

Grapevine



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

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

**NOTE in 2006 GATEWAY
Meets Every Other Month Again**

**Gateway Meeting Next Tuesday
November 22, 2005
Election of Officers**

LAST MEETING OF 2005!

Salad Bowl Cafeteria (3949 Lindell, St Louis, MO 63108) 6-9 pm

ST LOUIS TELLABRATION 2005 —

Saturday, November 19, 2005

3-5 pm Union Ave Christian Church



Storytelling, Silent Auction, Secure Parking, Wheelchair Accessible,
Refreshments, Bookstore, Friends & Fun, Family Event, Youth Welcome!



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

19—Tellabration 2005 by MO-TELL & Gateway
BRING ITEMS FOR SILENT AUCTION! ★
 Union Avenue Christian Church
 3-5 pm Info 314 894 8703

22 Gateway Meeting & Story Swap
ELECTION OF OFFICERS ←


Salad Bowl Cafeteria
 6-9 pm Info 314.962.4321

DECEMBER

NO GATEWAY MEETING IN DEC 

JANUARY

Date? Chicken Festival RAPS, Kansas City, MO
 For details contact Mary Garrett 636.447.6760

24 Gateway Meeting & Story Swap 
 "2006 Dues of \$20 Payable before 2/28/06"
 Salad Bowl Cafeteria
 6-9 pm Info 636.443.2062

MARCH

4 Riverwind Whirlwind Weekend 
 Workshop on the business side of storytel-
 ling

Save the Date! Info 618.397.1377

28 Gateway Meeting & Story Swap

STORYTELLING GUILDS/ORGS. OF NOTE:

Joplin Area	Info	godsey@hotmail.com
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
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ST Events Nationwide	www.	storynet.org
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**Gateway
 Dues \$20/yr
 Payable
 Jan 1-Feb 28
 Treasurer,
 Sidney Wolff**



**GATEWAY
 ELECTION
 OF
 OFFICERS
 FOR
 2006** 

**Election will be during
 the business meeting
 Tues, Nov 22, 2005.**

There will be
 nominations from the
 floor for President, Vice
 President, Secretary,
 and Treasurer.

Incumbent officers
 may run for a second
 term.

Anyone nominating a
 Gateway member not
 present at the meeting
MUST have their
 verbal consent to serve
 if elected.

Term begins Jan 1.

**GATEWAY
 MEETING
 DATES IN
 2006**



Tuesdays 6-9pm

January	24
March	28
May	23
July	25
Sept	26
Nov	28

Salad Bowl
 requires at least
 20 people eating
 dinner for us to
 qualify for a
 free meeting
 room.

Youth as well as
 adults welcome

**GATEWAY
 COMMITTEE
 CHAIR OPENINGS
 FOR
 APPOINTMENT IN
 2006**

Membership
 Newsletter
 Program
 Publicity

Members interested in
 any of the above
 should speak with the
 incoming President.

**BOOKS TO CON-
 sider**

From NSN:
 1. *Telling Stories to
 Children* \$12
 2. *Beginner's Guide
 to Storytelling* \$8
 Tel.1.800.525.4514

Ruth Stotter's
*Smiles 101 Stunts,
 Oohs, Aahs, Magic &
 Puzzles* \$15
 (ideas for large
 audiences)
 r.stotter@comcast.net

**OFFICERS & COMMITTEE
 CHAIRS thru 12/31/2005**

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St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting Sept 27, 2005

Attendance: 13

BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY :**Cathy Gregory, President Presiding**

- .Welcome to new Gateway member Marion Nichols
- .Discussion of going back to Gateway meetings every other month in 2006
- .Encouraged everyone present to invite an absent Gateway member to attend next month
- .NSN Annual Storytelling Festival Jonesborough, TN Oct 7-9 highlighted
- .Discussion of using dialects in storytelling
- .Agreed there would be option to wear costume to October Gateway meeting
- .Treasurer's report Balance \$600.87 (Sidney Wolff, Treasurer)

STORY SWAP

MARY GARRETT told a story of Tamerlane who gave the village an elephant. The villagers, though honored, wanted to return it saying it would become lonely. Then the villagers began to drift away. The lone remaining villager worried that the elephant would be lonely and hence, acquired one more elephant. The lone remaining man then asked where the other villagers were as they were all in this together.

MARION COHEN told the story of two men—one was kind and one was not. The kind man saved an injured bird who gave him a seed to plant to reap his just rewards. The plant grew into watermelons whose seeds were precious stones. Observing all this, the other man shot a bird and then nursed it back to health all the time reminding it to reward him with his 'just rewards.' He too was given seeds to plant and they grew into vines reaching to the moon. This second man then climbed the vine to the moon and was stranded there when the vine died. He thus received his 'just reward.'

SYLVIA DUNCAN told the story of a man requesting a loan of \$5,000 from another. The petitioner reminded the potential patron of all he had done for him such as 'saving your life, introducing you to your wife, donating blood to your daughter.' The second man then asked the petitioner, "What have you done for me lately?"

WARREN WYMAN told the story of a daughter who dearly wished to be married. She asked her seafaring father, "What shall I look for in a husband?" The answer was to ask her suitors to determine which well each of two different bowls had been filled from—one from a well of tears and one from a well of laughter. The man giving the correct answer became the groom.

