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UPCOMING GATEWAY MEETING DATES 2007:

All meetings to be held at the Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest, St. Louis, MO 63124
Tuesday, September 25, 2007 6:00 pm Business Meeting and 7:00-8:30 pm Story Swap
Tuesday, November 27, 2007 6:00 pm Business Meeting and 7:00-8:30 pm Story Swap

To sign up to be a teller at the Story Swap, contact Warren Wyman 636 527 5542

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST (near and far)

■ National Speakers Association/ St. Louis Fall Programs
Saturday, September 15, 2007 8:00 am-12 noon Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clayton Cost \$65 includes breakfast
"The Professional Speaker System" Jim Cathcart, CSP, CPAE
Info at www.NSAStLouis.org or call 573 657 2739

■ National Storytelling Festival 2007
Friday, October 5-Sunday October 7 Jonesborough, TN
Bobby Norfolk will be one of the featured tellers
Info at www.storytellingcenter.net or call 800 952 8392

■ Missouri River Storytelling Festival
Friday, October 19-Sunday, October 21 Frontier Park in St. Charles, MO
Info from MO-TELL--Sue 636 271 7914

■ Tellabration 2007
Saturday, November 17 2:00 pm at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
Info Lucy 314 962 6412 or Sue 636 271 7914

GATEWAY STORYTELLERS BUSINESS MEETING JULY 24, 2007

6:00-6:55 pm Crown Center
Lucy Grondahl, President

Presiding

(Attendance 10-15 members)

- NSN National Storytelling Conference St. Louis—discussion of experiences & overall positive comments and LEXC (the Local Executive Planning Committee of Mary Lu Bretsch, Sue Hinkel, Bobby Norfolk, Becky Walstrom, and Rosemary Wilson) was given a round of applause by members present for "Job well done!"
- Jackie and Papa Wright featured in recent St. Louis Magazine "A" List—article read aloud
- Volunteers requested for a Refreshment Committee for Meetings and a Telephone Tree Committee—interested members should contact Lucy Grondahl ASAP
- Grapevine newsletter electronic edition under construction with publication date next week—members without e mail will be mailed a print off copy of the ezine
- Gateway Storytellers First-Ever Spring Retreat Proposal—Lucy will be sending a survey proposal to members in the near future for an April, 2007 retreat
- Treasurer Marcia Ollinger reported a balance on hand of \$1151.39 and receiving thank you letter from LEXC for the 2007 \$555.00 donation to LEXC's NSN NSC production expenses

STORY SWAPS Emcee Warren Wyman

(Approximate Attendance: Members 28; Guests 9)

- ▶ BYRON von ROSENBERG recited his published poems entitled:
"Not Shakespeare" "The Little Pyromaniac" "The Breath Holder Contest" "Ivan the Terrier"
"I Love You in the Summer Rain" "Grandma's Christmas China"
- ▶ KEN WOLFF told a Lewis and Clark story about the Corps of Discovery gathering expedition supplies while camped on the Mississippi riverfront. By a very interesting twist of events that occurred in a sharp-shooting contest between a scheming local farmer and one of the sharpshooter expedition officers, the prize of the needed supplies was won by Lewis and Clark despite the farmer's cheating maneuvers and because of the timely stampede of a band of beavers in the target area which propelled the musket ball to exactly the right target when they toppled some trees.
- ▶ GEORGY ROCK told a whimsical tale of how God created a painted planet and brought it to life with His kiss. Men then thought they could improve on the creation by spray painting their names anywhere and

everywhere. The script encompassed everything and resulted in a dark world. One young girl took it upon herself to scrub her house inch by inch to remove the graffiti script. Her neighbors soon joined in the labor at their homes and the world eventually became clean and bright again.

- ▶ **MARCIA OLLINGER** shared one nugget of wisdom she gleaned from taking Jay O'Callahan's class at the recent National Storytelling Conference. As a student in that class, she engaged in examining the "compost pile" of her life experiences with her eyes closed as instructed. When she remembered her "dance" experience of the polka with her grandfather to accordion music as a child it brought fond memories and a heartwarming personal story to mind. She had promised her grandfather to dance the polka with him at her wedding but alas that was not to be with his untimely death. Her husband, however, remembers her passion for the polka and never misses an opportunity to ask her to dance when the occasion presents.
- ▶ **SIDNEY WOLFF** began with the harmonica song of "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles." The story he then told was "The Bubble." The king ended up inside a huge bubble due to the prank of some kids and all the knights of the land could not rescue their monarch. It took the king's 5 year old daughter to solve the riddling bubble by advising the king to treat the bubble like a bubble and simply "pinch his way out."
- ▶ **MARION COHEN** told a story of a town ridding itself of a cave full of witches using the "Hokey Pokey" song and dance routine in falling rain outside of the cavern.
- ▶ **CAROL ANNE WATKINS** told an adaptation of the classic "Henny Penny" story.
- ▶ **ROGER ROSE** told an adaptation of the "Jack and the Beanstalk" story entitled "Giant's Toe." The severed digit persevered in the giant's life in spite his several attempts to rid himself of it.

TELLER TIP

You can now use clips from Hollywood films in your presentations with an umbrella license from the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation. The application is online and the license fee is determined by estimated usage. www.mplc.com

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Thank you!

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