
THE GABRIEL WRITER

For the San Gabriel Writers' League – www.sgw1.net – April 2016

Dave Ciabrone – April Speaker



Dr. David Ciabrone is an award winning and best selling author living in Georgetown, TX with his wife Kathy. Dr. Ciabrone is a retired executive and scientist for Fortune 500 Companies. He was also an oceanographer, engineering and management professor, archaeologist, U.S. Treasury Commissioner, and magician. He was appointed a US Treasury Commissioner by the President of the United States (Bill Clinton) and to the Management Board of the RTC.

Dave is a Fellow of the International Oceanographic Foundation, Member of the Order of Merlin of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Past President of the San Gabriel Writer's league, past President of Sisters in Crime-Central Texas chapter, Mystery Writers of America, Austin Mystery Writers and the Williamson County Coroners.

Dave also wrote newspaper columns for the Williamson County Sun and two other newspapers. He wrote a column for a business journal.

He has been and still is on various board and commissions in Williamson County.

Dr. Ciambrone has published twelve mysteries, four nonfiction books, one is on poisons and the others are management / engineering books used worldwide as text and reference books by universities, consultants and managements of large and small companies.

He has been a consultant to corporations, a national laboratory and to police and coroners.

He also published two textbooks for a university he was a professor at. Dr. Ciambrone has degrees in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.

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May Speaker

Sylvia Dicky Smith is back and SGWL's got her! Our longtime member has moved home and will be our speaker in May. Come to hear the Mistress of Mysteries and the welcome her back.



President's Words

Where is this year going to? It's already April. I started a new approach in writing my first book - a chapter a week. The words do not come easy, for the story setting is in the early 1600's. Research, research and research is the biggest obstacle in learning how to create the story setting and using the right words of that time period. Thank goodness for using writing tools of *Word History*, *English to French Translation* and a new tool, I acquired *Visual Thesaurus*. Without these research tools, I'm sure the book will be, less than OK. But, the most important tool is reading other books set in the same time period. These books set my imagination to work overtime to live then. I must be going crazy, as I use a cane now, or should I say "a walking stick". I'm looking for one that has a sword built in. Then again, a regular sword by the finest craftsmen will do. So, if you see me swaggering down the hallway or street, you'll have to pass it off as another eccentric writer. Where is my sword? With these tools and research, there is little time remaining to write. My schedule of a chapter a week is challenging to say the least. This is a full time job. What happen to retirement?

March Minutes

San Gabriel Writer's League

General Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2015

The Call to Order:

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

The Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Kayla Marnach was not present, but we we have money.

New Business:

Newcomers are Lisa, who specializes in writing children's books, and has published one.

Donna was also in attendance for the first time.

Margie Boyd brought an abundance of writing books from Phyllis Moses, who donated them to the group.

Old Business:

Brags:

Dave Ciambone has a new book coming out: "Threads of Mystery." It is in his quilting series.

Program:

Dr. Don Guerrant gave an interesting and informative report on 10 questions you should ask yourself about each chapter as you write it.

Adjournment: 8:00 PM

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Date/Time:

Sat., April 30, 2016
9 am to 3 pm

Location:

St. Edward's University
Trustee Hall rm. 303
Austin, TX [\[MAP\]](#)

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Last Chance!

Effective Research Methods for Fiction - How Much is Enough?

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with John Pipkin

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Saturday,

April 2, 2016

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**St. Edward's University
Trustee Hall, Rm. 303**

**Hurry! Registration Ends
Thursday,**

March 31.

**Walk ins are welcome at the
door, as space allows.**

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Author to Entrepreneur: A Roadmap to Effective Self-Publishing

with Danielle H. Acee

As a few of you have pointed out, it's been a while since our last class on self-publishing and lots has changed in the interim, which is why we're so excited to welcome Danielle Acee (a longtime friend of the Writers' League and someone many of you already know) to our instructor ranks with this April 30 class. If you're just starting to wonder "traditional or self-publishing?" or you've already started down the road to doing it yourself and want to make sure you're on the right track, this class could be just what you're looking for. You asked, we're answering. Enjoy!

Are you curious about what "self-publishing" means in today's market? Do you wonder if self-publishing is the right path for achieving your goals as an author? Are you looking for strategies that can help you to become a more effective self-published author?

Now more than ever, self-publishing is a legitimate path to both publication and establishing a name for yourself as an author. Writers equipped with the understanding, tools, mechanisms, and drive can break through into the publishing realm with not only a published title, but readers willing to follow and support them.

This class will cover the ins and outs of self-publishing today and will discuss the history, benefits, steps and costs to self-publishing, provide examples of successful self-publishing business models and breakdown the components of those models, detail the publishing industry's "gold standard" practices and show you how you can emulate those practices, identify the necessary steps you must take to give yourself the best chance to be successful as a self-published author, give you a

This class, taught by one of our most popular instructors and open to writers at all levels, will cover the basics of conducting research for novels and short stories in any genre. We'll talk about such different approaches as character-based research, plot-based research, and subject-based research.

UPCOMING: Check our website for news & updates on our June A&E Conference and our Summer Writing Retreat:

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The Writers' League of Texas

2016 Agents & Editors Conference

June 24-26, 2016

Hyatt Regency

208 Barton Springs Rd.

Austin, TX 78704

Panels, Presentations,

Private Consultations, and more!

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2016 Summer Writing Retreat

July 17-22, 2016

Sul Ross State University

Alpine, TX

list of tools, resources, and methods necessary to move easily toward publication and attract readers.

Each student will leave the class with a clearer understanding of his/her publishing goals, an outline of strategies to reach his/her goals, and a "to do" list of next steps for getting started.

For more details and registration click [here](#).

About the Instructor...

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Danielle H. Acee is co-owner of **The Authors' Assistant**, a writer's one-stop-shop for editing, publishing, and promotional services founded over 20 years ago. The Authors' Assistant has worked with award-winning and bestselling authors such as Janice Woods Windle, *True Women*; Mike Kearby, Spur Award Finalist; Chris Rogers, *Dixie Flannigan Series*; and Jack Woodville London, *French Letters*, a *WII Historical Fiction* trilogy.

Other Upcoming Classes:

[Image Blocked](#) **Magic Words: The Art of Writing the Unreal**

with Katherine Catmull

Saturday, April 16, 2016 - 9 am to 12 noon

St. Edward's University, Trustee Hall 303

Austin, TX

Hurry! Online registration closes 4/14/16

[Image Blocked](#) **Who's Telling Your Story - and How? Narrative Voice and Point of View in Fiction**

with Sara Kocek

Saturday, April 23, 2016 - 9 am to 12 noon

St. Edward's University, Trustee Hall 303

Austin, TX



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

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