


A Message from Your President

JEFF RIMLAND



Happy New Year! As the 2016 President, I appreciate this opportunity and thank the Board of the Long Island Authors Group for putting their trust in me. I am very excited for another great year and certainly will be calling on recent Presidents, John Cardone and Dorothy McPartland, to ensure there is smooth transition.

I look forward to working with each of you to continue the mission of the Long Island Author's Group. My vision for 2016 is to facilitate the selling of our books, increase author participation in book events and activities, maintain and grow our membership overall, constantly continue our mission, and have loads of fun along the way. Further, since the LIAG is a 501 3c non -profit organization, we will continue to promote non-profit activities related to authorship and writing in our communities, All members are encouraged to actively offer new ideas and suggestions and volunteer their assistance to produce the newsletter, work on Social Media, and other areas of the Long Island Authors Group. Please feel free to email me to inquire on areas that need your support and stay tuned for more information enabling you to volunteer early in 2016.



Also in the spirit of activism in the LIAG, Jennifer Cusumano, Anne Coltman, and Linda Maria Frank have supported the following 2016 highlights:

- Our developing relationship with Barnes & Noble, and some new book selling events at different locations, which Linda Maria Frank and Roland Allnach are working on.
- In order to increase participation, our monthly meetings are taking on new days to include First Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays - as well as new formats and locations. We're excited about these changes that will take place over the next months.
- Our workshop series "Write On" will become a part of a rotating series during some of our monthly meetings.

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Please share your articles and photo submissions - send to newsletter editor, Karen Bonnet at kbonnet7@gmail.com.

The Write Stuff...

A Dream Remembered

BY RON SCOTT

*It was Dad's idea
At least that is what I thought
"Going on a bus outing, son
Want 'a come?"*

*A rhetorical question
Answer not in doubt
Doubt rested in where and why.*

*"To Washington D.C., son
A demonstration for civil rights."*

"Oh."

*Early departure
On a hot August morn
Amenities of a school bus
Equipped with smiling faces and
fried chicken
History in the making.*

*The numbers made me feel small
So many on one path
Made me feel significant
The words came softly, then
crescendo.*

I have a dream...

I still have that dream

Maybe one day.

*Ron Scott has been nominated for a
2016 Pushcart Award in poetry. The
poem is titled*

"A Dream Remembered"

**The future belongs to those who
believe in the beauty of their dreams.**

--ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

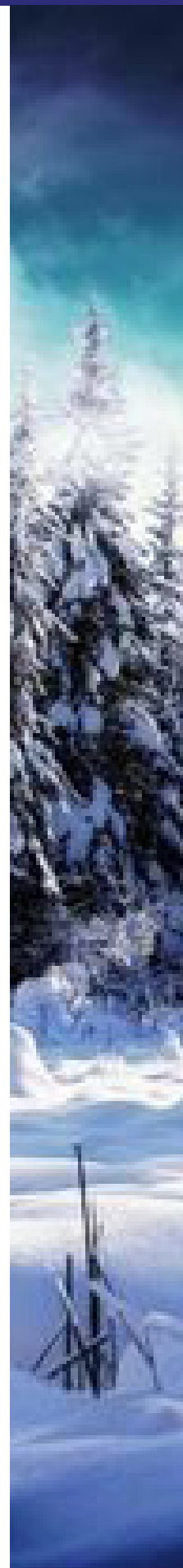


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There will be other book events and activities announced such as the voting for this year's nominees for the 2016 Founders Award, and one special date to mark on your calendars is the 2016 LIAG General Membership Meeting. You will be able meet the new board members, hear summaries of the plans for the year, and add your input on things you would like to see happen. The date and time is Saturday, March 19th from 10 am to 1 pm - location details to follow.

To get off to a fast start for 2016 book events and activities, our 2016 membership drive has begun as of January. I encourage you to renew your membership as early as possible. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Regards,
Jeff



Happenings...

Another Way To Promote Your Books

This might be of interest to some of you looking for a cost effective way to promote your books. One Thousand Words Plus is a brilliant, rapidly growing site where you can display and promote your books. Their one time fee of \$49.95 Aussie dollars (substantially less in US dollars), charges NO annual renewal fees, so once it's posted, it's there for a lifetime.

