

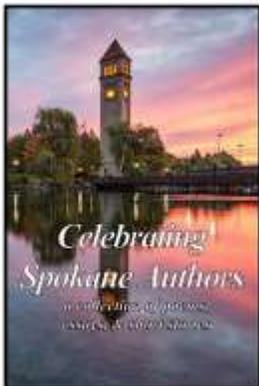


# SASP

# NEWS

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Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers  
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**YOUR copy of SASP's 2017 Anthology  
Is now available locally!**

**Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers (SASP)** began in 1998 when *Chuck O’Conner, Elmer Freeman, Joe Meiners, and Dan Vollmer*, Spokane area authors formed a club in order to share their knowledge and experience with those interested in writing and alternative ways of publishing. Today, SASP is a large non-profit organization dedicated to anyone with interests in any aspect of writing and art. Members now include aspiring (and successful) authors, poets, journalists, illustrators, editors, publishers, printers, writing instructors, and many others. Monthly luncheon meetings provide inspiration and education by way of knowledgeable and entertaining guest speakers, and the cheerful camaraderie of people sharing common interests and goals. Membership is open to all who love writing, art, and interesting people.

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers meets the first Thursday of each month at **Golden Corral**, 7117 N. Division Street, in Spokane

Presentations begin at **2:30 pm**. The room opens at **2:00 pm** so members and guests can dine, visit, join, pay dues, browse, and perhaps buy each other’s books. After short break, members and guests relate their accomplishments, mention upcoming activities, and we draw for door prizes.

Members and guests are requested to buy lunch upon entering the establishment, and to leave an appropriate tip for the waiter/waitress.

Members need to be present to win door prizes.

*(Schedule variations will be posted on the SASP website, [www.spokaneauthors.org](http://www.spokaneauthors.org), and current members notified via e-mail or telephone.)*

**Membership benefits** include listing on the SASP website, [www.spokaneauthors.org](http://www.spokaneauthors.org). Many members provide short biographies and links to external personal websites, creating more marketing exposure. Current members may list and describe their published works on the SASP website and offer their work for sale at meetings. (Be sure to visit the “links” page on our web-site. It will connect you to many interesting on-line locations, including those of many SASP members.)

**Guest speakers** at our monthly meetings inform, inspire, and entertain members and guests with a variety of topics, all designed to provide knowledge pertinent to writing and publishing.

**SASP members** are encouraged to purchase or trade completed works of and with fellow members. They are also encouraged to donate examples of their work for use as door prizes. Those who win other members’ works are expected to provide a review of that work.

**Note:**

SASP no longer transports name tags and display books to and from our meetings. Please take your name tag with you. It is yours to keep and maintain. Please take any books you have provided for display with SASP. We will provide space and stands for you to display your books, but you must bring them for each meeting.

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[www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Authors-Self-Publishers/1640079982945679](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Authors-Self-Publishers/1640079982945679)

**“join” the SASP Facebook Group:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1646364128981815/>

## OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us on **Thursday, January 4, 2018, 2:30 pm**, at the **Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division**. (The room opens at **2 pm** for dining and mingling prior to the actual meeting at **2:30**.)

As we begin 2018, we welcome fellow SASP member **Kathleen Schrum** as our speaker.



Drawing from her love of nature and poetry, **Kathleen** will talk about **“What Do Writers Have in Common?”** Living in Eastern Washington is an inspiration for her poetry which has appeared in the *Weekly Avocet*, and **The Avocet: A Journal of Nature Poetry**, *Bella Grace*, and, most recently in SASP’s first Anthology, *Celebrating Spokane Authors*.

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



On Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> of this year, I was napping in my La-Z-Boy chair with my dog, Charlotte. Christmas music played in the background and our inside Christmas lights were on. Everything was very cozy. For several weeks now, I have been fighting a virus and this afternoon I was particularly worn out after a very bad coughing spell that lasted several minutes. I thought I would rest awhile and then maybe do a little writing.

