

All Points Bulletin

*The Twin Cities Sister in Crime Member Newsletter
February 2009*

March Speaker

Our March speaker is WCCO TV crime reporter, Caroline Lowe.

Our Next Meeting Date

*Tuesday, February 3rd, at 7 PM
Once Upon A Crime
604 W. 26th Street, Minneapolis (East of Lyndale)*

Minutes of the January Meeting

The meeting was called to order by club president **Marilyn Victor**.

Old business consisted of a reminder for members to pay dues. The recently formed programming committee decided to confer briefly after the meeting to make future guest suggestions.

The book selection for the month was *Blue Heaven* by **C. J. Box**. Several members had read the stand-alone novel and enjoyed it.

Guest speaker was **Jane Gilgen**, a professor at the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota. She spoke about her many years of interviewing perpetrators and survivors of violent crimes. A common theme in her presentation was how the instigators of violence often did not see their victims as “victims,” rather as objects to be controlled. The offenders had a sense of entitlement, a “big me, little you” philosophy which they used to justify their actions.

Twenty people attended the meeting.

Michael Allan Mallory
Secretary

Next Month's Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd, at Once Upon A Crime, 604 W. 26th Street, Minneapolis (East of Lyndale). Our guest will be WCCO crime reporter, Caroline Lowe.

President's Message

With the increasingly dismal statistics on the number of people still reading books, I'm now willing to consider the Kindle and all its cousins and wannabes. Anything that will get people to read. And I said consider, not buy. That puppy is pricey. Enthusiastic owners rave about the number of books it holds and how they take it everywhere. It's like carrying a library in your pocket. Supposedly it's especially nice on trips. After having left cameras, watches and various articles of clothing on airplanes and in countries around the world, I don't think the Kindle will be the first thing I grab on the way to the airport. I don't even take my iPod with me for fear of losing it. I can't keep track of it in my own house, let alone some strange hotel room. I'm probably being old fashioned, but it will be awhile before I give up the printed page, how about you?

Marilyn Victor

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Report – Fourth Quarter 2008

INCOME	Debit	Credit	Totals
Member Dues		260.00	
Other income: (\$806 - 2007 Carryover)		.00	
Other: Reimbursement-TC Book Festival Table		105.00	
Income Sub-Total For Qtr		365.00	365.00
2008 RUNNING CREDIT TOTAL		805.00	\$1611.00*
EXPENDITURES	Debit	Credit	Totals
Office Supplies	0.00		
Other Expenses	0.00		
Other: To OUAC for VP Books	0.00		
Expenditure Sub-Total For Qtr	0.00		\$0.00
2008 RUNNING DEBIT TOTAL	553.86		\$553.86

BALANCE as of December 31, 2008			\$1057.14

*includes the \$806 carryover from 2007

2008 ACCOUNT SUMMARY

\$806.00	2007 Carryover
\$700.00	Member Dues
<u>\$105.00</u>	TC Book Festival Reimbursement from Nat'l
1611.00	INCOME SUB-TOTAL

\$120.00	Webhost Expense
\$ 50.20	Postage Stamps
\$ 16.50	Bank Fees: Checkstock
\$ 50.00	Other: Webmaster Gift
\$ 23.45	Office Supplies
\$ 93.02	Brochure Printing
\$ 45.69	VP Book Expense
\$ 50.00	Honorariums
<u>\$105.00</u>	Festival Fees
\$553.86	EXPENSE SUB-TOTAL

\$1611.00	Income
<u>-553.86</u>	Expense
\$1057.14	2008 Total to Roll Over into 2009

Submitted by Lori Lake
Treasurer

Deadline Change

To make the newsletter more current and to distribute information about events a little quicker, the newsletter staff in consultation with the Chapter officers has decided to make the 17th of every month the new deadline for submissions intended for the following month's newsletter. For our March issue that means articles and reports for the newsletter must be received by Tuesday, February 17th.

Question of the Month

My misadventures updating these accounts prompted this month's question: How many of you consult social networks like Facebook and MySpace to advertise your own writings and publications or learn about the writings and publications of other authors? If you do, could you provide an estimate of how effective these networks are in terms of promoting your work and those of others?