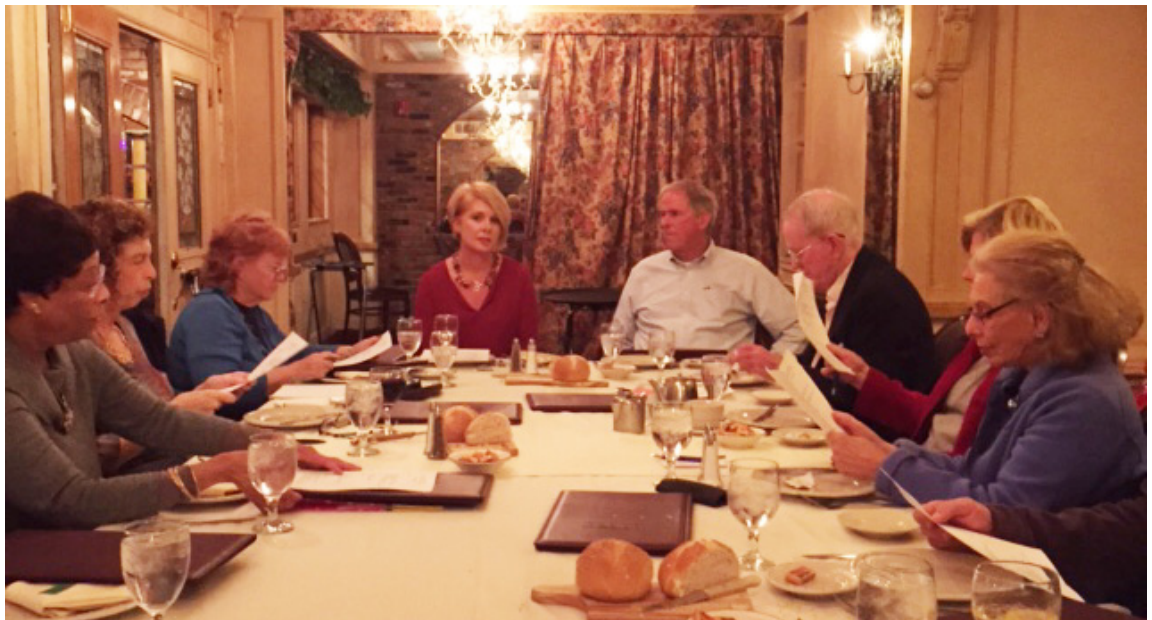
Even better, now through March 2016, they are offering a \$10 discount when using the discount code OTWLS316. A picture is worth a thousand words, so you can click on the cover of any of the Tales2Inspire books at:
<http://www.onethousandwordsplus.com/viewAuthor?author=Lois%20W.%20Stern> to get an idea of the diversity of this site

and what you can post. I read about One Thousand Words Plus in one of Dan Poynter's final newsletters before his untimely death and Dan always seemed to offer great advice. I know many of us will miss him and his newsletter!

And as an aside, Congratulations to Jeff Rimland for having his story, "Justice and Irony" now published in Tales2Inspire ~ The Crystal Collection (Stories that Tickle the Funny Bone).

Lois W. Stern

LIAG Members Enjoy a Presentation by Fellow Member Kerriann Flanagan-Brosky

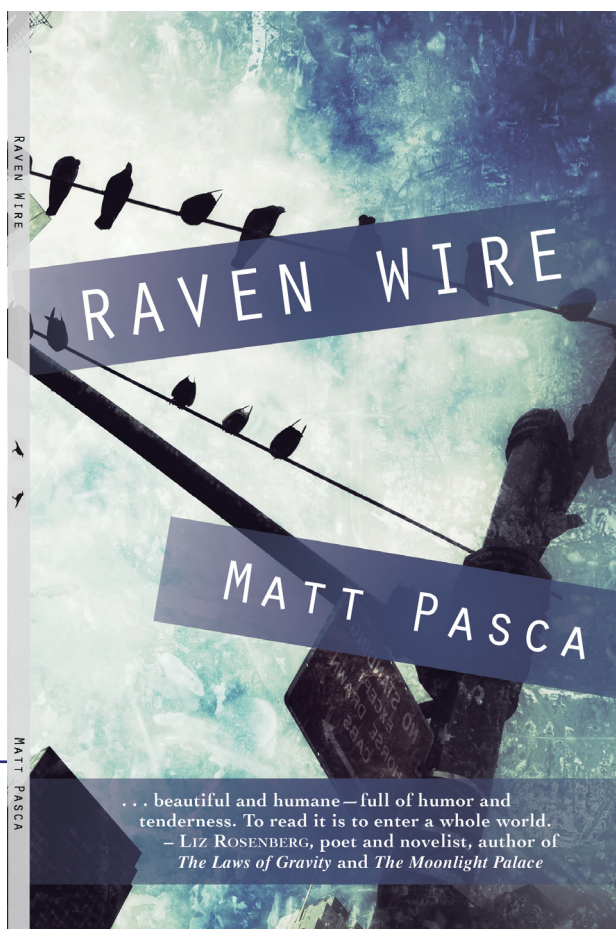


Pictured above: Kerri Flanagan-Brosky, president emeritus of the LIAG, was the speaker during the November LIAG meeting at the Bonwit Inn. Kerriann gave an interesting and informative presentation for all members in attendance.

