

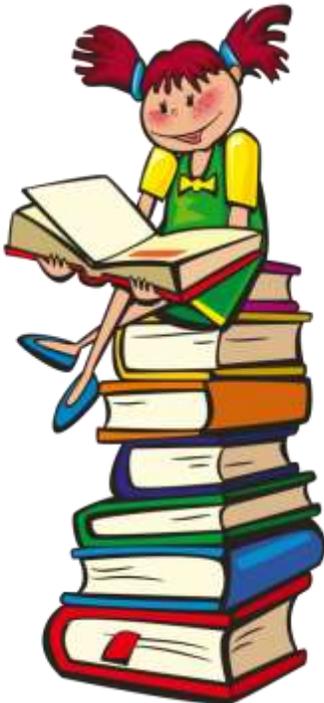


SASP

NEWS

September 2018

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers
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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.

Membership benefits include listing on the SASP website, 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 for you to display your books, but you must bring them to each meeting.

SASP now has a dedicated e-mail account. Contact us at:
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1646364128981815/>

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<https://twitter.com/AndAuthors>

OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us **Thursday, September 6th** at the **Golden Corral** on Spokane's **North Division Street**. The meeting room will be available for dining, conversation, and general socializing at 2:00 pm. **Our meeting and scheduled presentation begin at 2:30.**

Our guest speaker will be **Kate Reed** of Spark Central. (She's on the left.)



Kate Reed is a jane-of-all-trades who loves to do everything and meet everyone all the time. Her interests are often intense and fleeting, but there are some constants: writing, reading, testing her cartwheeling skills, jumping on as many bandwagons as she can manage. In addition to working at Spark, she hangs out with her husband and son, teaches at Whitworth University, and is the fiction editor at *Rock & Sling*.

She is listed as “**Development Coordinator // Coal-shoveler**” at the <https://spark-central.org> website.

Before **Spark Central**, there were two organizations: *Spark Center* and *INK Art Space*. The seeds of the original Spark Center were planted in Summer 2014 when local community leaders Jim and Joe Frank of Greenstone Homes, Ben Stuckart of the Spokane City Council, Vinny Alfonso of Gonzaga University's School of Education, and Debra Park, a Kendall Yards resident, gathered to talk about library and education needs in the West Central Community.

Greenstone Homes and Greenstone Foundation made a commitment to move forward with plans to create a “library of the future” for West Central community and beyond.

On the other side of town, INK Art Space, a youth arts education program founded by Spokane novelist Jess Walter and artist/developer Dan Spalding in 2014, was growing thanks to the leadership of Mischa Jakupcak, an award winning writer, director and film producer.

Spark Center and INK Art Space collaborated closely for a year, and by July 2016, these two mighty organizations merged to form Spark Central, a 501(c)3 nonprofit with a focus on igniting the creativity, innovation, and imagination necessary for people to forge the path to their best future.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Earlier this month, I finally finished my latest book *Poopie the Fly and Friends*. My husband, Bob, and I carefully proofread it for errors. When I was satisfied that it was “perfect,” I gave it to Russ Davis of Gray Dog Press to be printed up. But first, as usual, Russ gave me two sample books to go through one last time before the final printing. So Bob and I sat down and started reading my story to each other. Imagine my horror and surprise when we discovered twenty-nine more errors! I couldn't believe it. In the past, we found very few errors in the sample books. What happened? We don't have a clue. Perhaps, we're getting old and careless. Or perhaps we

were so immersed in the story that we didn't notice all the errors. I hope it's the latter reason. Most of the errors were quotation marks, which were misplaced or needed. Silly mistakes that I should have noticed immediately. For some reason, I have had a problem with quotation marks all during my writing career, even though I know all the rules. My book is still at the printer's as I write. Hopefully it will be printed up by our September meeting and I will finally be able to pitch my book.

Having some free time, I decided that I should clean out my office, which hadn't been done for about eight years. This task has been very therapeutic for me. It made me realize how much time and effort went into my writing endeavors. With each book, I did tons of research and note-taking on information that I might possibly use. Plus, lots of notes on writing itself and punctuation. However, as time went by, everything became terribly disorganized and often I forgot what I had. After several days of going through drawers and files, throwing out stuff, and reorganizing, I now have a sense of freedom, for now I know what's in every drawer and file.

On another note, don't forget SASP elections are coming up on November 1st. Now's your chance to run for office. If you decide to run, be sure and let Dave know so he can put your name on the ballot. After six years of being one of your elected officers, which has been a very rewarding experience, it is time for me to step down. I will be resigning my position as president effective January 2019.

Happy writing!

