

# Grapevine



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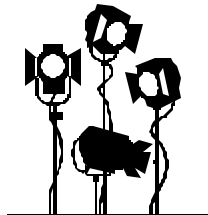
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(NOTE: Donations to this group NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

St. Louis Gateway Storytellers membership is \$15 January-December and checks can be mailed Treasurer, Al Cohen, 9761 Hastings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63132-3322, (Phone 314 997 0250).

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



**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****

**Next Meeting Tuesday, July 27, 2004 6-9 pm  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria 3949 Lindell, 63108**



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**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

([www.storynet.org](http://www.storynet.org)—  
for national event list)



2004

**\*\*JULY\*\***

27—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria  
6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

**\*\*AUGUST\*\***

7-8 New Salem ST Festival  
Petersburg, IL Info 217 245 2207

24—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria  
6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

**\*\*SEPTEMBER\*\***

Date? 29th Annual Corn Island ST Festival  
Louisville, KY Info 502 245 0643

28—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria  
6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

**\*\*OCTOBER\*\***

1-3—National Storytelling Festival 2004  
Jonesborough, TN Info 800.952.8392

26—Gateway Meeting & Story Swap  
Salad Bowl Cafeteria  
6-9 pm Info 314.997.3474

**\*\*JULY 13-17, 2005\*\***

NSN National ST Conference  
Oklahoma City, OK

**THE BUSINESS SIDE OF STORYTELLING**

Year Round Workshops for \$25-30 and at various locations around the St Louis on topics such as: “How to Start & Manage Your Own Business”; “Setting Up Books (financial) for Your Small Business”; “The Basics of Writing A Business Plan” and more  
Call SCORE 314 539 6600 ext 248 or  
Call MOSBDC & SBA 314 539 6600 x 227  
*Some sage advice: If you don't take care of the business of your business, there will be no business for you to take care of.*



**INTERNET SNIPPET TO AVOID DRY MOUTH**

“Most speakers have a tendency to get a dry mouth due to nervousness or anxiousness...I discovered that the new Aqua Drops really work to keep my mouth hydrated for up to an hour...Available at Walgreens or other large drugstores.”  
Debbie@DebbieAllen.com

**NSN NEW BRIMSTONE AWARD**

First annual Brimstone Award for Applied Storytelling is a grant of \$5000 for a project that will be completed in calendar year 2005. Project storytelling model should be service-oriented, based in a community or organization, & to some extent replicable in other places and situations. Info 1 800 525 4514  
Preliminary proposal deadline Sept 13, 2004  
Full proposal deadline Oct 25, 2004

**CONDOLENCES:**

To Irene Eveland, Co-Founder of St. Louis Gateway Storytellers, on the recent death of her 97 year old mother, Christine.



**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  
ST Events Nationwide www.storynet.org  
Springfield Area Info mdgryphons@yahoo.com  
**OTHER:**  
NSN Liaison MO Steve Otto 1-888-29 I TELL  
Worldwide Storytelling Day  
<http://www.storytellingday.net>

**BOOK REVIEW** (excerpted from HEARSAY, Summer, 2004, Volume 11.4)

Jane M. Gangi. *Encountering Children's Literature: An Arts Approach*  
“Jane made a Herculean effort to include books from every corner of the world...book is quite simply a tour de force—a book you will turn to ...for inspiration, information & insight.”

**2004 UMSL ST COURSE had 14 students!**

2004 ST World Honors:  
*Raising Voices: A Guide for Creating Youth Storytelling Groups and Troupes*  
By Judy Sima  
<http://lu.com/showbook.cfm?id=4929>

**OFFICERS & CHAIRS**  
(until 12/31/04)

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**MEMBER CORNER (98 MEMBERS)**

Welcome New Members!  
Margaret Cole, Flavia Everman,  
Jack & Sherry Goodnor,  
Jason Hasty, Jim Tayon



Total Membership: 98

**QUOTATION:**

“Storytelling is always about learning about yourself.”  
Dorothy Duncan  
Storyteller

**St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting May 25, 2004**

**Attendance: 15**

**BUSINESS MEETING : Fran Grindler-Anstett, President Presiding**

- Treasury has ample funds.
- Feedback +&--'s discussion on tellers experiences with recent St. Louis Storytelling Festival
- Tellabration 2004 will be Sat Nov 20 at Union Ave Christian Church—afternoon or eve?
- Gateway invited to participate with MO-TELL in producing Tellabration 2004
- Jackie Torrence is very ill with large medical bills and no health insurance—send cards
- Announcement that Gateway meetings will be monthly based on recent member vote

**STORY SWAP**

**Sidney Wolff:** He told story “The Barber” who gave advice that backfired.

**Jason Hastings:** Youth who told “Jack and the Hardy Hard Head” from Jackie Torrence’s *Jack Tales*.

**Marion Cohen:** She told “Shadow of a Flying Bird”—about God and Moses.

**Fran Anstett-Grindler:** She told her personal story of storytelling between Silver Tappers’ performances.

**Linda Cluney:** She told a story from the internet entitled “What a Great Attitude.”

**Cathy Gregory:** She told a tale of Lewis and Clark and the naming of the prairie dogs.

**Mary Wurtz:** She told a story she heard when on an OASIS storytelling assignment from someone in the audience.

**Sharon Thompson:** She told a traditional Irish tale about a hermit and the lady of the sea entitled “Irish Castaway” and found on the internet.

