

# SASP

# NEWS

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Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers  
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Happy  
Independence  
Day!!!

**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.

**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.

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.

**2016 Officers:**

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**“Like” the SASP Facebook Page:**

[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, July 7, 2016 at 2:30 pm**, at the **Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division**. (The room opens at **2 pm** to allow for dining and mingling prior to the start of the meeting.)

Our special guest speaker will be Spokesman-Review columnist and author **Cindy Hval**. She is the author of *War Bonds: Love Stories from the Greatest Generation*.



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I like to write. I always have ideas for new stories and think about different aspects of writing daily. I've learned to jot down many of these ideas, and I know the more you write the more motivated and creative you become. I even enjoy the tasks of researching information for my stories and tweaking my sentences and paragraphs to make them as readable and interesting as possible.

However, after saying all of these things about the hobby I love, there is one obstacle

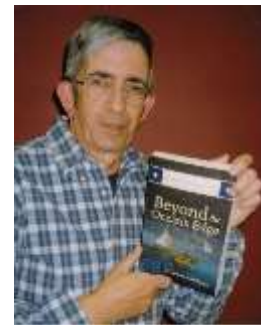
that is very frustrating to me and sometimes prevents me from creating and writing my stories for days, weeks, months, even years. That obstacle is *time*. I never seem to have enough of it. Often my best laid plans are interrupted by unexpected surgeries, spouse's surgeries, appointments, computer problems, vacations, family events, grandchildren, home remodeling, yard work, etc. In other words -- life.

What's a writer to do? Give up? I say, "Never!" I have three manuscripts in different stages of being ready for publication that I am currently working on, but it is slow going. I'm hoping for some *magic* that will give me more time. If any of you have any ideas on this subject, please write and share your magic.

*Esther*

P. S. The topic for our "10 Minute Discussion" will be: "The Best Rules of Writing!"

## FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



If you have books on consignment at the various Hastings Entertainment Stores in the area, you probably have received calls to pick them up. I still have to get mine from the Valley Hastings and would have done so on a recent day off had the book manager been in. For those who haven't heard, Hastings is currently going through Chapter Eleven proceedings. I was told by one of the book managers that they are looking for a buyer.

We can hope that things resolve and business resumes as normal, with us putting

our books back in the stores and having the occasional book signing. But we should be aware that things may not get back to normal, and we might want to be thinking of some alternative marketing methods.



## FROM A SASP MEMBER



### SASP WRITING CLINIC

Tip of the Month:

To keep your momentum strong for that next drafting session, always end your writing session by drafting a short sentence that predicts what the next scene will be about. Writing such a prediction keeps your mind thinking about the next scene in unexpected ways. Consider filling in the blanks to create a sentence scene starter, like this: (character) will (take action) because (motivation) but encounters (challenge) and (resolution). Always ask what is essential to move the story forward.

NOTE: The July 2016 issue of *The Writer* has an excellent short article by Rachel Carrington, "A Call to Action," which talks about how to focus on necessary action that moves the story forward. Persevere!

*This month's writing tip was submitted by Beth Camp. Why not consider sending your writing tip to David McChesney for next month's newsletter at [daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net)*

## JUNE's MEETING

SASP member Bob Weldin was our featured speaker at the group's June meeting. He talked about and ranked the rules of writing. As a part of his presentation he collected inputs from those in attendance and will provide information based on that data at a later date.

We had one guest, but unfortunately we did not get a name. No new members joined us for the afternoon. We did have a fine example of how we proceed with the program when key members are not there. President Esther Hildahl was unable to attend and Vice-President Sue Eller filled in. Newly volunteered and confirmed Public Relations Person Beth Camp stepped in to the role normally filled by Sue, and Secretary Dave McChesney acted on behalf of Treasurer Bonnie Stichert.

Our new Public Relations Person Beth Camp, mentioned [www.hometownreads.com](http://www.hometownreads.com) as a way for writers to have a web-page. She also mentioned Writers' Digest's Self-Published E-Book contest taking place in the next couple of months.

