

Grapevine



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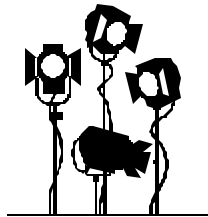


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St. Louis Gateway Storytellers membership is \$20 January-December (dues are NOT pro-rated)

Mail Dues check to: Treasurer Sidney Wolff, 8932 Chickasaw Dr, St Louis, MO 63132-2311

NOTE: Updated membership roster with current contact info enclosed with newsletters in March.



**SIGN UP IN ADVANCE.....if you want to tell a story at the next Gateway meeting. Don't wait to be asked to tell a story. Time limits for telling can be pre-arranged in advance (i.e. more than 10 minutes possible)
CALL LUCY GRONDAHL 314 962 6412**

**Meeting Tuesday, March 22, 2005 6-9 pm
Salad Bowl Cafeteria 3949 Lindell, 63108
Both Youth & Adult Tellers & Listeners Welcome!**



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Calendar of Upcoming Events



MARCH

22—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap
Salad Bowl Cafeteria Youth also welcome!
6-9 pm Info 314.962.4321

APRIL

26—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap
Salad Bowl Cafeteria Youth also welcome!
6-9 pm Info 314.962.4321

MAY

2-7—Small Business Week
Events calendar www.smallbusinessweekstl.org
Info 314 851 0939

4-7—26th Annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival “Keepers of the Dream”
Events calendar <http://www.umsl.edu/~conted/storyfes/>
Info 314.516.5948

24—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap
Salad Bowl Cafeteria Youth also welcome!
6-9 pm Info 314.962.4321

JUNE

16-17, 20-24—Storytelling Course
Univ MO St Louis Info 314.516.5948

28—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap
Salad Bowl Cafeteria Youth also welcome!
6-9 pm Info 314.962.4321

JULY

13-17—NSN National Storytelling Conference
Theme “Movin’ On...Stories of Heart & Hope”
Oklahoma City, OK Info 800.525.4514

OCTOBER

7-9—National Storytelling Festival
Jonesborough, TN Info 800.952.8392

ALL GATEWAY MEMBERS SAVE THIS DATE:
Saturday September 10, 2005 8am-5 pm
NSN Orientation FOR US re 2007 NSC Conference
we are co-hosting in St. Louis—STL location TBA

STORYTELLING GUILDS/ORGs. OF NOTE:

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MAST (Mineral area) Info % (needed)
MO-TELL Meetings Info %636 271 7914
M.I.S.T. Meetings Info%314 867 0489
MOST (Columbia area) Info%573 449 1822
RAPS (KC area) www.StoryRAPS.org
Riverwind Meetings Info%618 234 9698
ST Events Nationwide www.storynet.org
Springfield Area Info mdgryphons@yahoo.com

OTHER:

NSN Liaison MO Steve Otto 1-888-29 I TELL
NSN website www.storynet.org

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

.Puppet theatre: Jim Henson Foundation grant application for creation and development of innovative & creative puppet theatre—deadline 6/1/2005

www.hensonfoundation.org or
Tel. 212.680.1400

.Innovation in the Arts: The Creative Capital Foundation, New York City, accepting proposals for 2005-2006 for Performing Arts and Emerging Fields—initial support ranges from \$5,000 to \$20,000
<http://creative-capital.org/application/>

STORYTELLING COURSE

LEWIS & CLARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GLEN CARBON, IL

“For anyone who wants to spin a good yarn”

\$50 Wed Mar 23-May 11 7-9 pm

Instructor Joy McLaughlin #CECE201W6
Tel. 618.656.8800

GATEWAY TSUNAMI CONCERT

Sunday, March 20 12 noon
Salem United Methodist Church
14825 Manchester Road
Ballwin, MO 63011



Potluck with Storytelling Concert to benefit victims of Tsunami 2005

*For detailed information contact
Cathy Gregory 314.966.3153

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MEMBER CORNER (98 MEMBERS)

Membership Renewals 2005
FYI

To date (Mar 10), we have had only 60 of the 98 members on the roster for 2004 renew their Gateway membership for 2005.



St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting January 25, 2005

BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY :

Cathy Gregory, President Presiding

- .Fran Grindler, Immediate Past President, thanked the 2004 Gateway volunteers**
- .Linda Cluney's new address: 5702 Red Oak Court, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410**
- .Oracle Award Plaque citation about Gateway read + names of 2005 Gateway officers**
- .A moment of silence in remembrance of Jackie Torrence**
- .Treasurer's report: Jan 25, 2005 Balance \$359.34 at Commerce Bank; Al Cohen is the alternate signer on the checks in Sidney Wolff's absence; \$20 dues are due!**
- .Member request for an Income and Expense Statement for 2004 to be published in Grapevine—Sidney Wolff to work with Al Cohen to compile**
- .Attendance: 3 visitors this evening; a phone-a-thon will be done to contact members absent for a number of meetings to say "Friendly 'Hi' and We miss you."**
- .Telephone tree for the 30+ members (according to 2004 member roster) who do not have e mail—volunteers should contact Cathy Gregory**
- .Tsunami Storytelling Events: Riverwinds on Feb 20—Contact Marilyn Kinsella; Feb 4 by M.O.S.T.—Contact Anthony Clark; Question: Does Gateway want to produce a concert? Show of hands: Yes to do it; Mr K to see if Rev Paul Bembower's church available**
- .Riverwinds March Whirlwind Weekend Mar 11-13 at Pere Marquette announced**