The next thing I knew, it was 5:30 p.m. and Bob, who had been out to dinner with relatives, was trying to wake me up. When I awoke, I found that I couldn’t speak clearly. It was like I was speaking a foreign language. Bob handed me a Christmas card from one of my brothers and I couldn’t read what the card said! He gave me eight baby aspirins to chew up and rushed me to the Holy Family Emergency Room. I don’t remember much of this, but I do know that I was given a series of tests and hours later admitted to the fifth floor of the hospital, where stroke and heart attack patients are observed. Around 5 p.m. the next day, I finally got to go home. It was determined that I had had two minor strokes called TIAs.

I am now taking two new medicines: Plavix, which thins the blood, and Lipitor, which is a statin. Also, I have to wear a heart monitor

## FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER

for one month. Tests show that I have low cholesterol, low blood pressure, and my arteries appear to be clear. The doctors think that my coughing spell caused all this. But we will learn more when I turn in the heart monitor to be evaluated.

When I first came home from the hospital I became very depressed, crabby, negative, and lost my Christmas spirit. Bob and I do Christmas Eve dinner each year, but I felt so tired and had no energy to do much of anything. Plus, we still had a few other things to do before we were ready for the holiday.

It's taken about a week, but today I woke up feeling pretty good. I always know that I'm getting better when I begin planning the next chapter of my current book. And, I play lots of Christmas music.

Speaking of books, I enjoyed reading all the stories, poems, and essays in our *Celebrating Spokane Authors* book. I especially liked Fred Jessett's story "Long Distance Call," which, besides being very well written, reminded me how much I enjoyed my grandparents and other older relatives growing up. I hope all of you read this book. It's well worth it.

*Happy writing!*

*Esther*



Last month's surgery went well and I was able to return home two days later. I did not have to spend Thanksgiving in the hospital. It looked like I was on the road to a swift recovery, but a week or so later, complications set in. Turned out I'd developed a bacterial infection in my digestive tract, a portion of which was involved in the procedure. While struggling with that, I lost all ambition and even the desire to get on the computer and do anything. With the help of some prescribed medication, the infection has pretty much cleared up and I find the ambition and willingness to do things slowly returning.

Still I find that I am behind the power curve when it comes to up-dating the web-site and getting the next issue of SASP NEWS ready to go. My apologies! My goal now is to have the majority of that done over the next couple of days and to be all caught up as we enter the New Year.

While recovering/recuperating from the medical procedure of November, I'd hoped to update and streamline both the web-site and the newsletter. My hope is to consolidate information about our members in to one location, where a visitor to the web-site can click on one spot and find a member's bio, information about his or her books, and also links to that individual's web-site, blog, and other online sites. Also, to make being a member "worth it," I want a system that is



*Bob and Esther Hildahl selling books at the Central Valley Craft Fair in early November.*

easier to remove former members' information after a time. Hopefully over the next few weeks I'll get a start on this and will be able to present some samples of what I plan to do. Then, of course, if they meet with the general approval of the group, I'll proceed.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas, Holiday Season, and wishing everyone the very Happiest New Year!



*Esther Hildahl, Sue Eller and Joyce Caudel at a Craft Fair earlier this year.*

## FROM OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



**CreateSpace or Amazon?**

## Do We Have a Choice?

Beth Camp

Don't look down. The earth is moving. For the last ten years, I've self-published on CreateSpace for paperback copies and on Amazon for Kindle copies. Each book takes me about 3 years from start to finish. This month I happily uploaded my third book onto CreateSpace (even though I was given the option of self-publishing a paperback through Amazon).

Why didn't I want to use Amazon for both formats?

Costs for printing that paperback (even a proof) would come out of my royalties.

I believed those computer gurus who have long said Amazon is best for e-books and CreateSpace is best for paperbacks.

I like checking out the clear reports from either Amazon or CreateSpace that shows exactly how many copies sell each month.

Surprise! Effective October 18, 2017, CreateSpace closed its online bookstore. They sweeten this transition (even though Amazon pays slightly less royalties) by saying we'll earn a preferential rate for the next several months. But we no longer have our own book page on CreateSpace's site. All sales are through Amazon.

With this new system, CreateSpace promises easier access to a wider readership – and smooth uploading into Amazon's system.