The worst solitude is to be destitute
of sincere friendship.

- Sir Francis Bacon

Members In the News...



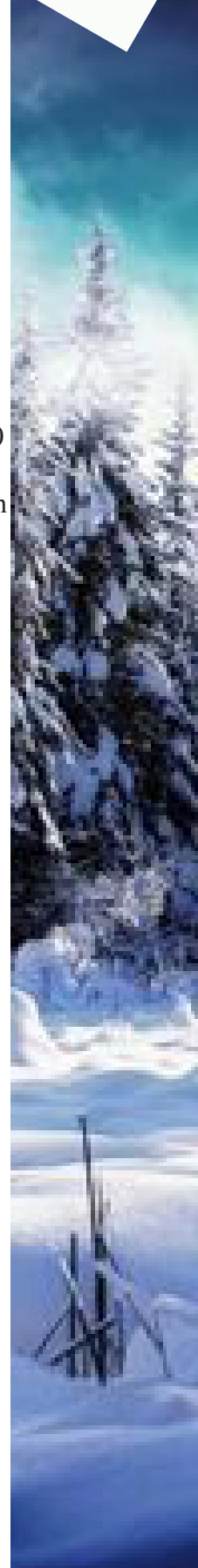
In his second collection, *Raven Wire*, **Matt Pasca** sets loose the ravens of thought and memory over a landscape of postmodern privilege, violence, and alienation. Only then does he answer the poet's charge to articulate, through attention and compassion, the redemptive power of beauty, complexity, and connection. With every line, the author seeks to restore purpose to our waking into another day.

A book launch for Matt's new poetry collection will be held at 922 Thompson Drive Bay Shore, NY on Feb. 27th at 7:00 pm. He will also be reading at Cyrus Chai & Coffee Co. in Bay Shore on March 12th at 7:00pm.

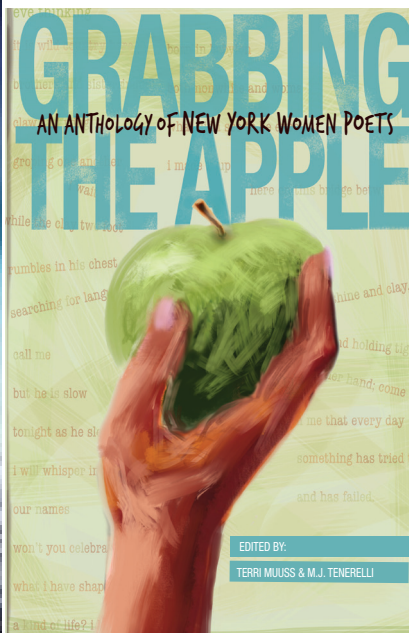


During Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) month in January at Oceanside Elementary School #2, **Karen Bonnet** was invited to share her experiences with writing and explain why she wrote her book. She gave a fun, informative, and visual Power Point presentation that also encouraged interaction with the students in grades one to six. The children were inquisitive and more than happy to take part in the presentation. Students were invited to read from Karen's book, *Whale Island and the Mysterious Bones*, and "become" the characters while reading an excerpt from one of the exciting chapters of her book.

The response from students, parents, teachers, and Mr. Capone, principal of the school, was excellent!



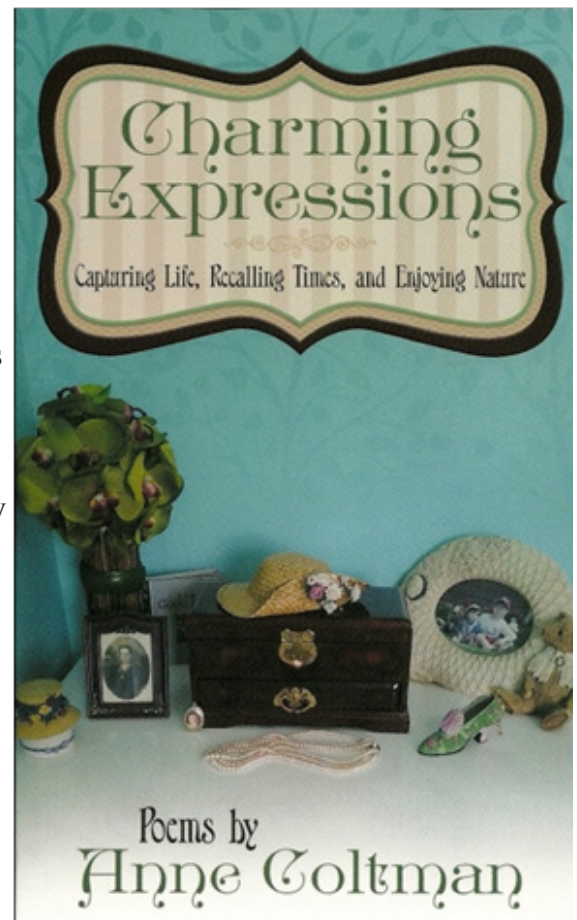
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The anthology that Terri Muuss edited, *Grabbing the Apple*, is due out sometime in late March from Casa de Snapdragon/JB Stillwater Publishing. All poetry is by New York women.

