

VILLAGE WRITERS' CLUB MINUTES

January 23, 2017

Coronado Community Center, Room 6

In the absence of President Marlene Kloack, Madelyn Young, publicity chair, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m., and welcomed 14 members and 6 guests: Ralph Felder, Joanne Hanson, Tom and Doris Woodruff, Sue Hood, and June Wolf.

The club also welcomed **new member Toby Hamilton** who recently moved to the Village from Oklahoma.

Total attendance: 21

Minutes for the November 28 meeting are posted on the website. Note: there was no regular club meeting in December. However, 14 members and spouses enjoyed a holiday luncheon at DeSoto Club on December 19.

Financial Report as of January 31 will be posted on the website. Balance as of January 23: Operating Fund : \$1,600.38 Anthology/Workshop Fund: \$1,939.96

Community Fair will be Wednesday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Coronado Community Center. This is an opportunity to showcase the club and invite new members. Published authors in the club may display their books. We will need volunteers to help man the table.

Writing Workshop led by speaker Marilyn Collins will be Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Coronado Community Center. Topic: "Writing Family Stories for Your Grandchildren." We will need volunteers to help with registration, refreshments, and lunch.

L'Audible Art, the club's annual presentation of stories, memoirs, essays, and poetry to friends in the community, will be Monday, May 15, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Coronado Community Center.

More details about all upcoming events will be posted on the website.

Writing Contest: "Fill in the Missing Pages" See details on the website. Entries will be submitted at the February meeting.

Program

Suzanne Sweeten, journalist and author of "The Sweet Life" column in *Hot Springs Village Voice*, spoke about "The Four I's of Writing: Initiative, Inspiration, Information, and Integrity." In a warm, conversational tone, she shared her experiences and work habits as a writer. "I've always been a storyteller," she said, although her professional career in the medical field spanned 35 years before she retired to the Village in 2010. Later, she took a job as a part-time reporter for the weekly newspaper. She stressed the importance of always telling the truth in whatever we write, whether it is stories about our family or reporting on an event.

Notes for Minutes taken by Myra S. Rustin.