
THE GABRIEL WRITER

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

D. B. Stearns – August Speaker



DOUGLAS "D.B." STEARNS is a happily married father of five. They are also very proud grandparents.

D.B. was born January 10, 1965 in Reno, Nevada and moved to Georgetown, Texas where he stayed through high school. He entered the Air Force on October 4, 1983 and retired at Scott

AFB Illinois 20 years later filled with many rich experiences, a wonderful wife and family. After a short tour overseas as a logistics manager for a contracting company during the Iraq war, D.B. returned home to the St. Louis area and became an IT project manager for a defense contractor.

In 2011, their youngest son decided to follow the family tradition and joined the military. With this big change they suddenly found themselves to be “Happy Nesters,” and they took a long, hard look at the direction of their lives. They decided that the corporate world was just not worth the heavy toll on the family. So, he resigned and moved back to Texas. D.B. became inspired by a special on the Great Pyramid of Giza and was fascinated by the advanced engineering built into the pyramid. There are many theories to explain the purpose of the Great Pyramid, but D.B. was certain this was never a tomb. After a full year of research on ancient mysterious sites, a rich storyline unfolded in front of him. D.B. signed on with 3L Publishing and began to write the *Harmonic Wars* series.

You can find D.B. at the following social media platforms:

www.facebook.com/DBStearns.HarmonicWars

[google.com/+HarmonicwarsBlogspot](https://www.google.com/+HarmonicwarsBlogspot)

<https://twitter.com/DBSHarmonicWars>

Minutes July 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Janet Kilgore, filling in for the president, at 7:00 p.m.

She asked if anyone had brought a response to the writing prompt in the newsletter, and reminded everyone that a writing prompt will appear in every newsletter and that we will read two of them at the meetings. She also reminded people to look at the insert in the newsletter, which listed places where a person could submit freelance writings, and said that she had brought Sheila Allee’s newsletter to the meeting and we could pick one up. (I forgot to do so, too).

Treasurer’s Report: Kayla was in attendance tonight and reported a total of \$1,401.37.

No old business:

New business: Janet explained that dues were half this month of a whole year’s dues. Also, she explained how a person could join online, but explained that all you have to join is give her some money—you don’t really have to fill out any forms.

JOIN US!

**The
August 4
SGWL
meeting
is at the
Georgetown
Public
Library.
Gather at
6:30;
Meeting at
7:00.
See you
there !!**

**Pay Your
2016 Dues!
\$25
Individual
\$35 Family**

Brag: Tom Mitchell said that he had been accepted at the Vermont writer's group—only 26% of applicants were accepted. Also, his proposal for a book on oceanography and WWII frogmen activities has been accepted.

Janet is going to the Alpine Writer's workshop next week.

Wayne Dawson gave an interesting talk on fictionalizing real historical people for inspiration for your story. He read from his latest book: "The Darkness That Can Be Felt." This is the first book in a trilogy:

"Treasure of the Raven King."

The meeting was adjourned by Janet at 8 p.m.

Words from the President

How time flies. Here I am nearing the end of my second term as president and perhaps it's time for me to hand over the baton to another. An easy baton, with a great team who in their dedication and hard work has made my presidency a relatively easy one. A team a president can count on. We can take our hats off to them. Thank you, team. We are in need for someone to fill the shoes of Janet who has taken on the added responsibility of our newsletter editor, along with others who are helping her. With a club full of writers, there must be one amongst ya'll who can step up to this creative task. My phone and email stand idle, waiting for a volunteer.

Writing Prompt

Name the top ten things on your bucket list.

Bring this to the meeting if you want to read it to the group.

Older Women's Legacy (OWL)



Writing Workshop*

*(Program of Story Circle Network)

This is a 5-session workshop designed to help older women write the stories of their lives.

We will write about ourselves and the people who shaped us, about significant memories, about love and work, about sad events and happy times, and about lessons and legacies.

When: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays August 31 to
September 28

Where: Parlor, Highland Park
Baptist Church

Who should attend: Women 50 and older who want to document their lives. **No writing ability or experience necessary!** At the end of the workshop, you will have a notebook with your writings as a keepsake.

Cost: \$75 (includes workbook)

Leader: Sheila Allee, author and teacher

Registration:
[Register Online](#)

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