STORY SWAP

NOTE: Contact Program Chair Lucy Grondahl in advance if you want to tell a LONG (10+ min) story

- ROSEMARY WILSON: She did an interpretive reading from Hearsay (California storytelling organization) entitled "Performance Nightmares...And Sweet Dreams" by Carolyn Martino.**
- SHARON THOMPSON: She told an African folktale about the cat's quest from living in the jungle to eventually taking up residence with man with several interim living arrangements.**
- SYLVIA DUNCAN: She told a fictional tale about asking a ouija board serious life-changing questions.**
- LUCY GRONDAHL: She told a new story she was perfecting about tsunami's and Phuket, Thailand.**
- JANUARY KIEFER: She told 2 short stories as a way of "thanking" Gateway Storytellers—A) Forrest Gump died and went to heaven where he asked St Peter two profound questions B) German folktale about a thirsty grandma with an empty rain barrel outside her house and a helpful little girl who volunteered to fetch some water and along the way saves a wolf dying of thirst.**
- IRENE DODSON: She told a Hanukkah story about virtues wherein a king learns wisdom from one of his poorest subjects.**
- CATHY GREGORY: She gave a brief overview of Jackie Torrence's book, Pot Liquor.**
- ETHEL SCOGGIN: She told a story about a Senator who died and originally went to Heaven but fatefully choose Hell based on what he found out too late had been a more appealing membership drive.**

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting February 22, 2005

Attendance: 25

BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY:
Cathy Gregory, President Presiding

- .Happy Birthday was sung to Gateway Co-Foundress, Irene Eveland
- ."Fred Red Bear" (stuffed animal) was introduced by Cathy Gregory and his message of "having lots of friends through Gateway if you are a storyteller who has a performance you are unable to do rather than disappoint the customer call 'give us a call—it WILL be taken care of and you will still receive the artistic fee check'"
- .Dan Keding has just published "Stories of Hope & Spirit Folktales from Eastern Europe"
- .MO-TELL and Riverwind report recent Tsunami storytelling concerts were a SUCCESS!
- .Marilyn Kinsella requests youth (5th thru high school) wanting to tell at the St Louis Storytelling Festival storyswap on Saturday, May 9 contact her IMMEDIATELY—see roster
- .Riverwind Whirlwind Storytelling Weekend Mar 11-13—see Calendar of Events
- .Reminder that Salad Bowl grants our free meeting room because at least 20 people eat a meal and we must vacate the garage BEFORE 9:00 pm
- .Treasurer's report: Balance on hand 2/21/05 \$982.24
- .Angel Arms (Girl Scout outreach program) needs volunteer tellers—per Diann Bank-on roster
- .Gateway Tsunami Concert & Potluck, Sun Mar 20 Salem Methodist Church—looking for tellers of stories from area, stories of hope & problem solving—per Cathy Gregory
- .St Louis Storytelling Festival still needs a few volunteers—per Mary Kay Menees—on roster
- .St Louis Storytelling Festival Sat Eve Concert May 7 in Touhill at Univ MO St Louis—there are 800 seats in the theatre; featured tellers will be able to sell their products
- .2005 Gateway Officers introduced
- .Guests in attendance introduced

STORY SWAP

IRENE EVELAND: She told a story entitled "Pork Stew" about Babba Yaga (aka Babouska) "bad day" as a result of getting out of bed on the wrong side. After a nauseating day of mistaking a clod of dirt in a wheelbarrow for a plump pig which was used to concoct a unique tasting soup, Babba Yaga became ill and did something a witch should NEVER do—she got back into bed on the wrong side!

MARY KAY MENEES: She related the historical story of Sacajewa's pride in being helpful in the serendipitous rescue of the surveying instruments of the Lewis and Clark Expedition when she grabbed the boat tiller Charbonier had let go of during a sudden, fierce rain storm and steering it safely to shore.

LUCY GRONDAHL: She told a story she had heard as she heard it but with plans to make her own adaptation of it before using it in a future storytelling program. It was about a boy who was very forgetful and who experienced an event-filled pilgrimage and test of his memory on the way to the store to buy salt for his mother. His reward after delivering the salt was a batch of cookies baked by his mother after the missing ingredient for the recipe arrived from the store.

MARCIA OLLINGER: She told a story from *Crazy Jibberish*. It is about a red headed boy named James and an overnight visit to his grandma's house. Grandma went to great lengths to stop his crying each time after she closed the squeaky door to his bedroom little realizing the real problem was the sound of the closing door and not loneliness. The placement of the farm's barnyard animals sequentially his bedroom failed whereas a squirt of oil on the door hinge finally resolved the situation.

RODGER ROSE: He told his shortened adaptation of a lengthy Kipling Tsunami story set in the Tibetan Himalayas a century ago. The Holy Man in the story was a former Brahmin who had renounced his caste status and chose to sit in a roadside shrine outside a small village for decades. His correct interpretation of local animal behavior following a shudder of the earth resulted in his successfully saving the villagers by leading them to high ground on an opposite mountain slope.

CECI PAUL: She told the Aesop fable about the wind and the sun in which the gentle persuasion of the sun succeeded where the force of the wind had failed.

CATHY GREGORY: She told a story entitled "It's Mine!" In the story, three frogs argue about their respective territorial rights in a pond before a fierce storm hits. In the aftermath, the frogs realize what had been 'mine' not 'yours' was now 'ours.'

TED LIPPERT: He recited two poems that he had written and are about to be published.

St Louis Gateway's
 Storytelling Hotline Announcements 24/7
 Tel. 314. 416. 2244
 Updated frequently —Check it out!