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Letter from the Editor



Greetings Sisters, Misters, and Mystery Lovers:

As usual, for this time of year, there is much going on. The last quarter of the year often holds a tall order for many as they wrap up projects, prepare for the holidays and hunker down for the winter. Well, at least that's what we do here in the great land of CLE. So, I ask you friends...are you prepared for the snow?! I know, smack me for even mentioning the "s" word. Although, I know there are quite a few of you out there who do enjoy the coming season. You are brave souls. 🍷

For me, the best part of cooler weather is the guilt-free feeling you have when it's time to stay inside and...oh say, read a book! My most favorite thing next to writing one, of course. Speaking of writing marathons, NaNoWriMo is coming up right around the corner. Do you have a goal planned to finish your novel or to start your next one? Attending or know of any events to help writers accomplish their mission? You know what to do...send your friendly editor an email and let her know. What's better than having your fellow sisters and misters cheer you on?

And, while we're on the topic of support from your writer friends, don't forget to mark your calendar for our next meeting that's coming up on October 13. We'll be meeting at the Panera in Solon to discuss our work and talk about Bouchercon. Be sure to check out the meeting page for the address and times.

On a different note, for those of you that have been following my publishing adventures over the past few months, I am both happy and relieved to tell you that I successfully made my deadline for *Death by Dumpling*. I can't tell you how anxious I am to hear what my editor and agent think about it!

In the meantime, I've managed to keep myself busy with picking out author photos and contemplating website designs. And, of course, there is that whole matter of Book Two.

Now...I told you mine, so you tell me yours. What's in the works for you? Send all your news and upcoming events to paula.corrao@yahoo.com.

We're also always looking for reviews/suggestions on new books to read whether they're for fun or for study. Or maybe you'd like to submit an essay piece. We'd love to have that too!

Until next time...Happy Writing!...and Reading!

Paula Corrao
And sometimes... Vivien Chien



Let's Get Together

October Meeting

Thursday, October 13

Come right from work.

VIP Room will be available by 6:00 p.m.

Panera's in Solon

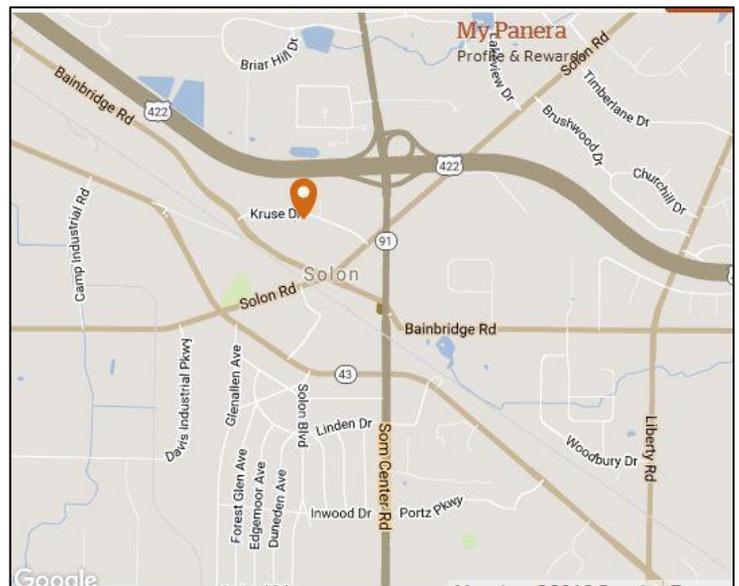
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This month we're going back to our roots. Our chapter began as a casual gathering of local published and aspiring mystery writers at neighborhood eateries. It was a chance to discuss our work in progress, get help with snags and roadblocks, and just spend an evening with like-minded writers. That's what we're doing this month along with a rundown of Bouchercon from some of our authors who were there.

Looking forward to seeing YOU at Panera's in Solon!



P.S. If you have a restaurant with a meeting room and would like us to look into scheduling a meeting there, please let us know!

November Meeting

Because our usual meeting date falls on election day, meeting may be moved to a different day.

Details will be sent via email and in the November newsletter.

Where Do You Think You're Going?

Our Authors at Community Events Coming Soon!