**St. Louis Gateway Storytellers Meeting June 22, 2004**

**Attendance: 17**

**Business Meeting: Fran Anstett-Grindler, President Presiding**

NSN 2004 Oracle Award to St. Louis Gateway Storytellers July 10 at the National Storytelling Conference in Bellingham, Washington—Sue Hinkel will receive the award for us and also take some digital photographs so we can share with members

Jackie Torrence is very ill and no health insurance—discussion and decision to do a benefit storytelling concert to raise money to send her towards her unpaid medical bills—

**Date** Sunday Sept 19, 2004 3-5 pm at Affton Presbyterian Church (9217 Gravois, 63123)

**Planning Committee** Paul Bembower, Jeanne Crews, Lucy Grondahl, Sue Hinkel, Rosemary Wilson—many details to be worked out

**Tellers who will tell “Jackie Tales”** Jeanne Crews, Cathy Gregory, Fran Anstett-Grindler, Lucy Grondahl, Sue Hinkel, Roger Rose, Loretta Washington,

Treasurer’s Report—we have ample funds

Announcements:

Marilyn Kinsella is the proud grandma of a baby girl—picture on her website

**Story Swap**

**Sue Hinkel:** She told an anecdotal story about Jackie Torrence and the workshop she did some years ago for MO TELL at Lake of the Ozarks State Park.

**Paul Bembower:** He told a story about Cinderella in her old age.

**Rosemary Wilson:** She told “The Dead Mule” as heard by Jim May in Versailles, Mo.

**Jim Tayon:** He told 3 humorous anecdotal stories (i.e. jokes).

**Sharon Thompson:** She told 1 humorous anecdotal story (i.e. joke).

**Sidney Wolff:** He told “Big White Wings” from *Isn’t this Surprising* by A. Kuznetzov.

**Fran Anstett-Grindler:** She told “The Little Crab with Magic Eyes.”

**Mr Kay:** He told a potpourri of family stories as far back as his days in utero.

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

**IRENE EVELAND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Mr. "K" J. Williamson received this well deserved award at the St. Louis Storytelling Festival Volunteer Dinner Party and Program held Friday, May 7, 2004 at the Glen Echo Country Club. His daughter, Jill, was the videographer for the presentation by Becky Walstrom, Co-Director of the St. Louis Storytelling Festival. (We are encouraging him to submit some of his stories to the National Veterans History Project now in progress. Info at: <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets>)

**NATIONAL STORYTELLING NETWORK (NSN) ORACLE AWARD TO GATEWAY:**

Gateway was selected to receive the 2004 National Storytelling Network Regional Leadership and Service Award. This award is presented to individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to their local or regional storytelling community and/or have used storytelling to make a significant contribution to the larger community in which they live. Nan Kamman-Judd placed Gateway's name in nomination.

Sue Hinkel, Gateway member, accepted the award (a plaque) on behalf of the Gateway membership at the special Oracle Awards ceremony on Saturday, July 10, 2004 in the Concert Hall of the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. This ceremony was held during the July National Storytelling Conference in Bellingham, WA. A picture was taken with the presenter, Joyce Slater—NSN Board of Directors—from Kansas City. We eagerly await Sue and Marcia Ollinger's first-hand accounts of this proud moment!

The ceremony program handout included these words from Gateway:

"Since its founding in 1981, St. Louis Gateway Storytellers has been true to its organizational mission of promoting the enjoyment of storytelling as an art form in the St. Louis area. The most recent innovation is its Storytelling Hotline—a 24/7 updated telephone announcement of storytelling events open to the public—mostly local and some regional. (Tel. 314.416.2244) The current membership of 90+ amateur and professional storytellers is proud to have been chosen for this 2004 Oracle Award. We look forward to being your host, along with Missouri Storytellers (MO-TELL) and Riverwind Storytellers, for the 2007 National Storytelling Conference in St. Louis, MO. Meet us in St. Louis!"



**4 of 15 HARD LESSONS IN STORYTELLING** (by Robert Seutter, Storyteller & Event Planner—[truethomas@USA.NET](mailto:truethomas@USA.NET)) (seen in Fran Stallings *NSN Rep News*)

1. Sometimes you are gonna suck.
2. Sometimes nothing was wrong with what you did, but you will think it was you.
3. Storytellers sometimes are as easy to manage as an armload of cats.
4. Sometimes tellers with half the talent, and all the right connections will get the gig. The hard part will be not being jealous."

Lessons 5-8 next newsletter..... (used by permission of Robert Seutter)



**HELPFUL HINT FOR STORYTELLER'S HOME OFFICE**



Office Depot Stores are accepting electronic devices of any kind (e.g. computers, keyboards, PDAs etc) FOR FREE and environmentally safe disposal July 18-September 6. This is a real disposal opportunity—it is often hard to find someone to do this when you have broken or outdated electronics and usually they would usually charge you to recycle the item for you.



Storytelling  
Hotline 24/7  
  
314 416 2244  
  
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Tell a friend!

Got a performance coming up open to the general public? Notify Rosemary so it can be placed on Storytelling Hotline! (314 997 3474)