MARION NICHOLS (new member) told a family story of her Polish relative taking messages for the Russians. He was attacked by wolves and hid in the rafters of a nearby barn. The wolves followed him through the open barn door and ate his horses for supper that evening. This mortal combat event clarified for the man that he really no longer wanted to be a Pole working for the Russian Army. He then went on to sell everything he owned and paid his passage to America. This is now a true story for his offspring.

ROGER ROSE told a dreamlike tale of a mouse who climbed up a cheesy moonbeam to the moon. Upon arrival on the surface, he found out that only its outer surface was composed of cheese while underneath was just dirt. The earth mouse followed the blue moon mouse into its lair. Soon thirst got the better of the earth mouse who dared to make a trip to the far side of the moon for milk despite it being the world of cats. Earth mouse escaped to earth on a moonbeam too small for the cat. The cat's threat to turn the moon off was followed by a click and then darkness. Earth mouse found himself in the dark in his own lair until sunrise. Was it all really a dream?

SIDNEY WOLFF told the Will Rodgers story "The Dog Who Paid Cash." The dog diligently took the money he received from onlookers for doing tricks and stashed it away. A unemployed human wondered where the dog put the coins the crowds threw at him. All we know now is that the dog went to Wyoming and reportedly prospering there as well.

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting Oct 25, 2005

Attendance 17

BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY:

Cathy Gregory, President Presiding

.NSN NSC STL 2007 Local Executive Committee (LEXC) continues meeting monthly
.Re Gateway meeting monthly or every other month—Motion by Mary Kay Menees and seconded by Fran Anstett to return to meetings every other month beginning in January, 2006. Motion passed.

.Election of officers to be held at Nov 22, 2005 meeting. Nominating Committee volunteers solicited by Gateway President—no one volunteered.

.Issue of sharing NSN, NSN Missouri Liaison, etc. info coming to Grapevine Editor via e mail with all Gateway members discussed. Consensus for the Editor to forward e mail info to Gateway members with e mail and members without e mail to give the Editor four (4) SASE if interested in receiving this information.

Thus, this weekly/bi-weekly information received can cost effectively be shared.

.Sharon Thompson requested volunteers to help with Tellabration Nov 19.

.Treasurer's report Balance Gateway \$505.36 (Sidney Wolff, Treasurer)

NSC STL 2007 Petty Cash Fund Balance \$74.80 (\$ from MO-TELL, Riverwind & Gateway)

STORY SWAP

LUCY GRONDAHL first told a personal tall tale set at Schnucks. Lucy was told by the woman in front of her in the checkout that her mother had just died and that Lucy looked just like her. The woman went on to say she had never said "Goodbye, Mom" and requested Lucy to receive this farewell message from her and respond with "Bye" in return to her. So the scenario played out uneventfully. When Lucy's grocery bill totaled \$178 for just a bag full of food, the checker matter-of-factly explained it was based on both her and 'her Mom's' purchases! LUCY then went on to tell a short adaptation of the "Red Riding Hood" story. ROSEMARY WILSON did an interpretive reading of an op-ed from the Washington County, Tennessee *Herald & Tribune* entitled "Aftermath of the Storytelling Festival (in Jonesborough)" in October.

MARY KAY MENEES shared her experience on a recent trip to France involving the centuries old 950 mile pilgrimage from Santiago to the Benedictine Abbey at Orbach France following a trail of seashells. The Abbey bell tolls continuously to further guide the pilgrims within hearing distance. To read more on this subject check out Shirley MacLaine's book, "*The Camino—A Journey of the Spirit.*"

MARY GARRETT told a story of a Puritan girl and Indian boy. It was the time of an abundant corn harvest. The Indian boy made a doll from the corn husks as a gift to the girl. The doll other children in the village wanted to make such dolls themselves after seeing this one and to play dolls. They had less time to do their chores with a resulting wrath of their parents. It took a local judge to tell the parents, when he was apprised of their concerns, that PLAYING was really the work that a CHILD should engage in.

FRAN ANSTETT told two short stories. One was about the placement of the Trevi Fountain in Rome and the other about Michaelangelo's response to a rare reviewer of one of his works-in-progress.

SHARON THOMPSON told a humorous ghost story about a preschooler's thirst just for apple juice and the family members' scary attempts to retrieve it from the basement storage cellar. Finally, the assertive preschooler went into the cellar and informed the 'ghost with one black eye' that it would have two black eyes unless it got out her way to the apple juice larder.

MARY GARRETT retold the story of "Rabbit with No Luck" that she had heard Joe Wos tell at the recent MO River Storytelling Festival in St Charles. She displayed the cartoons he had drawn during the telling to illustrate the story.

SUE HINKEL recounted the humorous personal story of her first National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN in the 1980's.

CATHY GREGORY told the "Spook Eye Tree" story about siblings hesitantly returning from the store via a cemetery to expedite getting the milk home to Mom.

JEANNE CREWS told a story instructing the listener that nothing is impossible and from the experience of the second victim who lived to tell this story. The plot involved a drunk man taking a shortcut home through a cemetery and falling into an open grave. The next victim to arrive in the pit was told by the first victim, "You will never get out. The grave is too deep."