New Books

- *Somewhere a River* by Michael Brown
- *Underwater* by Julia McDermott
- *Logost* by Kris Villarreal
- *American Blues* by Evan Gilford-Blake
- *My Grandma’s Crazy* by Becky Hunt
- *Gray as Ashes* by Fran Stewart

November 15th AWC meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Georgia Perimeter College
2101 Womack Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338
Bldg. NC, Room 110 Auditorium

Featured speakers:
1st Speaker—Alex Hughes, *Science Fiction & Fantasy*
2nd Speaker—Lynn Cullen, *Historical Fiction*
...founded in 1914
We are a social and educational club where local writers meet to discuss the craft and business of writing. We also sponsor contests for our members and host expert speakers from the worlds of writing, publishing, and entertainment.

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22nd Meet John Connolly

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http://twitter.com/atlwritersclub
In September, the AWC board welcomed Roger Johns as our new VP of Membership. Roger is a former attorney and business law professor, who is now a full time writer. As an added bonus, Roger brings his lovely wife Julie to many of our AWC events! So please make a point of getting to know them.

We are also thrilled to add Georgia Lee to the board’s list of officers. She is an award winning journalist, writer and editor. Georgia was an editorial assistant at the AJC, and the Atlanta Bureau Chief for Women’s Wear Daily. She is also the former Director of Ivy Hall, SCAD’s writing center. Georgia will serve as Co-VP of Programming along with me, and Co-Conference Director along with George Weinstein.

We are delighted to add these two talented individuals to the AWC board!

The following volunteer board position has recently become available:

**The AWC board is seeking an individual interested in the position of Treasurer.**

Responsibilities include banking, expense payments, bank reconciliation and quarterly financial statement preparation. The position requires a willingness to attend most, if not all of the monthly meetings, and four board meetings per year. The work will take approximately 2 hours per week, and the position requires a 2-year commitment.

If you have some accounting experience, and are interested in volunteering for this board position, please respond to me via email at: valerie1105@comcast.net.

Candidates will be interviewed by the board search committee, and will be confirmed by a board vote. In the interim, I have stepped in as acting Treasurer.

While there are currently no other open positions on the board at the moment, opportunities do arise from time to time. So if you are a dedicated club member, who is interested in being considered for future board positions as they become available, please let me know.

AWC Board members’ contact email addresses can be found on our website at www.atlantawritersclub.org. Please always feel free to contact any of us if we can be of assistance. Our list of current officers can also be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you on the 15th of November!
The Caretaker by George Weinstein

The Caretaker is the new contemporary novel by AWC Officer Emeritus and Atlanta Writers Conference Director George Weinstein.

Sarah Gordon was a ballerina until a car accident took her left leg. She had spent her life focused on the world of professional ballet. Nearly 30 years old, she now must reinvent herself. Her husband, Joe, blames himself for her accident and wants to ensure nothing bad ever happens to her again—at any cost. To become whole once more, Sarah is forced to decide if independence is worth more than love, and if having one means giving up the other.

George will do the following book talks/signings:

November 1, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Books for Less in Buford at 2815 Buford Drive

November 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Book talk and signing for the Village Writers Group at Eagle Eye Bookshop / Decatur

November 13, 2014, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Book signing at The Drake Closet / Alpharetta ($10 donation or purchase of clothing item requested)

November 20, 2014, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Book signing at Queen of Hearts Antiques and Interiors / Alpharetta

www.georgeweinstein.com
David Fulmer Pitch Workshop

Due to the great response to the first workshop, David Fulmer added two more dates for The Pitch: Saturday, November 8th and Saturday, November 22nd, from 1-4 pm in the Reading Room at Eagle Eye Book Store. There are slots available in both workshops and members are offered at $10 discount off the regular cost of $69. Class size will be limited. Fulmer, who recently sold the television rights to four of his novels to Amazon Studios, will discuss all the aspects of pitching agents and editors for both fiction and non-fiction books, including query letters, synopses, treatments, proposals, and research.

Information at www.davidfulmer.com/PitchPage.html.

