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# THE GABRIEL WRITER

For the San Gabriel Writers' League – [www.sgw1.net](http://www.sgw1.net) – February 2016

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Debra Winegarten – February Speaker



JOIN US!

**The  
April 2  
SGWL  
meeting  
is at the  
Georgetown  
Public  
Library.  
Gather at  
6:30;  
Meeting at  
7:00.  
See you  
there !!**

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2015 Dues!  
\$25  
Individual  
\$35 Family**

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## **Award-Winning Author to Speak at SGWL's February Meeting**

**Debra L. Winegarten** works in the Astronomy Department at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. With a master's degree in sociology from The Ohio State University, specializing in qualitative research, Debra uses her research skills to write biographies of Texas women for middle-school students. She is also on the faculty of South University, where she teaches undergraduate sociology courses.

Debra is a past president of the Texas Jewish Historical Society. She has written two Jewish-themed poetry books, "There's Jews in Texas?" and "Where Jewish Grandmothers Come From," and has published "Meeting God at Midnight" through her company, Sociosights Press. Her company's first children's book, "Almost a Minyan," is due out in 2016.

"Oveta Culp Hobby: Colonel, Cabinet Member, Philanthropist," Debra's sixth book, won a gold medal from the Military Writers Society of America, the 2015 award for best Biography from the Texas Association of Authors, and was a literary award finalist for the WILLA award, given by Women Writing the West. Currently, she is working on an adult biography, "Zvi Yaniv: From the Mysterious Island to Nanotechnology," a children's book, "Almost a Minyan," and another Texas women's biography. Her publishing company, Sociosights Press, won an award for the 2015 Best Poetry Book for "Meeting God at Midnight."

"Debra Winegarten is a funny lady, and, to be honest, a real piece of work. For more fun than a barrel of hedgehogs, come experience our February guest speaker."—Janet Kilgore

## President's Words

The year 2015 has flown by! A new year, 2016, is full of promise as we start a new chapter with new resolutions of "I want to do..." My second year as your president begins a new chapter for SGWL. Will it be better than 2015? It will be, with your help and input! One of the good inputs I received at an informal get-together at the Christmas party was, "Our guest speakers for the most part are the same."

With your input, we intend to change our format. The January 7 meeting started this off with the owner of the "Book Spot," who enlightened us on, "What it Takes to Sell a Book in a Bookstore." Past speakers have spoken on how to market your book, but really, how do you do the most to see they buy it?

The February 4 meeting will feature Debra Winegarten. This talented writer in many genres has won awards for her poetry and her biographies for young people. Join us on February 4 to meet this talented and, frankly, very funny lady.

There is a new horizon of possibilities--a new hope.

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR SGWL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016!**

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## **SGWL Meeting Minutes**

1-07-2016

By Jane Thompson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the President.

Guests welcomed were James, who just moved here. He is a journalist but wants to write science fiction. Also Barbara, who has begun a memoir. She reports living in the Far East when she was young, during WWII and having lots of adventures.

**Treasurer's Report**--\$1,200

### **Old Business:**

New officers: President Paul Fronczek, VP Don Guerrant, Secretary Jane Thompson, Treasurer Kayla Marnach. Janet Kilgore is still handling membership and the newsletter.

### **New Business:**

President reports that attendance has fallen off and that we need to get some speakers who will bring the membership out. Janet suggested we each bring a friend to the next meeting. President suggests we keep in touch with the membership through e-mail.

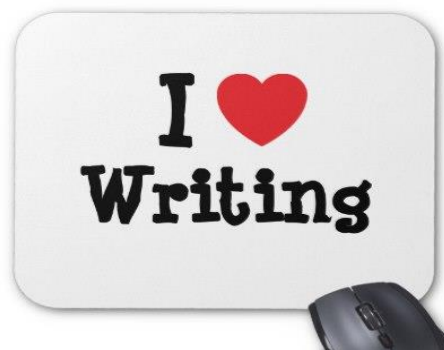
### **Brag:**

Richard Glasco reported that he and his wife are co-executive producers of a film, "A Man Called Jon." He passed out fliers with information about the film and announced that it will be shown at City Lights on January 16, 2016. Paul reports that he has three stories coming out in an anthology.

### **Speaker:**

The speaker was Danny Woodfill, proprietor of the Bookspot in Round Rock. He was there to explain how an author is able to set up an event and work with his store.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.



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Tickets are now on sale at the Georgetown Public library and the WOW!mobile for the Hill Country Authors Series talk by Julia Heaberlin at the Library on February 22, 2016. Heaberlin's book, **Black-Eyed Susans**, is a mystery thriller.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Doors open at 1:30 for dessert served by Red Poppy Café, and the talk is at 2:00.

For more information call Marcy Lowe at 512-8868-8974 or Florence Gould at 512-797-7892.



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