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# THE GABRIEL WRITER

For the San Gabriel Writers' League – [www.sgw.net](http://www.sgw.net) – November 2015

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Kayla Marnach – **November 5, 2015** Speaker



Being a five time winner of the National Novel Writing Month, Kayla J. W. Marnach knows the joy and heartache of such a feat, and will share with you how she and thousands of others worldwide have done the same. Many begin, but only the dedicated and tenacious few complete such a grueling task. Though everyone can be a winner, it's not easy, yet with her Tips and Tricks, gathered from years of personal experience and others Wrimos, she gives insights into what it takes – the Do's and Don'ts and how to gain the confidence to stick with it!

Kayla has been a guest speaker at UT, American Christian Fiction Writers, SGWL and Steiner Ranch Elementary. She has won first place in writing contests, has been editor and coordinator for four years for the Hill Country Book Festival Writing Contest, producing an anthology of students work from third grade through senior high. Her *Learning Lyrics Workbook* has been implemented in two school districts. Her one line sayings have been distributed nationally and has had a monthly poetry column in *The Resident*, a San Antonio magazine. She also participated in Open Mic Poetry Night in San Antonio and Atlanta. For six years she worked with second through fourth graders, each year producing a book of their writings. She has also been part of the team for the Rising Star Writing Competition at Steiner Ranch Elementary. Her heart and passion is to give voice to children. Her recently published book *My Body's Mine* has sales in the US as well as Europe. But believes one of her greatest accomplishments (besides giving natural childbirth) is her advice being included in Chris Baty's , founder of NaNoWriMo, second edition *No Plot No Problem*.

## **BRING PAPER AND PEN OR PENCIL TO GET STARTED ON YOUR NANOWRIMO NOVEL!**



### **President's Words**

Election time is upon us that is SWGL annual election of officers. Our November meeting is your last chance to have your name put on the ballot before I close the nominations for office. The future of our organization depends on your participation. Your vote and input counts.

Our annual Christmas Party is next month. We changed the location, so be sure to read the announcement. See you there with your significant other.

We had a great speaker, Beth Ann Stifflemeyer, who gave us a presentation on “How to use social media to market your book”.

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## San Gabriel Writer's League

### General Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2015

#### The Call to Order:

Paul Fronczek called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

#### The Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Kayla Marnach reported a positive ending balance of \$1,537.

#### New Business:

- We are looking for officers for 2016.
- The October meeting will be a presentation by Beth Ann Stifflemire on book marketing.
- The November meeting will be a <http://nanowrimo.org/> working meeting.

#### Old Business:

- Jane Thompson added more information to supplement her August presentation.

#### Brags:

- Sid Frost announced his latest book, *Murder in Sun City*, was in the hands of the editor and should be available early in December.

- **October 2015 Meeting Minutes**

- Christmas meeting called to order at 6:45. Results of the meeting voted by the members present: Christmas Party at new location, Date December 3, 2015, pot-luck dinner will be provided by SWGL members, members to bring a children book for the needy children, and the main event will be a gift exchange.
- Regular meeting called order at 7:00 PM by Paul Fronczek
- Secretary and Treasures report given
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** Nominations for SGWL are President, Paul Fronczek; VP, Don Guerrant; Secretary, Sid Frost and Jane Thompson; Treasure Kayla Marmach; Newsletter, Janet Kilgore; and Membership, Janet Kilgore.
- **Speaker:** Beth Ann Stifflemeyer. We had a great speaker on “How to Market Your Book” using social media, setting up your web site and ways for readers and potential readers to find you.

## SGWL Board

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## SGWL website: [www.sgwl.net](http://www.sgwl.net)

### Marjorie Anderson

[www.challenge4teens.com](http://www.challenge4teens.com)

### Anna M. Bell

Website:

<http://www.annamaebell.com>

Author Blog:

<http://annbell.wordpress.com/>

Educational Technology Blog:

<http://annamaebell.wordpress.com/>

### Martha Carr

[www.WallisJones.com](http://www.WallisJones.com)

### Ross Carnes

<http://webstarts.com/RHCarnesStoryTeller>

### David Ciabrone

### Gary Clark

[www.clarkliterary.com](http://www.clarkliterary.com)

## Member Websites

### Mary Fenoglio

[www.eggsinmypocket.com](http://www.eggsinmypocket.com)

### Sidney Frost

[www.sidneywfrost.com](http://www.sidneywfrost.com)

### Joan Hall:

[www.JoanUptonHall.com](http://www.JoanUptonHall.com)

### Linda B. Johnson

[www.lindabatenjohnson.com](http://www.lindabatenjohnson.com)

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**Linda Lipscomb:**  
www.lblipscomb.com

**Janet Kilgore**  
www.janetkilgore.com

**Jason Minor:**  
www.jason-minor.com

**Joy Nord:**  
www.GlyndaJoyNord.com

**Jamie Roton aka Lillian Grey blog**  
<http://lilliangrey.wordpress.com/>

**Martin "Marty" Shelton**  
<http://sheltoncomm.com>

**Sylvia Dickey Smith:**  
www.sylviadickeysmith.com

**Jane Thompson**  
www.bipolarhandbook.com

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**SAN GABRIEL WRITERS LEAGUE  
HOLIDAY PARTY**

December 3, 2015

San Gabriel Senior Village    **RSVP TO JANET KILGORE**  
2101 Railroad St.                    [janet-kilgore@austin.rr.com](mailto:janet-kilgore@austin.rr.com)  
Georgetown, TX 78626            Cell 512-517-7884

**IMPORTANT!**

Parking is strictly monitored by a towing service. Parking in visitors' spaces in front or behind the complex or in the parking lot of Caring Place.

Party Room is directly accessed from the office lobby or from the pool area in the back and through the screened porch.

**FOOD — by LAST NAME as follows:**  
**A-G — Casseroles, meat, meat dishes**  
**H-L — Vegetable, Salad, bread**  
**M-Z — Munchies, Desserts**  
**SGWL — Dishes, cutlery, napkins, plates, and drinks**  
**IF any of you want to bring wine, that's fine—bring enough to share . . .**  
**Let us know what you'll bring.**



**Everyone bring at least ONE  
UNWRAPPED  
CHILDREN'S BOOK  
for the Georgetown Blue Santa  
Books  
for  
the littles,  
the middles,  
and the preteens, too.**

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**The  
November 5  
SGWL meeting  
Is at the  
Georgetown  
Public Library  
Gather at 6:30  
Meeting at 7:00  
See you there !!**

***The Write place for the writer in you!***

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## LINKS OF INTEREST

**This is a link to member Karen Swensson's new book. Take a look! Write a review!**

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_i\\_1\\_21?url=search-alias=aps&field-keywords=conversations+loosely+translated&prefix=conversations+loosely,aps,171](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_1_21?url=search-alias=aps&field-keywords=conversations+loosely+translated&prefix=conversations+loosely,aps,171)

**More about NaNoWriMo from Austin Mystery Writers.**

<http://austinmysterywriters.com/2015/10/19/turn-off-your-internal-editor-and-do-the-nano/>

**Hill Country Speakers Series, Gtown Pub. Library**

<https://library.georgetown.org/hill-country-authors-series/>

**Freedom With Writing**

<http://www.FreedomWithWriting.com>

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