October 2016

Jane Turzillo

**Unsolved Murders & Disappearances in
Northeast Ohio**

Presentation

Oct. 10, 6:30 pm

Westerville Library

126 S. State St., Westerville

**Unsolved Murders & Disappearances in
Northeast Ohio**

Presentation

Oct. 20, 7 pm

Euclid Public Library

631 E. 222nd St., Cleveland

Wicked Women of Northeast Ohio

Presentation/Signing

Oct. 21, 7 pm

Unitarian Universalists Women's Association

3300 Morewood Rd., Fairlawn

Ohio Train Disasters

Presentation

Oct. 24, 7 pm

Olmsted Falls Library

8100 Mapleway Dr., Olmsted Falls

Signings

Lakeside Marblehead Lighthouse Festival

Oct. 8, 9 am - 4 pm

Lakeside Chautauqua Grounds &
Marblehead Peninsula

Brunswick Public Library

Oct. 22, 12 - 3 pm

3649 Center Rd, Brunswick

Kent State Book Store

Oct. 28, 12 - 2 pm

124 Student Center, Kent

*Are you making a presentation? Having a signing or book launch?
Teaching a writing class? Other mystery writing-related activities?*

Send the info for upcoming months to the editor at

Paula Corrao at paula.corrao@yahoo.com.



Birthdays:

October 8 - R.L. Stine
 October 11 - Elmore Leonard
 October 15 - Ed McBain
 October 19 - John Le Carre
 October 22 - Anne Rule
 October 27 - J.A. Jance



October 21, 1940

For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway was published.

October is:

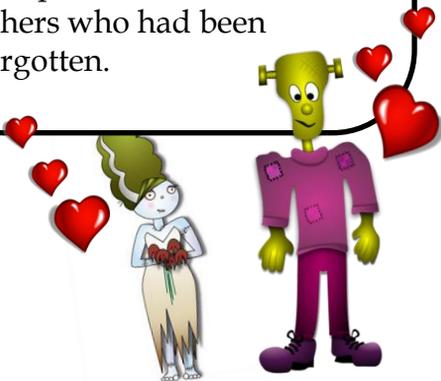
Italian-American Heritage Month, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Pizza Month, National Dessert Month, Country Music Month, and National Book Fair Month



October 3, 1849

Edgar Allan Poe was found delirious in a gutter in Baltimore under mysterious circumstances. It was the last time he is seen in public before his death.

Sweetest Day, observed on the third Saturday of October, originated in Cleveland, 1922. A candy company employee and philanthropist, Herbert Birch Kingston, created the holiday to bring happiness to orphans, shut-ins and others who had been forgotten.



In 2012, *The Raven*, a movie starring John Cusack, portrayed a spin on the story of Edgar Allan Poe's death.

Check It
Out!!!

Did you
know...?

Since the 1978 movie, *Halloween* had such a limited budget, they had to improvise and think cheap when finding the perfect mask for the character Michael Myers. The mask they chose was a William Shatner *Star Trek* mask. Shatner did not find this out for many years, but when he did, he said he was honored.

For more Halloween trivia, check out:
www.factretriever.com/halloween-facts

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website? Send an email to
the editor!
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"I took the one less
traveled by, and that
has made all the
difference."

~*The Road Not Taken, Robert Frost*

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Chapter Business

Open Offices... The office of **Secretary** is open. We also need a **Publicity Chair**. Currently the board is handling these offices as needed but we want to hear from any members interested in taking on these roles. *We promise it won't take over your life.*

*We Need
You!*

*When Do
We Meet?*

Meeting Dates/Flexible Scheduling... Our meetings are tentatively booked for the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. generally at the Twinsburg Library but we adjust the date, time and place based on availability of speakers and opportunity for special events, such as this month's presentation by prosecuting attorney Ian Friedman.

Meeting Locations... This year we're looking at quarterly scheduling that would set two meetings at the Twinsburg Library and a third meeting at a different location. *We're open to suggestions for off-site meetings or events for third and fourth quarter. Would you like to host a meeting at your local library or another location or do you have a suggestion for an event or field trip? Let us know!*

*Where
Do We
Meet?*

*What's
Our
Focus?*

Meeting Topics... We're continuing our theme of "Getting It Right" by scheduling speakers professionally involved in crime detection/prevention, whose expertise can help us get our mystery writing right. We also want to cover craft-related issues and offer opportunities to get together to share experiences and learn from each other. Meeting presentations, such as those on paranormal investigation and lockpicking, and special events expand our knowledge to enhance our writing.