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# CRIME TIMES

## Arizona Mystery Writers

### YEARLY DUES!!!

Dues has been increased to \$25 a year. This increase will pay for our new website and provide other member services. Read more about the dues in the "Autopsy" section.



### Meeting- February 9, 2008

Happy Valentines Day! Our meeting will be at HomeTown Buffet at the northwest corner of River and Oracle Roads. Starting time is 10 AM. Cost is \$12. Yes, you read that right. Cost of meetings has decreased \$4! If you are attending either the workshop or speaker, but not eating lunch, the cost is \$5.

If you are attending the meeting, please call Mary Bellin 520-577-7270 or email her by clicking on the blue address: [azmysterywriters@comcast.net](mailto:azmysterywriters@comcast.net) and type in- I'm coming to the February meeting.



**February Workshop-** The February workshop will be conducted by Eric Hertwig. The subject is The Four Minute Mystery Part II. Previously, in The Four Minute Mystery Part I, Eric assisted Karen MacLeish. With their guidance, we developed characters; this time we will develop the plot. The first session was one of the most popular workshops we've ever had and the second promises to be equally good. Don't miss it!



### Speaker for February Meeting

Our February speaker will be Dick Tracy . . . no, not the comic strip character, but a real person with broad police experience and stories to tell! Dick retired from the Chicago Police Department as a Captain in January of 1997 and moved to Arizona after over 40 years in police work. He has served as a Patrolman, Investigator for the Cook County States Attorney's Office, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Captain (Watch Commander) and Commanding Officer of the Graphic Arts Section. While on leave of absence as a Sergeant from the Chicago Police Department, he served as Chief of Police of Pottstown, Pa. for five years (1967-1972). During this time, he taught as a Visiting Instructor for the Montgomery County Community College. Then for over 2 years, Dick served as Director of Regional

Police for the Mid-Mon Valley Council of Governments in Southwestern Pa., during which time, he also served as the Exec. Director for the Mid-Monongahela Valley Police Chiefs Association. He returned to the Chicago Police Department in July of 1975 and was promoted to Lieutenant (in April 1976) then to Captain (in July 1987).

Dick is presently serving on the Oro Valley Citizens Corps Council, the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board for the town of Oro Valley and Coordinator of The La Privada Village Neighborhood Watch Program. For one year, he served as President of the Canada Hills Community Association (H.O.A. 1300 Units) in Oro Valley.

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## January Meeting Autopsy by Mary Bellin

What a line up! Stella asked that each of the board members sit with her in front of the group. We all introduced ourselves and gave brief reports. Stella emphasized we are a small intimate group and we wish to increase our membership numbers, but keep the small group feel. Karen MacLeish and Jan Pope were pleased to announce they have a speaker and workshop (respectively) lined up through May! Mary Ann Hutchison is in charge of membership and advertising and will be submitting information about our meetings to the newspapers soon. I write the newsletter and will have posters available at the meeting for people to put in libraries and bulletin boards at places they work. Rae Schlesinger, our treasurer, reported that we do not have enough money in the AMW account for her to vacation in Tahiti yet. Though she is 100% joking about going to Tahiti, she is not joking about the poor state of financial affairs. Richard Rohandanz was not present to give information on the website. However, the website will be available soon, but it will cost money. Therefore, Rae had the dubious task of announcing that yearly dues will be increased to \$25 a year. To balance the increase in dues, the monthly costs of the meeting was decreased to \$12. This results in a savings of \$16 a year to those who attend all nine meetings.

The new website is very exciting. Jan went through the extensive three page question/answer survey Richard left for us to discuss. There isn't enough room for all the details here, but we will soon have a website to serve the AMW members for both communication and exchange of information.

After the board was finished, each member stood and told about their writing interests. It was inspiring to sit among so many incredibly talented people. Many have published, others have won multiple writing contests and some have many buried treasures they have not sought to publish. Stella asked that everyone that has a book published bring a copy at the next meeting so we can see all our members work. Jan suggested and was volunteered to coordinate a "lending library". The details of such a library are being discussed among Jan and the writers. More details will be forthcoming.

The yearly dues is now \$25. If you are not paying by cash or check at the February meeting, please write checks to Arizona Mystery Writers and mail to:  
AMW c/o Mary Bellin  
4612 N Ave Del Cazor  
Tucson, AZ 85718

## January Meeting- Post-Mortem: need to write.

This is from Stella I will put in- One of the ladies from the club asked me what BOLO stood for, and I couldn't think of it. I told her I'd let you know so you could either put it in the newsletter or announce at the next meeting. It stands for Be On (the) Look Out ... we don't use that, we use ATL which is Attempt to Locate.



## January's Mystery Guest

Who attended a one-room school for her first eight grades and never left Olmsted County, Minnesota until she was eighteen? It was Elizabeth Gunn.

## February's Mystery Guest

Any Volunteers?

Do you recognize this mystery person? Send your guess and/or if you want to be the next mystery person, send your description (150 words) to [azmysterywriters@comcast.net](mailto:azmysterywriters@comcast.net).

## Upcoming events:

Elizabeth Gunn inaugurates her new southwest series this month with COOL IN TUCSON. First Tucson signing will be at Clues Unlimited on Sunday, February 17, at two p.m. Please stop by and say hello if you have time. Meantime, for a short sample, go to: <http://home.comcast.net/~pgunn18/CoolInTucson.html>

Mary Ann- do you want to put in an announcement for the SSA writing contest?

## Board member information:

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MEETING INFO: Second Saturday of the Month- next is February 8, 2008, HomeTown Buffet At the northwest corner of Oracle and River roads.

TIMES: AMW business meeting for all members 10:00 – 10:30 am, workshop 10:30 - 12:00 pm, Lunch 12:00 – 1:00, Speaker 1:00 – 2:00 pm

COST: Exact change or check is appreciated, Speaker, Workshop and lunch is \$12.00. Yearly Dues is \$25.