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# THE GABRIEL WRITER

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

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C. Wayne Dawson- July Speaker

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## About C. Wayne Dawson

C. Wayne Dawson writes for *The Williamson County Sun*, and has written for *History Magazine*, *Focus On Georgetown*, *The Georgetown Advocate*, and SAFVIC Law Enforcement Newsletter. He was an Adjunct Professor of History for ten years at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California, where he taught American and World History.

In October of 2013, C. Wayne Dawson published *Vienna's Last Jihad*, available today on Amazon. On March 22, 2016, his new book, *The Darkness That Could Be Felt*, posted on Amazon. It will be the first of a trilogy of books named *The Treasure of the Raven King*.

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## President's Words

I always thought writers were a peculiar lot, probably like all the other creative artists. My kid brother is a painter/photographer of some sort, well known in his art circles. To say the least, I love him dearly, but he is odd. He walks to a different drummer. Child-like in some ways and loveable. I'm surprised he hasn't cut part of his ear off like Van Gogh. Although he does have one funny-looking ear.

Let's get to us writers. We are different. Then, of course, all of God's creatures are different. The latest issue of "Texas Monthly" has an article or two written about Larry McMurtry, a famous, prolific Texas writer. You might have watched one or more of his books made on the silver screen, such as "Terms of Endearment," "Lonesome Dove," or "The Last Picture Show." Many critics describe McMurtry as an uncommonly disabused man, mild as milk, a bona fide intellectual person, a sophisticated writer, a shy little booger, well-aged, ornery, indifferent as a butter churn, a meticulous stylist, our greatest writer, a feisty author, a thoughtful man, and a whole lot more adjectives.

We can add our own uniqueness to the list or make a different one. In the long run, we are different in ways that set us apart as writers.

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## June Minutes

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#### General Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2015

It was a pleasant and sunny evening when the San Gabriel Writers' League met at the Georgetown Public Library on June 2, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Paul Fronczek.

Kayla Manarch was not present, so the only **Treasurer's Report** is that we do have money.

There was no **Old Business**.

We had lots of **New Business**. First, Janet asked the membership to help in finding and recruiting speakers for the meetings as she, Paul, and Don are running out of sources.

A suggestion was made that someone try to get the "Sun" or the "Impact" to announce our meetings. No resolution/

Sylvia Dickey Smith suggested that someone do a SGWL Facebook Page. It was agreed that this was a good idea, and naturally Sylvia was given the nod to do it.

Paul Fronczek is to ask Ross Carnes if we can utilize the same very pleasant space for our Christmas Party that we used last year.

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**Braggs:**

Doug Derrer bragged about his new book being published, "King Tut and the Plagues of Egypt." While it wasn't a brag but a heads up, Marty Shelton informed us he had found hundreds of errors in previously published books and was going to have to republish all of them.

Marjorie Anderson (author of *The Key: Wise Money Choices for Teens*) reported that GISD was now using her book as a supplemental text. In addition, she will be a guest speaker in several places including the Virgin Islands where she is from.

S. Martin Shelton reported that his current work-in-process is a historical, action-adventure novel titled "Ming Yellow." It is a derivative work of the Pulitzer-Prize-winning author John P. Marquand's 1935 novel of the same name. He signed the contract with the Marquand estate about a month ago.

Paul Fronczek said he has a short story being published in Round Rock.

**Program:**

For the Program, people read short snippets of works in progress or other short offerings to allow others to enjoy and critique. Those contributing were:

Sylvia Dickey Smith, Marjorie Anderson, DC Campbell, Marty Shelton, Jane Thompson, Doug Derrer, Don Guerrant, and Joy Nord, to the enjoyment of all.

**Adjournment:** 7:52 PM

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## Something New

Everyone enjoyed reading their writings so much last month, we are going to try out a new idea. In each newsletter there will be a writing prompt. Try writing a response to the prompt, limiting yourself to 60 words or less.

You will be able to sign up at the meeting if you would like to read your piece to the group. Two readers will be chosen at random. They will read before the speaker begins.

**If you aren't chosen to read and would like to have your piece published in the next month's newsletter, sign up for that at the meeting. It will be published as space allows.**

**July Prompt**

**In 60 words or less:**

While at the beach you decide to write a message in a bottle. What would you write?

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[www.GlyndaJoyNord.com](http://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](http://www.sylviadickeysmith.com)

### Jane Thompson

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

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AND SAFE  
FOURTH OF JULY  
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**The July 7  
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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