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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIVERWIND MARCH WHIRLWIND WEEKEND

Early Bird Registration Deadline Feb 15, 2008

Friday, Feb 29-Sunday, March 2, 2008

Collinsville Illinois Library

Master Storytellers Connie Regan-Blake & Barbara Freeman

Contact Mary Lu Bretsch 618 234 9698 OR dmlbr@charter.net

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS IN THE ARTS (VLAA)

Business Edge Seminars for Artists

Monday, Feb 25, 2008 7-9 pm "Financial Fitnesss for Creative People"

Regional Arts Commission, 6128 Delmar, 63112

\$10 in Advance, \$15 at the Door

Contact 314 863 6930 or vlaa@stlrac.org

Monday, Mar 10, 2008 7-9 pm "Anatomy of a Contract"

Location, cost and contact info as above

FLORISSANT STORYTELLER NEEDS RIDE TO MEETINGS

Delores Santha, storyteller living in Florissant, needs ride to & from Gateway meetings. If able to help her contact Mary Lu at 618 234 9698 or dmlbr@charter.net

GALLERIA LOOKING FOR STORYTELLERS

Galleria will be having a monthly Kids' Corner as part of Kids in the Mall Campaign.

Contact Amanda 314 505 5253 or Amanda.Hassler@BrightonUSA.com

STORYTELLER WANTED FOR.....

WOMEN AND GIRLS CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY AFRICAN-AMERICAN

AIDS ALLIANCE AND THE TELEIOS PROJECT on MARCH 8,2008

Contact 314 479 9241 or robinsonharris@yahoo.com

CITY MUSEUM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER STORYTELLERS MAR 24-30

Contact Marion Nichols at 314 231 2489 ext 267 or 618 797 2224

CAPE GIRARDEAU STORYTELLING FESTIVAL Apr 4-6, 2008

Featured Tellers Sheila Kay Adams, Willy Claflin, Donald Davis, Dan Keding plus Priscilla Howe, Marilyn Kinsella, Joyce Slater, Blake Travis, Jim "Two Crows

Wallen"

Contact 1 800 777 0068 or capestorytelling.com

2. BUSINESS MEETING

Presiding Lucy Grondahl, President

Time 6:10-7:00 pm

.Summary of November, 2007 meeting read

.Treasurer Report Balance 12/31/07=\$2734.57

.2008 Dues of \$20 now payable until Feb 29, 2008 Call Treas 314 567 7930

.MOTION by Rosemary Wilson and Seconded by Marcia Ollinger to award an honorarium of \$250 to Folktale Productions for the services of Bobby Norfolk on the Local Executive Committee (aka LEXC) of the NSN 2007 National Storytelling Conference in St. Louis. MOTION DEFEATED.

.Riverwind March Whirlwind Weekend Feb 29-Mar 2 discussed by Marilyn Kinsella

.Cape Girardeau Storytelling Festival Apr 4-6 discussed

.Ecology Storytellers Retreat at Gray Summit in February discussed

.Gateway website update with 2008 paid up members discussed by Roger Rose

.Renaissance Fair May 17-June 8 discussed by Mary Garrett

.Gateway Retreat on hold till more interest per Lucy Grondahl

.Visionary Arts Awards 2009 mentioned by Rosemary Wilson as a possible goal

to nominate a storyteller in December, 2008

.Joy Nack announced she has been chosen by the NSN NSC 2008 Fringe Festival

Lottery to participate

.Sauce Magazine creative PR paragraph for Gateway meeting tonight mentioned

by Mary Garrett

.Lucy Grondahl informed members of her contact phone numbers:
314 962 6412 or cell 314 882 9301

.Thank you to Arlene Citerman and the Crown Center for hosting Gateway Story Swap in 2007 and again in 2008

STORY SWAP

CHRIS SUTTON told the story "Magic Penguin." A poor and honest ice fisherman became rich after losing his worn ice pick and having it replaced by the dive of the magic penguin which retrieved a golden ice pick as a replacement. Villagers witnessing this ice pick substitution were less than honest in claiming a purposefully dropped ice pick and receiving the penguin's guarantee that they would never receive the golden ones visibly through the crystal clear frigid waters.

SIDNEY WOLFF introduced his pirate story "Love of Music" with a harmonica tune.

A Japanese fisherman saved his life by being able to lull blood thirsty pirates with a tune he played as a last wish. The pirates were taken back to their innocent childhoods by the lilting melody and could no longer execute the fisherman.

GALE PORTMAN told a personal tale of a winter day when she was 6-7 years old in Vermont. Cabin fever had taken hold. She and her brother put on layers of clothes to venture outside in the snow. Imagination ran rampant with their snow fort becoming the Ship Enterprise. A warm lunch of tomato soup and toasted cheese sandwiches fixed by mom was a nice conclusion to this adventure.

MARILYN KINSELLA told a personal tale of several trips on the Admiral excursion boat on the St. Louis Riverfront. Nostalgia was rampant with her recitation of details only former Admiral guests would know. Her story ended with a salute to the Admiral!

MARY GARRETT told a tale of an Armenian Prince whose shepherdess finance insisted he learn a trade before they were married. It turned out that the carpet weaving craft that he learned was later his salvation and the key to his rescue by his Queen from the clutches of a band of kidnapers.

JOY NACK recited two satiric poems published by Rold Dahl entitled The Three Bears and Jack and the Beanstalk.

4. NEXT GATEWAY MEETING

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 Business Meeting 6 pm Story Swap 7-8:30 pm
The Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest Dr, St. Louis, MO 63124
Volunteer to tell a story by contacting Warren Wyman 636 527 5542

END OF NEWSLETTER