

EWC NEWS

Letter from the President ~ John Toles

Happy New Year, Enid Writers!

I hope the holiday season has been good to you, and your 2024 writing is off to a good start.

Last month we had a fabulous Christmas party, and Jim Arnold—great to have you back with us—won Roll Call with a wonderfully rhyming poem on why the owl hooted.

This month's meeting will be held on the second Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 pm. The program, Technology—Friend or Foe?, will be presented by Catharine Thomas. The Roll Call prompt is "What have you done with Duct Tape?"

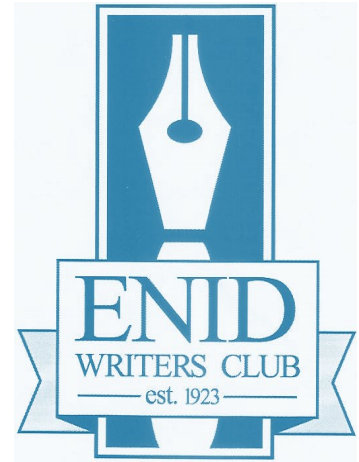
Also coming are deadlines for OWFI and EWC writing competitions. You can find details at www.owfi.org and enidwriters.club. Not only are the competitions fun to participate in, but you will also receive valuable feedback on your entry.

Don't forget. If you cannot join us in person, you can find us on Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out the week of the meeting.

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes...glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life."- Neil Gaiman, Neil Gaiman's Journal

Wishing you wonderful mistakes in 2024.

John Toles



Next Meeting

1/11/24

Treasurer's Report

\$1367.76 for the month of December, 2023

About Us

Phillips University Professor Roy J Wolfinger founded the Enid Writers Club on January 6, 1923, and it holds the honor of being the oldest writing club in Oklahoma. EWC is an affiliated member of Oklahoma Writers Federation, Inc.

Our Elected Officers:

President

John Toles

Vice-President

Miles Halcomb

Secretary

Karen Evans

Treasurer

Paula Bengé

Our Appointed Officers:

Parliamentarian

Vacant

Membership Chairman

Karen Evans

OWFI Delegates & Reporters

Peggy Chambers

Martha Draper

Enid Writers Club Minutes, Dec 7, 2023

- The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by President John Toles. Nineteen members were present: Cathy Thorp, Karen Evans, Erica Roark, Martha Draper, Paula Bengé, Gwen Valdez, Cam Prochaska, Peggy Chambers, John Toles, Pam Courtney, Miles Halcomb, Margo Holmes, Eddie Morris, Jim Arnold, Dennis McDonald, Cathy Thomas, Shelley Culver, Hannah Ward, and Pat Turner. Rose Arnold attended as a visitor.
- There were no corrections to the minutes, as reported in the newsletter. Secretary's minutes were approved.
- There were no questions concerning the Treasurer's Report of \$1382,76, as reported in the newsletter. The report will be filed for audit.
- OWFI contest entries will be accepted January 1, 2024 until February 1, 2024. EWC entries are due at the March meeting.
- The 2024 Scholarship is open with no prompt, leaving entrants free to write whatever they choose. Peggy Chambers will write the press release for the scholarship. The winner will be announced at the May banquet.
- A motion was made by Dennis McDonald to support an OWFI contest category for \$105. The motion passed.
- Cam Prochaska motioned to sponsor our logo at the OWFI conference for \$50. The motion passed.
- Critique will be held at Bobbie's house on each 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.
- Roll Calls were read. Jim Arnold won the travelling trophy.
- The meeting ended at 7:13 pm to allow time for the Christmas party and gift exchange.

Submitted by Karen Evans, December 7, 2023

Owls Can Be Annoying

Who Who Who—Who Who Who indeed
Outside my window at 3 in the morning
I grab my rifle, Head outside.
Damn it's cold. I only fire off a shutup warning.

It didn't work. Who Who Who again.
I guess I'm done with sleep.
So now I'm up before the dawn.
I listen real close, hear nary a peep.

That wise old owl got me up so early,
I hate that stupid bird.
I sure could have used a lot more sleep,
This whole scenario is utterly absurd.

Owls and mosquitoes, what was GOD thinking,
And why are owls protected.
It's those city slickers that sleep all night
And have never been affected.

I've known people who act like that.
Please don't be like that owl.
Be nice to everyone you can
And never be mean or fowl.

James C Arnold

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Reminders

The next EWC meeting
will be at NWOSU,
Room 124, January 11

Annual Dues:
EWC = \$20
OWFI = \$25

Roll Call Topic:

**What have you done with Duct
Tape?**

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