An Evening with Rick Bragg

Gwinnett library system in partnership with Eddie Owens Presents and Eagle Eye Book Shop to host an evening with Pulitzer Prize Winner Rick Bragg

Medley of Jerry Lee Lewis songs performed on stage at Eddie Owen Presents (Voted 'Best New Music Venue' by Atlanta Magazine) by musician Kurt Scobie, followed by a book talk and signing with Pulitzer winner Rick Bragg. Rick will discuss the book he co-wrote with Jerry Lee Lewis, Jerry Lee Lewis: His Own Story.

Live @ Red Clay Music Foundry Thursday, November 13th, 2014 @ 7:00pm
Doors open 6:30 PM
Julia McDermott—*Underwater*

AWC Member Julia McDermott’s novel, *Underwater*, will be re-released by Thomas and Mercer on November 25th.

**Synopsis:**

After years of guilt over a long-ago tragedy, Candace Morgan is finally poised for success. The CEO of her own women’s shapewear company, she’s about to launch a new swimsuit line—and make a fortune. When she is guilted into loaning her brother a huge sum of money for real estate, she believes she’s simply fulfilling a family promise. In reality, she’s enabling a devious sociopath...and now, she’s roped into the renovation from hell.

For years, Monty Carawan has envied his sister’s wealth. Spiteful and self-centered, he’s convinced that her success came at the expense of his own future. But when the housing market plunges and Candace attempts to disentangle herself from Monty’s mess, her brother’s malicious streak brings the family tension to a dangerous boiling point.

**Author Bio:**

Julia McDermott was born in Dallas, Texas; grew up in Atlanta, Georgia; and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Economics. She also studied French and spent her junior year in the south of France. Her Suspense novel *UNDERWATER*, first released independently in August 2013, was picked up by Thomas & Mercer, the MysteryThriller/Suspense imprint of Amazon Publishing in Seattle. It will be rereleased on November 25, 2014 in print, Kindle and audio versions. It can be pre-ordered on amazon.com now. The publisher is also at work on the book's German translation, for a spring 2015 release in Germany. Julia has been a member of the AWC and one of its critique groups, The Writers Circle, since fall 2008.

Julia’s first novel is New Adult/French Travel Romance *MAKE THAT DEUX*, which she self-published in October 2012. Her third book is a work of creative nonfiction titled *ALL THE ABOVE*. The story of her personal emotional struggle as her youngest son battled brain cancer, it will be released in early 2015. Julia is currently at work on her fourth book (and third novel), another Suspense with tie-ins to *UNDERWATER*, and, like that novel, set in Atlanta. Julia and her husband were underwater on their first house in Texas (before being underwater was cool). She speaks fluent French and she loves writing, reading, football, Christmas, most kinds of art, France, and all things French. The mother of four, Julia lives in Atlanta with her husband and family.

*UNDERWATER* was a Nominee for the 2014 Killer Nashville Silver Falchion Award. Julia was a Regional Author at the Dahlonega Literary Festival last March and she will be attending the Mystery/Thriller Festival Bouchercon 2014 in Long Beach, CA in November, where she will serve on an Author Focus panel. In March 2015, she will be a participating Author at the Augusta Literary Festival.

Read Julia’s blog and keep up with her events on her website, [makethatjulie.wordpress.com](http://makethatjulie.wordpress.com).

Connect with her on LinkedIn at [http://www.linkedin.com/pub/julia-mcdermott/18/95a/b45](http://www.linkedin.com/pub/julia-mcdermott/18/95a/b45),

on twitter at [https://twitter.com/MakeThatJulie](https://twitter.com/MakeThatJulie), and

on Instagram at juliemcdermott1

Finally — LIKE her on Facebook.com/JuliaC.mcdermott
Michael K. Brown—*Somewhere a River*

AWC Member, Michael K. Brown announces the release of his second novel, *Somewhere a River.*

**One man’s journey of redemption...**

In 1959 Billy Burdette is a high school football hero in a small town in Alabama. He's in love with Olivia Alexander, the prettiest girl in town. Billy leads his team to the state championship and receives a scholarship to his beloved university. His life seems perfect. But a traumatic incident ends his football career and a tragic decision causes him and Olivia to drift apart. When the civil rights movement heats up, Alabama becomes the eye of the storm and Billy decides to move far away from all the turmoil and disappointment in his life.

