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CARROLLTON CREATIVE WRITERS CLUB—FOUNDED FALL 2005

Our mission: Provide information and critique, and facilitate the art of all forms of written expression.

Meeting times:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

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BUSINESS:

❖ **November 10 Meeting**

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~~Zan Marie Steadham reported on our club's **Resolve to Read** show at the Carrollton Regional Library, 10 January 2010. The members discussed the postcard for the January show and decided to order one poster for the library to display. Zan Marie reported that we still need a volunteer to organize the reception. The readers who have volunteered are Eleanor Hoomes, Tom Cook, Diana Black, Joann Dunn, Mary Wilburn, Donna Spivey, Judi Presnell, Margaret Dyer, Richard Anderson, Shelly Murphy, and Joe Byrd. More information on how long each can read will be forthcoming. The December 8 meeting will be the rehearsal for the program. The set-up day to hang the framed covers and bios is January 2. The set-up volunteers are Zan Marie Steadham, Tom Cook, and Judi Presnell. Zan Marie will send an email to the members to let them know when to deliver their display materials to the library.

~~Penny Lewis, the director of the Cultural Arts Center, has requested poems and other short pieces from the members for the Carroll County Cultural Arts Newsletter. She included a poem and photo from Zan Marie Steadham and notification of Joann Dunn's newest book in the latest newsletter.

~~Judi Presnell brought the members up-to-date on the Christmas Party on December 5 and distributed the current membership list. Be sure to send Judi your check made out to Praises. The cost is \$15 per person attending. All members may bring a guest.

~~Eleanor Hoomes has published the list of facilitators for 2010. See the list at the end of the newsletter.

~~Margaret Dyer has volunteered to take over as editor of the CCWC Newsletter in January. Richard Anderson will continue as copyeditor for the newsletter.

~~Tom Cook reported on the planned writing workshop "Down Home Writing" taught by Loretta Hannon that is planned for February. Tom and Beverley Bruemmer will be in charge of this program. There will need to be a minimum of ten participants with a maximum of twenty-three. Be sure to let Tom know if you are interested in attending.

New Members:

~~We welcomed new members, Shirley Garrett and Brooke Simpson. Our visitor was Harvey Toub, a friend of Richard Anderson's.

Program: The scheduled speaker, Susan Larson, had to cancel due to a family emergency. See the readings section for the list of readers.

❖ **December 8th Meeting:**

We will meet only on the second Tuesday in December due to the Christmas holiday. The program will be a planning and rehearsal session for the January reading on Sunday, January 10 at the Regional Library. Zan Marie Steadham is the facilitator.

READINGS:

Don't forget to refer to our guidelines when preparing your reading. Avoid a lengthy oration prior to reading. Be sure to send "reader's comments" to johnzanmarie@bellsouth.net after your reading to be included in the next newsletter. Remember that a maximum of fifteen minutes is allotted to each piece read. This includes reading and comments.

Readings for November 10:

- ❖ Eleanor Hoomes read her poem "Depression" and a prose piece, "Doctor Needs Ride." Reader's Comments: "I have already rewritten "Depression" using the suggestions for improvements that the group made. I haven't worked on "Doctor Needs Ride" yet, but I have notes. This was the first time that I felt that I could improve my writing based on the group's comments. Thanks."
- ❖ Tom Cook read Chapter 13, "The Last Breakfast," from his novel *Coming out of Winter*. Reader's Comments: "Thanks to all for your comments. Your suggestions and support I find truly helpful when I go into revision. And, no, Eleanor, I'm still not going to tell you if Junior makes it back or not."
- ❖ Shirley Garrett read the first chapter from her new novel, *The Yankee Dime*. Reader's Comments: "Thanks for letting this new member jump right in with a reading. Your feedback encourages me to keep writing – something we all need – and it helped to have specific editing comments. I'm looking forward to new friendships and accountability partners."
- ❖ Zan Marie Steadham read the first scene from her novel, *Mother's Day*. Reader's Comments: "Thanks once again for finding the nits and the big things in my writing. I'll have to think about just how 'stinky' the cloud of child sweat and diapers are."
- ❖ Richard Anderson read "Split Pea Soup." Reader's Comments: "I am continually impressed with the perception of the listeners at our critique meetings and the quality of their comments, not just regarding my readings, but all the readings. I appreciate all the comments I received, from correcting the use of a wrong word to the effectiveness of the message I sought to convey. Thanks y'all."

❖ **MARKETING:**

Upcoming Events: (email Zan Marie Steadham about upcoming signings and programs for inclusion in the *CCWC Newsletter*. johnzanmarie@bellsouth.net.)

New Books:

~~Jay Jones has a new book out: *The Flight of the Armada*, the first in a series of twenty-six titles. It is available from www.lulu.com. Jay's daughter describes it as "...science fiction for people who don't read science fiction." Jay had a great weekend selling this new title at MeccaFest. Congratulations, Jay.

~~ Three women writers who call themselves the LitChix (including our own Joann Dunn), will be signing their new humorous murder mystery, *A Well-Manicured Murder*, at Horton's Books on the Square, 11-1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009.

~~Zan Marie Steadham's devotional, *An Easter Walk*, is now on sale. Congratulations, Zan Marie.

~~Penny Lewis, the Cultural Arts Center Director, has requested short poetry or prose for the CCCAA newsletter. She has completed the latest issue, but would like some items for the future. Include a photo and info on any upcoming projects. Her email is plewis@carrollton-ga.gov