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- I've made pages at Myspace, Facebook (AFTER a friend suggested Myspace was so passe), Crimespace, and Goodreads. I can't say that I've used them much, and find FB and MS particularly puzzling. So far, they've been a little like hanging out in the girls' bathroom in junior high. Crimespace seemed more like joining a special interests club. —
Barbara DaCosta
- I have my own web site, and post fan-fiction on <http://www.fanfiction.net/>. I have a 95,000 word novel up there; so far it's had over a thousand people who've read all the way to the end, and there are 337 comments. There's a lot of good reading there, and a lot of bad reading. You can learn much from both, though "what not to do" is a clearer lesson. I consider it a good way to get my writing in front of the world, so when I try to sell something, more people will have heard about it. —
Ellen Kuhfeld
- For an author, Facebook does seem to be the best of the general social networking sites. I'm on it but have no idea how effective it is in generating interest or sales. One thing it does well is helping authors connect with other people in publishing—other authors, publishers, reviewers, editors—which can increase name recognition or help in making contacts. For me My Space, Bebo and other sites have been black holes. — Michael A. Mallory
- I've heard other sites are more specialized for professional networking, but Facebook seems to generate the most traffic as far as readers are concerned. —
William Fietzer.

Academy Rewards

For those of you who may have missed the email about the Minneapolis Citizens Academy, here's a repeat announcement:

The spring class for the Citizens Academy is quickly filling up. If you have friends who may be interested in attending the program, please encourage them to respond quickly to insure that they will be able to participate. The class is planned for Tuesday evenings from March 17th through May 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in North Minneapolis. The deadline for applications is Saturday, February 14th, 2009.

Information about the Citizens Academy is available at:
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/citizens-academy.asp>

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For monthly crime stats go to: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-statistics/codefor/index.asp>

To sign up for email alert system go to:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert/signup.asp>

Weekly Highlights from the Minneapolis Police Department:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert/highlights.asp>

Write of Spring

The seventh annual Write of Spring celebration will be held on Saturday, March 28th, from noon to four P.M. at the Once Upon a Crime bookstore at 604 West 26th Street in Minneapolis. Come early and stay late to celebrate mystery writers, readers, and the books they love. Here's the lineup:

12:00

Carl Brookins
Gary Bush
Laura Childs
Chris Everheart
Brian Freeman

Ellen Hart
Steve Horwitz
Wm. Kent Krueger
Lori L. Lake
Jess Lourey

Bruce Rubenstein
Julie L. Schaper
Roger Stelljes
Christopher Valen

1:00

Pat Dennis
William Dietrich
Lois Greiman
Bob Gust Camille
Hyytinen

E. Kelly Keady
Jenifer LeClair
Chuck Logan
Michael Mallory
Larry Millett

Peter Rennebohm
Rick Shefchik
William Swanson
Richard Thompson
Marilyn Victor

2:00

Robert Alexander
Barbara DaCosta
Sean Doolittle
KJ Erickson
William Fietzer
Barbara Fister

Jeff Foster
David Housewright
Victoria Houston
Dean Hovey
Kathryn Koutsky
Linda Koutsky

Linda Morganstein
Susan Runholt
Steve Thayer
R.D. Zimmerman

3:00

Joel Arnold
Judith Borger
C.C. Canby
Philip Donlay
Monica Ferris

Erin Hart
Pete Hautman
Judith Koll Healy
Priscilla Herbison
Kathleen Hills

Julie Kramer
Mary Logue
Sujata Massey
Scott Pearson
Deborah Woodworth

Member's Websites

(Carl Brookins) www.minnesotacrimewave.org
(Pat Dennis) www.penurypress.com or comedybypatdennis.com
(William Fietzer) www.williamfietzer.com
(Anne Fraiser) <http://www.annefrasier.com>
(Lois Greiman) www.loisgreiman.com
(Erin Hart) www.erinhart.com
(C. Hyytinen) www.chyytinen.com
(Julie Kramer) www.juliekramerbooks.com
Ellen Kuhfeld - Big Washuu's Lab of Arcane Knowledge) <http://washuu.net>
(Mary Kuhfeld - Monica Ferris) at <http://monica-ferris.com>
(Lori L. Lake) www.lorillake.com
(Michael Allan Mallory and Marilyn Victor) www.snakesjones.com
(Sujata Massey) <http://www.interbridge.com/sujata/>
(August Schwerdfeger) <http://www.tc.umn.edu/~schw0709/>
(Richard Thompson) www.fiddlegame.com
(Christopher Valens) www.christophervalen.com
(J. L. Wilson) www.jayellwilson.com

Members Who Blog

Static (Anne Fraiser)
<http://annefrasier.blogspot.com/>

Agora2 (Carl Brookins)
<http://www.agora2.blogspot.com/>

Riding with the Top Down (Lois Greiman)
<http://ridingwiththetopdown.blogspot.com/>

Killer Hobbies (Mary Kuhfeld-Monica Ferris)
<http://killerhobbies.blogspot.com/>

It Makes Us Wild (Marilyn Victor & Michael Allan Mallory)
<http://zoofari.blogspot.com/>

Probable Cause <http://christophervalen.com/blog>

Resort to Murder
<http://www.resorttomurder.blogspot.com/>

Sisters In Crime Blog Crimespace
<http://crimespace.ning.com/profile/SistersInCrime>