Wrong. Or, at least wrong for me this time. The CreateSpace HELP desk says it takes 3-5 days to coordinate both paperback and e-book on Amazon; other sources say the average is 72 hours. But, it took a little longer (9 days), and three contacts with the HELP Desk at CreateSpace before my title in both formats was correctly listed. Interestingly, the Kindle version showed up nicely in the US, the UK, Germany, Spain, and France, but they didn't list the paperback version. Canada and Italy had the paperback version, but they didn't list the Kindle version! Aargh!

How did I truly discover my listing was inaccurate? A Canadian reader e-mailed me to ask why the Kindle version wasn't available.

Some good news: My books are now LIVE in both formats and correctly listed in the US and internationally. Also, for now, and for titles I currently publish through CreateSpace, I can still order my own copies for resale, reviews, and giveaways through CreateSpace and at cost (plus shipping/taxes), without it affecting my royalties through Amazon.



As writers and self-publishers, we can only expect continued change all around us. Just think how technology has changed since we began writing. For example, my arthritic fingers are grateful for that keyboard that morphed into a desktop and now a netbook (when I travel).

New technology (platforms, apps, programs, and breakthroughs) will continue to change HOW we write and HOW we self-publish. That's the real challenge. Make 2018 a good year!

Read more:

MIT Technology Review, "10 Breakthrough Technologies." This wonderful resource might just inspire a new story! Brace yourself for some shocking emerging technologies listed by year.

<https://www.technologyreview.com/lists/technologies/2017/>

Chris McMullen, "CreateSpace E-store is Closing Effective October 31, 2017," <https://chrismcmullen.com/2017/10/13/createspace-estore-is-closing-effective-october-31-2017/>

Carrie Pilkington. "CreateSpace is Closing its Online Bookstore."

<https://goodereader.com/blog/e-book-news/createspace-is-closing-its-online-bookstore>

*Beth*



*Beth's Historical Fiction!*

## DECEMBER'S MEETING

As we usually do in December, we held an Open Mic Session, with members and guests reading short excerpts from their work.

Before introducing our readers, Vice-President **Sue Eller** gave a shout-out to all who contributed to the great success of the SASP Anthology and the Launch Party. **Stan Parks** reminded us that our meeting date of December 7<sup>th</sup> marked the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Our readers included: President **Esther Hildahl**, who read an excerpt from *Poopy the Fly*, her newest book. Guest and new member **Burle Craven** allowed his computer read to an excerpt from his *zombie* novel. (Yes, a *Steven Hawkins*-esque voice read to us!) **Tiffani Harvey** shared the *Practical Living* chapter from her book *A Journey to Independence*, while **Fred Jessett** read from his newest nonfiction book, *Mountains Melt Away*.

**Larry Danek** read a poem from his newest (as yet unpublished) book and followed with an excerpt from his recently published *Ghostly Reunion*. **Beth Camp** recently published a new book, but read a poem she had contributed to *Spokane Writes*, an anthology published by the Spokane County Library. **Chuck Lehman** read two excerpts

from *Rogue Six*, one of his many books, and **Sue Eller** shared her contribution to the SASP anthology, *A Most Unusual Species*.

**Caryl Briscoe Michas** read her story, *The Camel Trainer*, and new member **Val Urvat** shared portions of her children's book *Mabel the Margoan*.

Public Relations Person **Beth Camp** announced the completion of the SASP Directory and passed a copy on to each member. She suggested that all members should post our signings/readings on the SASP Facebook page. Beth also mentioned that both *Auntie's Bookstore* and *2<sup>nd</sup> Look Books* do a great job of promoting local authors.

If you have a book series, **Joyce Caudel** showed us a beautiful way to make a boxed set of books using shrink wrap and ribbon.

Thank you to all who donate door prizes at every meeting. Once again the selection was outstanding. Unfortunately a list of prize winners alludes us this month.

We saw several new members at our December meeting. Welcome to Leann Aakre, Albert Burle Craven, Wayne Kyle Spitzer, and Val Urvat. We also extend a welcome to Karen Jean Matsko Hood, who has joined via the United States Postal Service.

We hope everyone will be able to join us on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018. Fellow member Kathleen Schrum will be our speaker.