Thirty years later, now known as Bill, he is homeless in Wyoming where he has lived in self-imposed exile since leaving the South. Bill is unemployed, evicted from his trailer, and deeply depressed by the downward spiral of his life. His mind keeps returning to a fateful night when he dropped a bag from a bridge into Alabama's Black Warrior River and sped away in guilty panic. Bill Burdette's life moves from a boy with the world at his feet to a man with the weight of the world on his shoulders. Then slowly, he begins the long road toward redemption.

**Praise for Somewhere a River...**

“Mike Brown is a wonderful storyteller. In *SOMEBWHERE A RIVER* he weaves together the complex fabric of racial hatred, Alabama football, tragic mistakes, family rivalry, and romance. The story gains momentum with the development of each character, and becomes a page turner. I did not want this book to end!”

Bill Curry, former Georgia Tech student/athlete, NFL veteran, and collegiate Head Football Coach

"An extraordinary story composed by an equally extraordinary author. Michael K. Brown’s *SOMEBWHERE A RIVER* takes you on a bittersweet journey of redemption—an unforgettable trek of reconciliation in the finest of Southern traditions.”

Jedwin Smith, author of *Our Brother’s Keeper*

"...beautifully flawed characters who get lost on an emotional roller coaster in a poignant tale of lost love and a struggle for redemption."

Fred Styles, Veteran movie and television filmmaker including *Wish You Well* (Sedona Film Festival Winner 2014)

"With a perceptive eye and sensitive heart, Michael K. Brown recreates how a man's early years evolve into a river of discovery that reveals not only an individual’s character but also that of a culture."

Nancy Compton Williams, nationally and internationally published poet

"The story quickly pulled me in and wouldn’t let go. Well-crafted and relevant reminder that everyone has a river of memories somewhere."

J D Weeks, author of Premocar-*Made in Birmingham* and *Birmingham Then & Now*
Meet author John Connolly

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The event is free and open to the public!
Lee Gimenez (http://www.LeeGimenez.com/) is the author of ten novels and over fifty short stories. Several of his books became ebook bestsellers, including *THE WASHINGTON ULTIMATUM* and *BLACKSNOW ZERO*. His novel *THE SIGMA CONSPIRACY* became a featured novel of the International Thriller Writers organization. His latest mystery thriller, *KILLING WEST*, was published in 2014. His books are available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, the Apple Store, Books-A-Million, Books In Motion, Mobipocket, Amazon UK (England), Junglee (India), Amazon CA (Canada), Boomerang (Australia), Amazon JP (Japan), IBS (Italy), Amazon CH (China), and many other retailers.

Lee is a member of International Thriller Writers (ITW) and the Science Fiction Writers of America (SFWA). He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Tech University and a Masters degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. After college, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army. During his business management career, he worked for three Fortune 500 companies: Verizon, Tech Data, and M&M Mars.

For more information about him, please visit his website at: www.LeeGimenez.com. You can also join him on Twitter, Facebook, Google Plus, LinkedIn and Goodreads. Lee lives with his wife in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

Mina, a fifteen-year-old girl with powers of manipulation, believes she’s the only one of her kind, until she meets a charming older man, who tells her she’s a Logost. He convinces her to leave her home and join the world of Logosts so that the two can be together forever. But does he really love her or is he only after the unique power she possesses?

In this tragic tale of love, obsession and self-discovery, Logost will leave readers captivated and questioning whether life is ever really what it seems.

Kris Villarreal is an emerging young adult and fantasy author. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her husband and two dogs, where she works as an assistant editor for a business trade magazine. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in journalism and another in women’s studies. Kris enjoys reading, baking, lifting weights at the gym, and wasting time worrying about the world’s problems.

Www.krisvillarreal.com

Reading and Book Signing:
Thursday, November 20th at 7:30 pm
Charis Books & More
1189 Euclid Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30307
Barbara Brockway—*Last Respects*

Congratulations, Barbara!!

AWC member Barbara Brockway's short story, *Last Respects*, won the 2014 Chattahoochee Valley Writers contest.