Tiffany Harvey announced that her two books are now available on Amazon and Kindle. Jim Parry mentioned an article written by the Spokesman-Review's Doug Clark about fellow member Don Brockett. He also noted a small and surprising surge in sales of *Book All The Teachers*. Bob Weldin talked a little about holding a book signing, not doing so well, but having a book sold while he'd stepped away and his wife was watching the table. He also mentioned that his web-site, [www.minersquestco.com](http://www.minersquestco.com) was coming along nicely, and that he is scheduled to be at Auntie's Bookstore in mid-July.

Bob Manion offered some observations on the changing attitude concerning books, self-published authors, and consignment sales at Hastings Entertainment. In addition he said a local writers conference is being planned for some time in 2017. Sue Eller talked about a recent signing at Auntie's, and Joyce Caudel said talking to a book club resulted in a number

of potential sales. Additionally someone mentioned the upcoming Pacific Northwest Writers Conference near the Seattle Tacoma Airport that will take place at the end of July, beginning of August.

Once again we had a great selection of door prizes. Nearly everyone in attendance took something home. Because he ended up conducting the drawings, our Secretary was unable to record the names of prize winners.

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers will meet again on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be Cindy Hval. She is a feature writer at the Spokesman-Review and author of *War Bonds: Love Stories from the Greatest Generation*.

**Please note we are well into the new membership year. Names of unpaid members have disappeared from the roster on the web-site. You can return your name to the list by bringing your \$15.00 dues for 2016 to our next meeting. (A few names have reappeared as of late.) You may also send a check or money order to: Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers, P. O. Box 18573, Spokane, WA 99228-0573.**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### 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. Please ensure your books can be found!)

Go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and search for the following titles:

D. Andrew McChesney:  
*Beyond the Ocean's Edge:*  
*A Stone Island Sea Story*

*Sailing Dangerous Waters:*  
*Another Stone Island Sea Story*

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

Bob Weldin:  
*The Dry Diggin's Club*  
*The Adventurists*

Sue Eller  
*Return from Armageddon*  
*Meadowlark Madness*  
*The Gluten Free Gourmand*  
*Taming of the T-Bird*

Beth Camp  
*The Mermaid Quilt and Other Tales*  
*Standing Stones*  
*Years of Stone*

Kate Poitevin  
*Saving Tir Gaeltacht*

James Vasquez  
*Men Who Knew Jesus Well*  
*Women of the Bible: their Story in Verse*  
*Prophets of the Old Testament: A Classic Collection of Bible Heroes in Verse*  
*Words Jesus Spoke: In Verse*  
*The Psalms: In Verse*  
*Prayers from the Bible: In Classic Verse*

Joyce Caudel  
*The Hat Pin Murders*  
*The Hat Box Mystery*  
*A Hat to Die For*  
Helen Christine (Foster)  
*Full Disclosure*  
*The Lenders*

Chuck Lehman  
*Angels Three Six*  
*The Big Woods*  
*Asher*  
*Lazarus Arise*  
*The Shepherd*

T. A. Bratcher

*The Road Chosen*

B. J. Campbell

*Close Calls: True Tales of Cougar Bob*

Bob Manion

*Santa's Heroes*

*The Tree House*

*Springer's Heart*

*Summer Rain*

*Vampire and the Cop*

Sandra L. Mason

(Illustrated by Natalie J. Apodaca)

*N is for Nativity*

Don Brockett

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

Stan Parks

*Jakob's Ladies*

Tiffani Harvey

*A Journey to Independence*

*Growing Independent*

## RECENTLY PUBLISHED!

### A Journey to Independence



By Tiffani Harvey

*A Journey to Independence* is meant to help people who are trying to make their own choices in life. The author tells her own life story in the hope that the readers will learn how

to make their own choices. The suggestions and questions throughout this book are guidelines to help people with disabilities know what kinds of questions they should ask before making a choice.

### Growing Independent



By Tiffani Harvey

*Growing Independent* is a workbook which can be used with *A Journey to Independence*. It is also a stand-alone book in the format of questions and answers. *Growing Independent* takes the reader on an in-depth journey to discover their everyday life and life skills. Each question makes a person really think about their life and why and how they are living it. Targeted especially for people who have disabilities, young people, and victims of violence, *Growing Independent* is a life guide for anyone who chooses to read and implement it.