If you have a website or blog you'd like to have listed here, please contact our newsletter editor at twinsisnewsletter@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Mystery Conventions

Love is Murder

February 6–8, 2009

Chicago, IL

Guests of Honor: Jeffrey Deaver, Alex Kava, Steve Berry, Sharan Newman

Local Guest of Honor: Raymond Benson

<http://www.loveismurder.net>

Sleuthfest

February 26 – March 1, 2009

Deefield Beach, FL

Guests of Honor: John Hart and Brad Melzer

<http://www.mwaflorida.org/sleuthfest.htm>

Left Coast Crime

March 7-12, 2009

The Big Island, Hawaii

Guests of Honor: Rhys Bowen and Barry Eisler

Toastmaster: Lee Goldberg

Fan Guests of Honor: Pam Dehnke and Vallery Feldman

Murder 203

Connecticut's Mystery Festival

April 18-19, 2009

Trumbull, CT

Guest of Honor: Linda Fairstein

Upcoming Events at Once Upon A Crime

Tue. Jan 27 - 7:00 **KJ Erickson, Ellen Hart** (*Sweet Poison*), and **Mary Logue** (*Point No Point*) for a Panel Discussion and Q&A

Tues. Feb 3 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sister in Crime meeting**. Book for the night is TBA.

Wed. Feb 11 - 6:30 **Mystery Reading Group** facilitated by William Kent Krueger. Book for the night is Daphne DuMaurier's *Rebecca*.

Tues. Mar 3 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sister in Crime meeting**. Book for the night is TBA.

Sat. Mar 7 - 12:00 - 2:00 **Laura Childs Oolong Dead** Signing & Refreshments

Wed. Mar 11 - 6:30 **Mystery Reading Group** facilitated by Carl Brookins. Book for the night is Chuck Logan's *Absolute Zero*.

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Mon. Mar 23 - 7:00 **Randy Wayne White** *Dead Silence*.

Tues. Mar 24 - 7:00 **Barry Eisler** *Fault Line* (new stand alone)

Sat. Mar 28 - 12:00-4:00 **The Seventh Annual Write of Spring** with *LOTS* of local authors, TBA.

Tues. Mar 31 - 7:00 **Brian Freeman** *In the Dark & The Agency*.

Sat. Apr 4 - 12:00-2:00 **Lois Greiman** *One Hot Mess*; signing with refreshments.

Tues. Apr 7 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sister in Crime meeting**. Book for the night is TBA.

Wed. Apr 8 - 6:30 **Mystery Reading Group**. Book for the night is TBA.

Tues. May 5 - 7:00 **Twin Cities Sister in Crime meeting**. Book for the night is TBA.

Tues. May 12 - 7:00 **Jane Cleland** *Killer Keepsakes* and **Rosemary Harris** *The Big Dirt Nap*

Wed. May 13 - 6:30 **Mystery Reading Group**. Book for the night is TBA.

Sat. May 16 - 12:00-2:00 **Anthony Neil Smith** *Hogdoggin*; signing with refreshments

Twin Cities Sisters in Crime Members

Judy Balthazor, Colleen Barnett, Carl Brookins, Jessie Chandler, Barbara DaCosta, Pat Dennis, Julie Fasciana, William Fietzer, Anne Frasier, Erin Hart, Susan Hastings, Carol Hedberg, Camille Hyytinen, Theresa M. Jarvela, Bobbye Johnson, Julie Kramer, William Kent Krueger, Ellen Kuhfeld, Lori L. Lake, Jenifer LeClair, Jess Lourey, Michael Mallory, Sujata Massey, Lori Ness, Todd New, Kathleen Nordstrom, Once Upon a Crime, Diane Pearson, Kim Reis, Barbara Schlichting, August Schwerdfeger, Kathy Spexet, Charity Tahmaseb, Susan Thoburn, Richard Thompson, Christopher Valen, Robyn Van Horn, Marilyn Victor, Celia Waldock, Deborah Woodworth

(This listing contains the names of those members who have their dues for 2009. If your name is missing from this updated list, please let one of the officers know. Thank you.)

Officers & Officianalia of Twin Sisters In Crime

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Interested in the Twin Sisters chapter of Sisters in Crime? Visit www.twincitysync.org. Or e-mail Lori Lake at LLLake-Author@comcast.net. To become a member, you must first join the national Sisters in Crime organization at <http://www.sistersincrime.org/>. Our local chapter dues are \$10 a year. Local meetings are held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at Once Upon A Crime Mystery Book Store, 604 W. 26th, Street, Minneapolis, MN 55405 (This is half a block east of the intersection of Lyndale and 26th in south Minneapolis.