The group, based in Columbus, Georgia, sponsors an annual contest for fiction and poetry each September. Chattahoochee Valley Writers seeks to support the advancement of writers throughout the Chattahoochee Valley and beyond.

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Evan Gilford-Blake—*American Blues*

AWC member Evan Guilford-Blake announces his short story collection, *American Blues,* was officially published -- in hardbound, trade paper and electronic editions -- on October 23rd.


You can order the book on Amazon, but if you have questions feel free to e-mail Evan or contact him through Facebook if you have questions.

Amazon author's page: [http://www.amazon.com/Evan-Guilford-Blake/e/B009CC554I/ref=ntt_dp_epwbk_1](http://www.amazon.com/Evan-Guilford-Blake/e/B009CC554I/ref=ntt_dp_epwbk_1)

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November Speaker Profiles

First Speaker - Alex Hughes

**Topic:** Writing Other Worlds

**Bio:** Alex Hughes, the author of the award-winning Mindspace Investigations series from Roc, has lived in the Atlanta area since the age of eight. She is a graduate of the prestigious Odyssey Writing Workshop, and a Semi-Finalist in the Amazon Breakthrough Novels 2011. Her short fiction has been published in several markets including *Every Day Fiction, Thunder on the Battlefield* and *White Cat Magazine*. She is an avid cook and foodie, a trivia buff, and a science geek, and loves to talk about neuroscience, the Food Network, and writing craft—but not necessarily at the same time! You can visit her at Twitter at @ahugheswriter or on the web at http://www.ahugheswriter.com. Or, join her email newsletter for free short stories and updates on the latest book(s) at http://www.ahugheswriter.com/email-signup.

Second Speaker - Lynn Cullen

**Topic:** How to Write Historical Fiction

**Bio:** Lynn Cullen grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the fifth girl in a family of seven children. She learned to love history combined with traveling while visiting historic sites across the U.S. on annual family camping trips. She attended Indiana University in Bloomington and Fort Wayne, and took writing classes with Tom McHaney at Georgia State. She wrote children’s books as her three daughters were growing up, while working in a pediatric office and later, at Emory University on the editorial staff of a psychoanalytic journal. While her camping expeditions across the States have become fact-finding missions across Europe, she still loves digging into the past. She does not miss, however, sleeping in musty sleeping bags. Or eating canned fruit cocktail. She now lives in Atlanta with her husband, their dog, and two unscrupulous cats.

Lynn Cullen is the author of *The Creation of Eve*, named among the best fiction books of 2010 by *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and as an April 2010 Indie Next selection. She is also the author of numerous award-winning books for children, including the young adult novel *I Am Rembrandt’s Daughter*, which was a 2007 Barnes & Noble “Discover Great New Writers” selection, and an ALA Best Book of 2008. Her novel, *Reign of Madness*, about Juana the Mad, daughter of the Spanish Monarchs Isabella and Ferdinand, was chosen as a 2011 Best of the South selection by the Atlanta Journal Constitution and was a 2012 Townsend Prize finalist. Her newest novel, *MRS. POE*, examines the fall of Edgar Allan Poe through the eyes of poet Francis Osgood.
Manda Pullen Workshop

On November 15, AWC member, Manda Pullen, will be offering a 3-hour workshop called "Self-Publishing: Perks, Pitfalls and Process" at her home in Roswell. She'll cover how to determine whether self-publishing is right for you and your book (benefits/drawbacks, etc.), steps to take to do self-publishing the right way, and how to avoid common mistakes and errors.

She'll be drawing on research, her marketing/business background, and her experience self-publishing three contemporary romance novels (which, thanks to the AWC conference have been picked up by Macmillan Entertainment/St. Martin's Press). The class is $65, with a $10 discount for AWC members, using code AWC2014. The cost includes materials & refreshments.

The link for more information and registration is here: https://self-pub-nov-2014.eventbrite.com

M.J. Pullen
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Farewell Party Invitation from Charles McNair

Big news from my world – I’m leaving Atlanta, after nearly 23 years. I will be moving to Bogota, Colombia, to be near a wonderful woman, Adela Castro. This starts a new chapter in this writer’s life.