Esther

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



I've sat here for a while trying to figure out what I wanted to write for this month. I finally got up and took a stretch away from the computer, and would you believe it, within a minute or two I had something in mind. Actually I have three things in mind that I'd like to mention.

First of all, and echoing Esther, we will be holding elections at our November meeting. All positions are up for election/re-election. If you would like to run for a particular position, please let me know so I can get you on the ballot. If you are currently holding a position and wish to continue, please let me know as well. (For my part, I will probably continue as your editor and web-master. However, if someone would like to assume the duties of secretary, I will not object.)

Next, if you find errors or needed changes in our roster, let me know. The latest version will be going out at the same time as the newsletter. Once again, note that the roster will go to members (and recent members) only, and will be a document separate from the newsletter. Nor will it be included on the web-site or other publicly accessible sites.

Lastly, please don't forget to provide the materials needed to ensure your member web-pages are as up to date and complete as possible. We still need a lot of headshots, biographies, and other information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

AUGUST's MEETING



On Thursday the 2nd of August, Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers was privileged to have local independent author Rachael Ritchey as guest speaker. She focused on her journey to becoming a published author, including the influence her children had on her decision to begin (or resume) writing. She also provided a great deal of encouragement to those who might feel somewhat overwhelmed by the whole process of self-publishing. Her most basic bit of advice was to “break it down into smaller pieces.” During the presentation, Rachael shared many examples of artwork and covers she had designed for other writers. She also held a drawing for a mug which went home with Mel Brown.

Ed Des Autel told us about his newly published book, *III Minutes to XII*. It explores possibilities and asks questions about the ancient past. Newly joined member Stephen Lalonde noted that his first novel, *The Phoenix Gift* is currently available at Auntie's Bookstore.

Tiffani Harvey noted she was having a bit of difficulty with accountability of books at a local book store. Evidently the store cannot account for a copy of one of the books she had placed there on consignment. Esther Hildahl mentioned that her fourth book, *Poopie The Fly And Friends* is to go to the printers Tuesday following the meeting, and she hopes to have copies available at our September meeting. Gail Saunders briefly mentioned her anti-bullying children's book.

Our Public Relations Person, Marilee Hudon showed us some proposed stickers we could place in our books before placing them in the many Little Free Libraries located in the community. Stickers basically ask readers to take a picture of themselves with the book and send it to the author. The twentieth person to do so would get a signed copy of the author's newest book. She implied that we could bring books for this project to the next meeting and she (and others) would see to their placement.

Marilee also noted that we will have a table at *Art At the Market* in Liberty Lake's Town Square Park on Friday and Saturday, September 14th and 15th. A list of those wanting to have their books available was started during the meeting. Anyone who didn't get a chance to sign up should contact our Public Relations Person. (Contact information is available on the web-site or in the newsletter.) We want books from as many members as possible available for sale, but we will restrict staffing of the booth/table to three or four people at any time. If you've signed up to have your books in this event, please remember to bring your books to our September 6th meeting.

Lastly she suggested the possibility of having a second meeting each month, holding the second one during the early evening to allow folks to attend who cannot make it to our afternoon gatherings.

Once again we had a nice selection of door prizes. Winners included Dave McChesney, Stan Parks, Rachael Ritchey's mom, who attended as a guest, Bob Manion, Marilee Hudon, Jim Silliman, and Joyce Seebaum. If the list of winners is incomplete or incorrect, please consider that your reporter/editor held the first ticket drawn and was busy selecting his prize rather than recording the names of additional winners.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 6th. As usual, we'll meet at the Golden Corral on Spokane's North Division St., with the meeting proper beginning at 2:30 pm. Our speaker is scheduled to be Kate Reed of Spark-Central.

SASP FINANCIAL STATUS

Due to a clerical error, this month's SASP Financial Status Report is not available.

HELP!

If you have paid dues in the last few months and did not get a receipt, or if the roster shows you as not having paid, please contact our treasurer. She has received dues from two individuals but was not able to identify or credit them for the payments.

MEMBER WEB-PAGE GUIDE

We are providing the following guide for those that wish to provide information for a member web-page.

1. Name and photo/headshot
2. Brief biography
3. Links to any web-site, blog, or other on-line locations.
4. Information about any books published.
 - a. Book cover shot/thumbnail
 - b. Brief description/blurb.
 - c. Amazon ASIN, ISBN or other
 - d. Locations where available.

In many cases your editor/web-master can find much of this on-line, if it is there. If it's not and you would like to have a member web-page that is as complete as possible, please e-mail information to daveeva@comcast.net, authors@spokaneauthors.org, or send via USPS to:

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You are encouraged to check out other member web-pages posted on our web-site at www.spokaneauthors.org. Click on the "Members" button along the left and then click on the member whose page you wish to view.