**Please note that as we enter 2018, dues are due for the upcoming calendar year. If you have not paid for 2018, please do so as soon as possible. You may pay our Treasurer at our meetings, or you may send your \$15.00 per year payment to: P. O. Box 18573, Spokane, WA, 99228-0573. If you think you've partially paid for 2018, please check with the Secretary or Treasurer. You may have a discount coming for the coming year.**

*(Once again, your editor's thanks to Jim Perry, who took notes at our December meeting when said editor could not attend. Jim's notes provided the basis for this brief overview of our most recent meeting.)*

## SASP's FINANCIAL STATUS

Submitted by Kate Poitevin

Our balance as of November 14, 2017 was erroneously listed as \$1831.27. It should have been \$1841.27. Since then we have gained an additional \$318.00 and have expended \$18.99. As of December 13, 2017 we have a balance of \$2140.28



*Sue Eller at a Senior Center event*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact [daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net) to get your event listed.

**For Writers....**here are some events you won't want to miss. (The following information courtesy of Jan Cline)

**Spokane Christian Writers One-Day Conference**, March 17, 2018. More information to come.

**Chip MacGregor, Literary Agent:** Half-day seminar in Spokane, April 21, 2018. More details to come, but you won't want to miss the chance to hear him.

[James L. Rubart Writing Academy](#) in Chelan, WA, May 3-6, 2018. An intensive 4 day event designed to get you on the path to publication.

[Northwest Christian Writer's Conference](#) in

Seattle, June 1-2, 2018, Rachel Hauck, keynote speaker.

[Connecting Writers with Hollywood Conference](#), in Spokane, June 7-9, 2018. Last year's conference was a hit. Plan to come and broaden your opportunities for your writing.



Larry Danek in the Halloween mode at a book-signing, reading, or selling event!

## SASP BOOKS ON AMAZON & KINDLE

Many SASP members' books are available on Amazon and/or Kindle™

(Contact the editor/web-master at [daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net) to get your Amazon/Kindle books listed)

To speed your search, add the provided ten digit numerical or alpha-numerical code (ASIN) to: [www\(dot\)amzn\(dot\)com/dp/](http://www(dot)amzn(dot)com/dp/) (You may not need the "www.") For example: [www.amzn.com./dp/B008TXC332](http://www.amzn.com./dp/B008TXC332) or: [www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044](http://www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044) (Note: Alpha-numeric ASINs indicate a Kindle™ book. Numeric ASINs are for hard copy editions. Generally, one can find links to alternative editions on the chosen site.)

### Various SASP members

*Celebrating Spokane Authors:  
A Collection of Poetry, Essays, and Short Stories* **B077GBTQ67**

### D. Andrew McChesney:

*Beyond the Ocean's Edge:  
A Stone Island Sea Story* **B008TXC332**  
*Sailing Dangerous Waters:  
Another Stone Island Sea Story* **B00HF9Y05K**

### James Parry:

*Book All the Teachers:  
An Irreverent Ride through Middle School* **1501042211**

### Bob Weldin:

*The Dry Digger's Club* **0578106825**  
*The Adventurists* **153027253X**

### Sue Eller:

*Return from Armageddon* **B005JVAJKQ**  
*Meadowlark Madness* **B0097D599**  
*Send in the Drones* **Coming Soon!**  
*The Gluten Free Gourmand* **150853134X**  
*Taming of the T-Bird* **1505963982**

### Beth Camp:

*The Mermaid Quilt and Other Tales* **B0090VHKBC**  
*Standing Stones* **B0013RYFW6**  
*Years of Stone* **B00LF3FY4S**  
*Rivers of Stone (just published)* **B077M1TFLP**

### Kate Poitevin:

*Saving Tir Gaeltacht* **1503167844**  
(This book is currently being reissued as a three volume set. Information will be provided when available.)