Please mark your calendar for the night of Friday, November 21, for a combination Charles McNair goodbye party and Adela Castro birthday party.

We’ll party at Paste Magazine HQ at 2852 E. College Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030. Beer and snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring anything you’d like. We’ll have live music and dancing from 7 p.m. when we start … till the cows come home. No RSVP necessary.
Support Kerry Alan Denney

Kerry Alan Denney, author of *SOULSNATCHER* (Lazy Day Publishing, April 2014) and *JAGANNATH* (Permuted Press, coming February 2015) will be appearing as author Jacqueline "Jackie" Druga's guest on the *Apocalypse Nana Show* on Thursday, October 30th from 9 to 10 p.m. EST, where Jackie will be discussing Kerry's work and all things zombie and post-apocalyptic.

To listen or call in with questions or topics, listeners can go [here to Prepper Broadcasting.](http://www.prepperbroadcasting.com) We hope our fellow AWC sci-fi lovers will join us, and tell their sci-fi fan friends!

Kerry is also appearing as a guest author on *The Doug Dahlgren Show*, an Artist First Radio Network live podcast author interview, on Monday, November 10th from 7 to 8 p.m. EST, where Doug Dahlgren will be hosting an in-depth interview with Kerry about his novels, his forthcoming work, and his life as a writer (and Therapy Dog owner!). We hope all our fellow AWC writers will join us for the show!

COMING NOVEMBER 2014: *My Grandma's Crazy!* the latest release from author and seasoned Atlanta educator Becky Hunt. (Kindle edition available now.)

Grandma isn't like other grandmas, she's CRAZY! She zip lines through the jungles of Borneo, leads conga lines at weddings, and drives a sports car. And that's not the half of it! Grandma's unconventional approach raises an eyebrow or two, but nothing will stop Grandma from having fun with her grandson and being his friend.

*My Grandma's Crazy!* is the perfect gift to enjoy with your little loved ones. Pre-order now at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.BarnesandNoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)

About the author: Becky Hunt is a seasoned educator that has lead schools in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Atlanta, Georgia, Abu Dhabi, and Malaysia! Her love of children, combined with her experience in a variety of school settings has given her plenty of ideas for stories to tell!

Becky is from Michigan and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Her daughter, Chelsea and her husband, Leslie, also live in Atlanta. They are happy their son, Mason, gets to spend time with his crazy grandma!
Fran Stewart—*Gray as Ashes*

Longtime AWC member, Fran Stewart, announces the release of her latest novel, *Gray as Ashes*...

Martinsville Georgia has always been a sleepy little town, where nothing much ever happens, except a few murders... There's a firebug in Martinsville. Town librarian Biscuit McKee isn't too worried when a garbage bin at the grocery store is set on fire. But when it's her beloved garden shed that goes up in flames, the fur begins to fly.

Biscuit's feline companion Marmalade comments frequently, ...

*Yes, I do.*

... (even though her humans think she's only purring ...  

*Mouse droppings!*

... or sneezing). She's as baffled by all this as her humans.

*We could have some tuna. That would solve a lot.*

Distracted by a visit from Peachie, an old college friend, Biscuit pays only scant attention to a third fire, but it's hard to ignore the fourth fire and the dead body found in the charred remains of Connie Cartwright's studio, where glass-blowing may have turned into homicide.

Book available at Books for Less & at the AWC meetings.

Follow Fran on FaceBook:
https://www.facebook.com/FranStewartAuthor

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**NPR Wins Award**

AWC Board Member, Nedra Pezold Roberts, Wins Award for Best Original Scrip

The AACT NewPlayFest world premiere of *The Vanishing Point* by Nedra Pezold Roberts and produced by California Stage Company swept the competition at the Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance annual Elly Awards.