Please note: We are always ready and willing to update and correct any web-page. Do not hesitate to contact your web-master if you think your page needs attention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact daveeva@comcast.net or e-mail authors@spokaneauthors.org to get your event listed.

ART AT THE MARKET

in Liberty Lake's Town Square Park
on Friday, September 14th (5 to 8 pm)

&

Saturday, September 15th (9 am to 1 pm)
Contact our Public Relations Person to have your books included.

(Contact information is available on our web-site or in the newsletter.)

Staffing of the booth/table will be limited to three people at any time.

(Contact our Public Relations Person to volunteer/apply to help.)

If you want your books at this event, please bring them to our September 6th meeting.

ART at the MARKET IS COMING!

SAVE THESE DATES
FRIDAY SEPT. 14TH & 15TH
FRIDAY 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM / SATURDAY 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

See 60 of the Regions Top Artist

LIVE MUSIC Held at Town Square Park in Liberty Lake, WA Use 1420 N. Meadowwood Ln in LL for GPS

STREET FOOD

Try Your Hand, Have Some Fun in Our Future Artist Paint Tent

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THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

FARMERS MARKET

Places to Stay in Liberty Lake

Liberty Lake Inn 1816 N. Popper Lane Liberty Lake WA (509) 755-1111	Quality Inn & Suites 2307 N. Madson Road Liberty Lake WA (509) 546-3333
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WRITE on the SOUND

Writers' Conference
Edmonds, Washington

Keynote speaker:

NYT best-selling author **Cara Black**

Pre-conference FULL DAY WORK SHOP

with **Michael David Lukas**

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,

October 5, 6, & 7, 2018

Registration opens

Wednesday July 18th at 10 am PDT.

Complete Information and Schedule at:

www.writeonthesound.com

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 or at

authors@spokaneauthors.org 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/)

Example: www.amzn.com/dp/B008TXC332

or: www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044

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 Diggin'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

B00I3RYFW6

Years of Stone

B00LF3FY4S

Rivers of Stone

B077M1TFLP

Kate Poitevin:

Saving Tir Gaeltacht

1503167844

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

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

The Tree House (new edition)

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Springer's Heart

0978850742

Summer Rain

B00ZM3S2IM

Vampire and the Cop

B00ZM4BBOS

Sabrina's Promise

0996864407

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*Illusions of Magic: The Movie* 0751RL53G**Larry Danek***I'm the Ghost in this Body:**The Nomadic Ghost* B01I0Z500Q*Jed's World* B00MWDJ1YY*Ghostly Reunion:**A Nomadic Ghost Story* B077KHR33M*The Runaway Ghost:**A Story of the Nomadic Ghost (Vol. 3)*

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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* B074STJMGW*Black Hole, White Fountain* B074SY83RW*To the End of Ursathrax* B074SWXM61*X-Ray Rider 1* B0755QN1N6*X-Ray Rider 2* B0755PY9NB*X-Ray Rider 3* B0755QPM67

Algernon Blackwood's "The Willows," a

Scriptment B07575JDFS

Flashback B07689XLTX

Flashback Dawn: "Naaygi" B07836PYT5

Flashback Dawn: The Devil's Snambnala

B078NHDKZN

Faraway, Nearby B076PNH7V8

Behind a Pale Mask 1973289415

Wet Bark B077RJ463S

Killer in the Looking Glass B0779DM1QH

Lean Season B074VD53SF

How About a Coke and Some Fries?

B077TPR77D

Flying the Fog Roads of Cascadia B077WTSXZN

Red Marillion B077M3ZHWP

Coffin Road B076XQY5FK

Napoleon B076FBPRYV

Azalea Dabill*Falcon Heart* B00VOEQXIO

Falcon Flight	B019YRTIRO
Lance & Quill	B010ZD7PVS
Path of the Warrior	B00W4JYHL8
Falcon's Ode	B075ZZBPKR
Nightshade & Knitbone	1943034109

Karen Jean Matsko Hood

<i>Blood Heiress</i>	1592108857
<i>Bloom of Autumn Gold</i>	1592102166
<i>Huckleberry Delights</i>	B0045U9U34 1596493852
<i>Transracial Adoption</i>	1594346186
<i>Petting Farm Fun</i>	1594346186
<i>Finding Rudolph</i>	B074JZPG9X 1598082957
<i>Morning Reflections</i>	B00DH70LVG 1930948557

(This is a partial list of Karen's books. More will be added with time.)

