized saints. The romantic aspect of the day have their roots in pagan antiquity. At some point, the two paths merged, and became celebrated together.

For more information, see:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine%27s_Day
and <http://www.holidayinsights.com/valentine/>.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



As a romance author, I love Valentine's day. It is that one time of year where you show how much you love and appreciate everyone – from your better half, to your friends to your parents and children. I like to think of it as Christmas Part II.

I also love the fact that we honor and celebrate our African American community. I invite you to research not only the most adored black Americans of our time but also those who are not so well known like Maggie Maloney, Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler, Ella Baker, or Dorothy Height. These people are beacons of civil rights, equality, and fairness—and even though they are not famous, they still hold a strong example of strength and leadership for years to come.



Sincerely,
Joanne Fisher
President, SCWG