Her play won seven of the eight awards for which the play was nominated. She won Best Original Script, and the theatre won Best Production of a Script, Best Overall Production (for a season), Best Director, Best Set Design, Best Male Lead, and Best Female Supporting Actor. The Sacramento Region comprises 78 theatres covering nine counties.
Giddings Sheds Light on Overlooked Issue in the School System

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Xulon title shares harsh truths of life as a school counselor, and fights for change

MAITLAND, FL—Crystal M. Giddings's new book, *When School Counseling Hurts: A Call for Advocacy,* ($11.99, paperback, 9781498407120; $5.99, e-book, 9781498407144) shows that school counselors are not able to deliver quality high counseling services to students due to a number of non-counseling duties that they are responsible for. This is an increasing trend among schools in the United States. The author evokes school counselors to advocate for their students, and their profession—or risk becoming extinct.

“This book outlines the day and the life of a school counselor, and how he/she must fight to serve children,” states the author. “The school systems act as if they really do not want children to receive true counseling services in the three key areas as outlined by the American School Counselor Association: personal/social, college and career readiness, and academic planning. Every child needs individual or group counseling. The negative news demonstrates this fact daily.”

Dr. Crystal M. Giddings is an assistant professor in the School of Education, Counselor Education Department, at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a licensed professional counselor, a national certified counselor, and is a national certified school counselor. As a teacher of twelve years and a school counselor for twenty-six years, she is full of inspiring stories, and is often requested as a motivational speaker.

Xulon Press, a part of Salem Communications Corporation, is the world's largest Christian publisher, with more than 12,000 titles published to date. Salem Communications is the country's leading Christian communications company with interests in radio, Internet and magazine publishing. Retailers may order *When School Counseling Hurts: A Call for Advocacy* through Ingram Book Company and/or Spring Arbor Book Distributors. The book is available online through xulonpress.com/bookstore, amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com.
October Meeting Photos

1. Member Minute speaker Manda Pullen answers questions after her talk
2. Author David Fulmer talks to members about “Going the Distance”
4. New AWC Membership VP, Roger Johns (center), with wife Julie, and Chris Negron during the mid-meeting break
5. Books, books...
6. ...and more books
Franklin Cox Wins Grand Prize

AWC member Franklin Cox wins grand prize in screenwriting competition for his award-winning screenplay, "Lullabies for Lieutenants," adapted from his award-winning book by the same name.

Frank and his co-writer, David Carren, finished the script in April and entered it into the top screenwriting contests and film festivals. The results are starting to come in and they are most gratified.

They claimed the Grand Prize in the StoryPros Awards 2014 Screenwriting Competition, a major contest. There were 970 entries!

http://storypros.com/7thAwardsWinners.html

Congratulations!

New Critique Groups Are Being Formed!

If you are interested in starting or joining an AWC Critique Group, please plan to stay for 30-60 minutes after the November 15th monthly meeting. Ron Aiken, AWC Critique Group Coordinator will be holding an organizational meeting following our regular program, to help establish some new critique groups, and match members with similar interests and geographic locations.

Ron will ask you to provide the following information:
1. Name,
2. Location,
3. Genre,
4. Experience,
5. Available Day and Time

Then he'll help organize groups with compatible interests, schedules and locations, and give you some helpful information about how to run a critique group meeting.

We've had a lot of requests in recent months to add some new club sponsored critique groups, so this is your chance to meet with some like-minded members!
Email sent to the Atlanta Writers Club from Ivy Prep Academy

Good Afternoon Community Partners,

I hope this e-mail finds you in great spirits.

I am contacting you on behalf of the Ivy Prep Academy Gwinnett Campus - Parent Teacher Organization. Ivy Prep Academy is an all girl, College Prep, Tuition-Free Public charter school with a Gwinnett Campus located in Norcross, Ga.

We are working in conjunction with the scholars, parents and teachers and planning ahead to schedule speakers for the 2014-2015 Community Caucus series. Every Monday the scholars will have the opportunity to explore a diverse range of career paths, hear messages of motivation as well as learn about other well rounded topics and engage in meaningful discussions. The girls range in age from 11 – 17, (6th – 12th Grade) and are from varying backgrounds and ethnic groups. The goal and objective of the community Caucus series is to open the scholar’s world, provide education and awareness and motivate them to achieve success and maximize their full potential. We need speakers, and many others with diverse backgrounds to give the girls a well-rounded view of entrepreneurial, academia and philanthropic success stories. Our speaker series is intended to be informative, empowering, fun and interactive. The sessions are weekly, brief and scheduled on Professional Mondays from 11:00 am – 12:55 pm, when the scholars are dressed for success in their full IPA uniform.