Anne Colton, vice president and coordinator of all the LIAG monthly meetings, is happy to announce the release of her newest book of poetry, *Charming Expressions*. She states that “it gave me the greatest pleasure expressing in poetry my thoughts on everyday life situations, signs and miracles all around us. Being thankful for life’s gifts and for those favorite memories of cherished ones who came before. For nature in all its glory and for dreams and fantasies that touches the soul and awakes the senses.”

The book is available at BarnesandNoble.com, and Amazon.com.



Sandy Lanton will be reading and signing her book, *THE LITTLEST LEVINE* on Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. at the DOLPHIN BOOK SHOP, 229 Main Street, Port Washington. For directions or more information, call: 516-767-1525.



Musings by Tom Young....



BookMark

BY TOM YOUNG

I remember when you won me in writing contest some 30 plus years ago

Along with a gift certificate to Chad's Pizzeria.

To celebrate, you took that beautiful red head, Julie.

If there was ever an "11," she was it; Unbelievable!

Whatever happened to her?

Chad's, you may remember, closed a few years later.

You can't have a Pizzeria with that name and expect to make it.

Anyway, as wonderful and learned this relationship has been

You tick me off when you call it a night at a wrong moment.

Nestle, me between two pages and I have to live with your decision until

You decide to pick us up again. Honestly... your timing, in many cases, stinks!

You did that just as Atticus was warning Scout about weird neighbor Boo Radley. With Truman, just as he was getting ready to change the world in 1945. Moe Green, before his meeting with The Don and with Lennie, twice; once with the puppy and then with Curley's wife. I forgive you for none of these decisions.

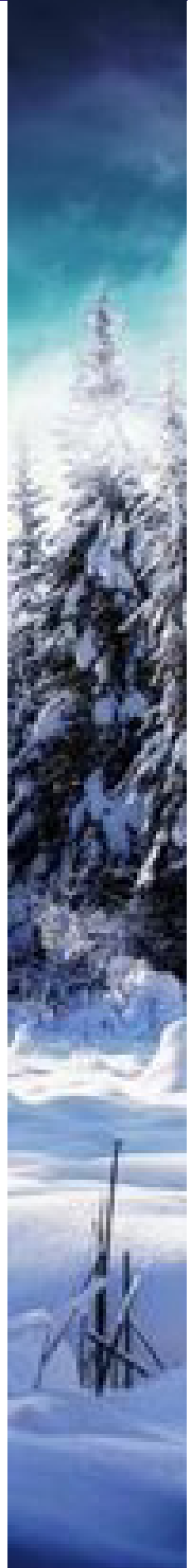
I do however give you credit.

You shared me with your kids when they were young.

Nothing beats The Little Train That Could,

Over and over again.

Tom Young is the author of the book *A View (as seen) by a Toilet Seat*. Some of his writing appears in his book, such as Aspirin, Diaper and Glass. Book Mark is one of his new writings. He uses personification in his family-friendly writing to bring life/voice to the inanimate, which comes off the page to tell the reader a story, often with humor. As Tom states, and we can all agree, "You Gotta Laugh!"



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**LIAG LOVES ACTIVE MEMBERS! YOUR THOUGHTS AND
GOOD IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

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The LIAG Mission Statement

The mission of the Long Island Authors Group is to encourage, support and promote authorship, primarily in the Long Island, New York area.

We are a group of local book authors who have joined together to conduct activities and events that add to the availability of our published works while promoting the Long Island writing community.

Our group works with retail bookstores arranging book talks and signings, and conducts events at various locations that are open to the public.

Our group fosters knowledge and experience by conducting educational seminars on assorted topics such as writing workshops, marketing techniques, promotion strategies, and the use of emerging Internet outlets & new technologies.

**Join Us For LIAG's next First Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Meetings
7:00 PM (Venues to be announced via email)**

See the LIAG website for the full schedule: www.longislandauthorsgroup.org/