Tom Wallace

To Kill a Poacher: A Psychological Case Study in Empathic Health and Applied Spirituality
0595475442

Ed Des Autel

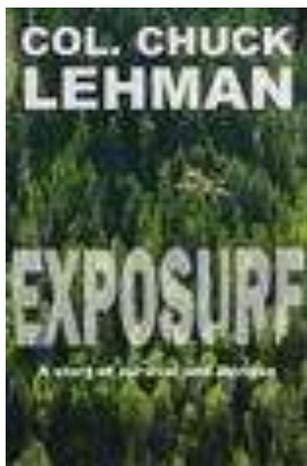
III Minutes to XII **B07B3YDPLK 1641382511**

of a Canadian forest. Now he and his photojournalist, Jillian, must not only survive in the woods but must also avoid being shot by a mysterious stranger who is shooting at them. With a little romance mixed in, *Exposure* is a great read.

Reviewed by Fred Jessett

I don't usually read thrillers but this looked like it might be a good read so I decided to give it a shot. I was not disappointed. A routine aerial photo mission for a mining company turns deadly when the plane carrying former U. S. Air Force pilot Cal Cunningham and risk-taking photojournalist, Jill Adams is forced down in the wilderness of northern Canada. They soon discover that they have to deal with the wilderness but also a Russian sniper and a Mexican drug cartel. All of Cal's survival training and his resourcefulness are put to use as Cal and Jill devise ways to survive both nature and those out to kill them. In the process Cal and Jill also find themselves relying on prayer and on each other in ways that rekindle faith and love in lives that had lost both somewhere in the past.

FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS



Reviewed by Robert G. Hildahl

Another great book by Col. Chuck Lehman. Using his survival training skills, he has successfully created an exciting suspense-filled thriller and a page turner.

The story begins with Cal, a pilot, being forced to crash land his plane into the tree tops



By Helen Christine

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

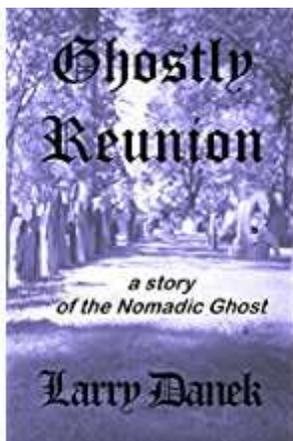
Jenny Scott is happily married to her husband, Greg. She has a dream job at Taylor Myers, a Seattle investments firm, and is about to have her first initial public offering (IPO). Everything is perfect. Or is it?

She can't help but think about her friend Cabot McAvoy's warning to be cautious when dealing with others in the firm and to not always believe what she's told. When she discovers someone has gone through her desk, looked at some of her files, and later discovers a mysterious file on her computer that she can't open, her suspicion grows that she is being set up to take the fall for some sinister happenings at the firm.

With the help of her assistant, Alex, she takes on the unscrupulous, greedy bad characters, who she discovers have already murdered two people that got in their way. After a spine-tingling office break-in and a harrowing car chase, they eventually find out what has "really" been going on.

Helen Christine is a fine writer and spins a great story of greed, dishonesty, corruption, and murder in the securities industry. It has a surprising and satisfying ending. The characters are well-defined and interesting. I enjoyed reading this book, and I recommend it to anyone who likes to read a story that is both a thriller and a page turner.

Available from Amazon.



Reviewed by Sue Eller

The Nomadic Ghost returns to take care of some unfinished business from his time as Robbin Simms, and finds himself in the Boise River, swimming desperately for shore.

In this second installment of the *Nomadic Ghost* series, Danek and his ghost deal with the challenges of a resident mind that

is insecure and has some mental issues. The ghost persona must strengthen the body it occupies in order to finish the work begun in the last body as it struggles to find out just what that work had been.

Not your usual ghost story, *Ghostly Reunion* is more a tale of the living than the dead, as the main character jumps from consciousness to consciousness, and body to body, to right some of society's wrongs and bring together people who need each other.

The Gluten Free Gourmand



a little cookbook by
Sue Eller

Reviewed by Kate Poitevin

This little cook book is full of easy to make recipes for those of us who can't have wheat. Ms. Eller has taken old favorite comfort food and adapted the recipes for us. She even gives us a basic mix to make them easier and faster.

My favorite so far is the waffles. They are so wonderfully crispy they hold up under the onslaught of syrup and I make extra to use as sandwich bread. The holes are great for holding in the peanut butter and jelly and they don't get soggy by lunchtime.

Many of the recipes are naturally gluten free and make this a one-book resource for your whole meal to satisfy all members of the family.