We are contacting you in hopes that you are interested and will have one Monday during the 2014-2015 school year, where you would be willing to come speak with the scholars. Your work and polished credentials in the journalism and publishing industry, is highly desirable and in demand by the scholars. We hope to continue to inject positive images and role models into the Ivy Prep Community and are excited about the new school year and the endless opportunities to show our young women real world examples of professionals who exhibit the Ivy Prep Academy values of Believing, Achieving and Succeeding.

We humbly ask (and beg), that you please check your calendars and commit to joining us, we are flexible to your availability, our 2014-2015 flyer is attached, the grade level that will be addressed rotates weekly, but if you have a specific age group you would like to address please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your request. We hope that you will consider Ivy Prep Academy and our wonderful group of young women, as you determine where to apply your community service hours. Our goal is to build long-term relationships inside and outside of the Ivy Prep Academy Community and making a lasting impact and impression on our scholars. We look forward to working with you. Please reach me directly if you have any questions.

As a note, if you know of other professionals who would be willing to volunteer and give their time please pass this on.

Best Regards,

Kimberly Murray
Ivy Prep Academy – Gwinnett, PTO Parent Volunteer, parents@ivyprepacademy.org, www.ivyprepacademy.org
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Where: 26 Old Roswell St. Alpharetta, GA 678-319.1410
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RSVP to: Valerie Connors at valerie1105@comcast.net or (404) 992-7090
Top Ten Writing Mistakes Editors See Every Day

The games get pretty crazy at English teachers’ parties.
6th Annual
Johns Creek Poetry Festival

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014
10:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Johns Creek Baptist Church
6910 McGinnis Ferry Road
Alpharetta, GA 30005-3939
Room C262

Featuring
M. Ayodele Heath
Born in Atlanta, GA, M. Ayodele Heath studied electrical engineering at Georgia Tech and holds an MFA in Poetry from New England College.
He is a two time Southeastern Regional Poetry Slam Individual Champion, (1999, 2000) and a top ten individual finisher at the National Poetry Slam (1999).
His first book of poems, Otherness was published in 2011. He is the creator of a collaborative form of poetry called electronic corpse, and is the editor of the anthology Electronic Corpse: Poems from a Digital Salon (2014).

Bring the family for a time of fun, poetry, and community!

FEATUREURING
- Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Steven Shields, Poet
- Featuring Performance Poet, M. Ayodele Heath, Top 10 Finisher at the National Poetry Slam
- Enjoy Guest Poet Q&A after main presentation
- Children’s Corner presents Poetic Story Time
- Open Mic with Master of Ceremonies John K. Ottley, Poet
- Festival luncheon at $5 per person
- Poetry Book Fair—Meet the Authors
- Browse up, down and around the Poetry Walls

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Membership Renewal—What to Expect

The AWC has an automated system for tracking memberships and alerting members when it's time to renew. You will receive an e-mail from the system (awcmembership@principalds.com) one month before your membership expiration date. If you haven't renewed within two weeks of expiration, you will receive another e-mail and a final e-mail one week from expiration if you haven't yet renewed. If the expiration date for your membership passes without renewal, the system will mark your membership as expired. It is a good e-mail practice to check your spam/junk folder to see if any legitimate e-mail has been misfiled there, possibly including the email you'll receive from awcmembership@principalds.com prior to the expiration of your membership.
Future Guests & Events

November:
1st Speaker—Alex Hughes, *Science Fiction & Fantasy*
2nd Speaker—Lynn Cullen, *Historical Fiction*

December:
Member Minute—George Weinstein
1st Speaker—Kimberly Brock, *Fiction*
AWC Holiday Gathering to follow

January:
Member Minute - Julia McDermott
1st Speaker - Brad Taylor
2nd Speaker - TBD

We depend on our members for support, and ask for volunteers to help out with some of the many exciting programs heading our way in the coming months.

