

Enid Writers Club

Feb 27, 2024

EWC NEWS

Letter from the President ~ John Toles

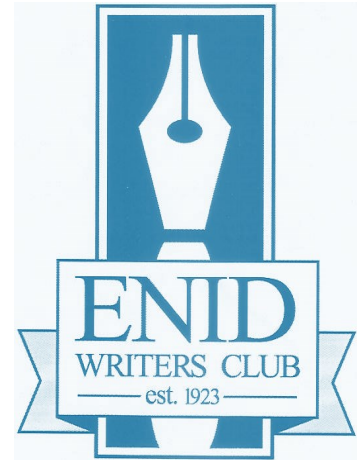
This year has moved so quickly, and in about a week your entries are due for the 2024 EWC competition, so knock out those final edits and polish up the grammar. Chloe Fuksa, owner of Putnam Six Bookstore, has agreed to judge our entries.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 7, at 6:30 pm. The program, “Getting Reviews,” will be presented by Paula Benge. The Roll Call is “You are under a tornado warning.” Who will blow us away this month? You can join us in person or via Zoom.

Also, please mark your calendars for our Annual Banquet, scheduled for Thursday, May 9, in St. Anne’s Hall at St. Matthew’s. We’ll announce our winners and the 2024 EWC Writing Scholarship winner.

Finally, I hope you can join us this Thursday, February 29, from 7-9 pm in the Hall at St. Matthew’s Release Party—Return to the Triple Creek. Copies will be available for sale and signing, and Bobbie will share a reading.

John Toles



Next Meeting

3/7/24

Treasurer’s Report

\$1267.76 for the month of February, 2024

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, Feb 1, 2024

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President John Toles. Fourteen members were present: Cathy Thorp, Karen Evans, Erica Roark, Martha Draper, Peggy Chambers, John Toles, Miles Halcomb, Eddie Morris, Jim Arnold, Cam Prochaska, Dennis McDonald, Margo Holmes, Pat Turner, and Bobbie Mardis. Susan Buckminster, Matthew Thompson, and Rose Arnold attended as visitors.
- 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 \$1267,76, as reported in the newsletter. The report will be filed for audit.
- In lieu of the scheduled program, those present discussed current WIPs and what books we are reading.
- Margo Holmes offered information about the upcoming Enid Author Fest to be held at the EPL on April 20 from 1-4 pm. Members approved \$20 to reserve a table at the event for EWC.
- Peggy Chambers gave an overview of OWFI. Scholarships are still available for the conference in May.
- Critique will be held at Bobbie's house on each 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.
- Roll Calls were read. Cathy Thorp won the travelling trophy.
- The meeting ended at 7:55 pm.

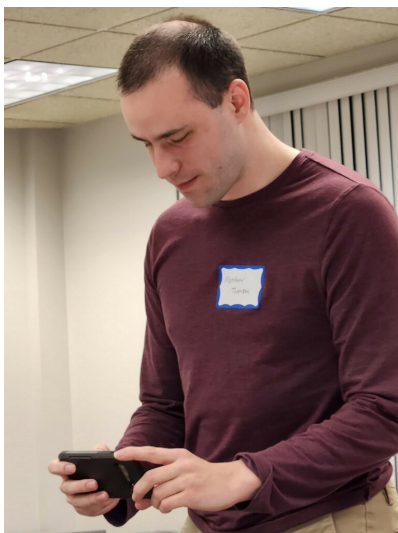
Submitted by Karen Evans, February 1, 2024



Cathy Thorp wrote the winning Roll Call.



Margo Holmes



Prospective new member, Matthew Thompson

Poetry For Writers

Writing

From Blank Gun Silencer; 1991~

often it is the only
thing
between you and
impossibility.
no drink,
no woman's love,
no wealth
can
match it.
nothing can save
you
except
writing.
it keeps the walls
from
failing.
the hordes from
closing in.
it blasts the
darkness.
writing is the
ultimate
psychiatrist,
the kindest
god of all the
gods.
writing stalks
death.
it knows no
quit.
and writing
laughs
at itself,
at pain.
it is the last
expectation,
the last
explanation.
that's
what it
is.

Winning Roll Call

Foxhole

Under the bare limbed trees, cold and scared, there is no light to show any shadows, or any signs or sounds of ambush.

Nights bring no rest.

The temperature drops during the night, and I wear my heavy coat. There is not a sound, not even a footfall from an animal that may be wandering over the battlefield.

Sometimes a deer wanders across the grassy field and the sound has us holding our breath, anticipating the start of another skirmish, shots fired across the positions where both sides wait for the next round.

I hunker down in my hole, still and tense, and then hear a soft shuffling sound right next to me.

It's an animal.

Looking over toward the sound, I see the silhouette of a small gray cat.

She comes close and rubs my leg.

Please, don't meow.

She lies next to me and begins to purr.

Cathy Thorp

150 words

Reminders

The next EWC meeting
will be at NWOSU,
Room 124, March 7

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

Roll Call Topic:

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