### James Vasquez:

*Men Who Knew Jesus Well* **1604941901**  
*Women of the Bible: their Story in Verse* **1604942703**  
*Prophets of the Old Testament: A Classic*  
*Collection of Bible Heroes in Verse* **1615661166**  
*Words Jesus Spoke: In Verse* **1452077894**  
*The Psalms: In Verse* **1449710344**  
*Prayers from the Bible: In Classic Verse* **1449727794**

### Joyce Caudel:

*The Hat Pin Murders* **1936178397**  
*The Hat Box Mystery* **1481959107**  
*A Hat to Die For* **1530028612**

**Helen Christine (Foster):**

*Full Disclosure* 0990722201  
*The Lenders* 0990722228

**Chuck Lehman:**

*Angels Three Six* B00KMJXQR8  
*The Big Woods* B007SQ4CTE  
*Asher* B00HNZ6TTG  
*Lazarus Arise* B007R0NPW6  
*The Shepherd* B00HJBN4P6  
*Rogue 6* B01H7N8G2G  
*Exposure: A Story of Survival and Intrigue* B01H5W4V64

**B. J. Campbell:**

*Close Calls: True Tales of Cougar Bob* 1936178044

**Bob Manion:**

*Santa's Heroes* 1936178095  
*The Tree House* B004IZLHLE  
*Springer's Heart* 0978850742  
*Summer Rain* B00ZM3S2IM  
*Vampire and the Cop* B00ZM4BBOS

**Sandra L. Mason:**

(Illustrated by Natalie J. Apodaca)  
*N is for Nativity* 1517614880

**Don Brockett:**

*Tyrannical Rule of the U. S. Supreme Court* B01GW712VU

**Stan Parks:**

*Jakob's Ladies* 1532910762

**Tiffani Harvey:**

*A Journey to Independence* 1533499438  
*Growing Independent* 1533499926

**Allen Dorfman:**

*Reaching: A Vietnam War Novel* 1500489638

**Fred Jessett:**

*Mountains Melt Away* B00KD5KWIW  
*My Name is Tamar* B00DH3REWO  
*Drummer Loves Dancer* B073H2RP7P

**Lewis Meline:**

*Lies Exposed! The Truth about Diets...* 0997915501

**J. B. Rivard**

*Illusions of Magic:*  
*Love and Intrigue in 1933 Chicago* B01EGSC8N8

**Larry Danek**

*I'm the Ghost in this Body:*  
*The Nomadic Ghost* B01I0Z500Q  
**Republished as:**  
*I'm a Ghost in This Body:*  
*A Story of the Nomadic Ghost* 148971183X  
*Jed's World* B00MWDJ1YY  
*Ghostly Reunion:*  
*A Nomadic Ghost Story* B077KHR33M

**Diana Wickes**

*Home is Where the Heart Is* 1523381841  
*Elegy to a Montanan: A widow's Song* 1523382414

**Andy Brown**

*Warnings Unheeded:*  
*Twin Tragedies at Fairchild Air Force Base* 0997863404

**Esther J. Hildahl**

*Meadow Pond* 154244828X  
*Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude* 1542451248  
*Marie's Marvelous Tomato* 1548307653

**Kathy Rae:**

*The Jewel of Hope: Book 1:*  
*The Hope Trilogy* 1500236578  
*Ducky Day or Yucky Day...You Choose* 154139142X

*Deprogramming a Bully: Book 1:*  
*The Barber Chair Series* B06W5NP6Y1

**Margaret Albi Verhoef & Rita Gard Seedorf:**

*Letters from Brackham Wood* B00JEMX656  
*Letters from a Wary Watcher* B01EKOHO2C

**Russell H. Ford**

*Depop* B019NGA00Q

**Wayne Kyle Spitzer**

*That Thing We Killed* B076QF8XZY  
*Comes a Ferryman* B074SJF1TJ  
*The Tempter and the Taker* B074SV557F

*The Pierced Veil*  
*Black Hole, White Fountain*  
*To the End of Ursathrax*  
*X-Ray Rider 1*  
*X-Ray Rider 2*  
*X-Ray Rider 3*

**B074STJMGW**  
**B074SY83RW**  
**B074SWXM61**  
**B0755QN1N6**  
**B0755PY9NB**  
**B0755QPM67**

(Please note: Wayne Kyle Spitzer has an extensive list of published books. More will be added here as time permits. Or, you may visit his Amazon Author Page via any of the listings above.)



*The cover of one of Wayne's many books!*



*Doe and fawn on the Golf Course at Windemere, where a handful of SASP members were selling books back in August.*



*Break time at our April 2017 meeting. Stan Parks, author of Jakob's Ladies, heads for dessert!*