We'll need check-in volunteers for each of our future monthly meetings. If you would like to volunteer for a specific meeting, please let VP of Operations Jennifer Wiggins know which month you prefer. Or, if you would like to volunteer but are unsure about your availability until the time gets nearer, she will gladly include you in her list of volunteers to contact at a later date. Please respond to: jennifer.wiggins1@aol.com.
Procedure for Joining AWC Critique Groups:

1. All requests from AWC members to join a critique group are to be forwarded to ron@hraiken.com. Ron Aiken currently serves as the Critique Group Coordinator for the AWC.
2. Members should include in their request:
   a. Their location
   b. Availability
   c. Genre
   d. Writing sample (first chapter, short story, poetry)
3. Based upon information provided by members in their email request and available openings, the Coordinator will attempt to place members. Coordinator will periodically poll critique groups for status updates.
4. Coordinator will forward member’s information to appropriate critique group leader. Genre is taken into account, but members generally will be placed first come-first served.
5. Coordinator will compile and maintain member “wait list.”
6. Coordinator will attempt to form new critique groups from the wait list.

New Critique Group starting

All genres,
meets at Manuel's Tavern in the Poncey-Highlands neighborhood of Atlanta,
2nd and 4th Mondays, email John for time
contact: John Whittemore at thegridbook@gmail.com
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<td><a href="mailto:rohdeburg.submissions@gmail.com">rohdeburg.submissions@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>1st and 3rd Fri, 1-3 p.m. @ Georgia Perimeter College Library Building, Rm 3100</td>
<td>Gelia Dolcimascolo</td>
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<td>Wednesday 6-8:30, Abundant Grounds Coffee</td>
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<td>(678) 226-1483 <a href="mailto:imayaya@charter.net">imayaya@charter.net</a></td>
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<td><a href="mailto:jwesch@me.com">jwesch@me.com</a></td>
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Membership Information – The Atlanta Writers Club

Regular membership dues are $40 per year per person. Students can join for $30 per year. Family members of active AWC members can join for $20 per year.

We are one of the best literary bargains in town. The Atlanta Writers Club is simply a group of writers that work together to help each other improve their skills and attain their writing goals. Anyone can join, with no prior publication requirements. Here are a just a few membership benefits:

**Monthly meetings.** On the third Saturday of each month, our members gather to listen and learn from two guest speakers who cover a broad range of topics and genres, and come to us from many facets of the literary world. Our speakers include published authors, literary agents, editors, playwrights and poets, just to name a few. Please refer to our list of upcoming guest speakers in this newsletter.

**Workshops.** Your membership provides access to outstanding writing workshops. Some are free with membership and others are provided at a discounted price. Watch for announcements about upcoming workshops.

**Twice-Yearly Writers Conferences.** This is your opportunity to spend time face to face with a literary agent or editor and have the chance to pitch your work. Conferences include agent Q & A panels, writing workshops, and a social gathering where you’ll get to meet and talk with the agents and editors in a more informal setting.

**Critique Groups.** We now have approximately twenty (20) different critique groups available to members. Scattered about the Atlanta metro area, these critique groups meet regularly to read each other’s writings and recommend modifications.

**Writing Contests With Cash Prizes.** Contests are held in the spring and fall, with a wide variety of formats and topics.

**Monthly Newsletter.** Our monthly newsletter, the eQuill, provides the opportunity for our members to advertise their book launches and book signings to a wide reaching mailing list. And, it will keep you up to date with news about writing opportunities and literary events across the Southeast and beyond.

**Decatur Book Festival Participation.** The Atlanta Writers Club has a tent at the Decatur Book Festival each year, that’s staffed by member volunteers. It’s a great way to get involved in the largest book festival in the area.

Potential members are invited to attend a first meeting as our guest. After that, we’re sure you will want to become a member and take advantage of all the benefits that come with it. You may join The Atlanta Writers Club at any of our events or meetings, or pay on line at our website using PayPal at [http://www.atlantawritersclub.org/membership.html](http://www.atlantawritersclub.org/membership.html).

If you have additional questions, contact AWC president Valerie Connors at valerie@atlantawritersclub.org.
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Preferred Email: __________________________ Secondary Email: __________________________

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