

Upcoming SDWEG Board of Director Election — Voting at October 22 Meeting



SDWEG board members serve two-year terms. Half are elected in alternating years. The Board has a tentative slate of candidates. If you are interested in running for a position, you must have a current membership in the Guild. The Guild seeks candidates who attend monthly meetings and participate in Guild activities. Voting will take place at the October 22nd meeting.

The current slate is as follows:

Laurie Asher, incumbent

Gered Beeby, incumbent

Marcia Buompensiero, incumbent

Bob Doublebower, incumbent

Bob Boze

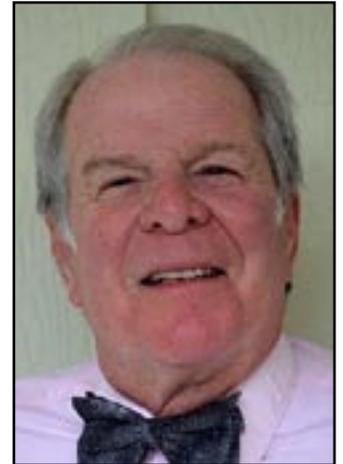
Marie DiMercurio

Rebecca Sleeth

Penn Wallace

Richard Lederer Featured at SDWEG's October 22 Meeting

Richard Lederer, author of 50 books about language, history, and humor, including his best-selling “Anguished English” series and his bouncing baby book, *The Joy of Names*, will be guest speaker at the October 22 meeting.



Dr. Richard Lederer

Sharing highlights from his *The Joy of Names* book, Lederer will explore how first names came about and what they mean; why we acquired last names and nicknames; how and why people change their names; hidden patterns of presidents' names; and how proper names have become lowercase words that populate our everyday vocabulary.

Dr. Lederer's books about language, history, and humor, including his best-selling “Anguished English” series and his, *Amazing Words*, *Lederer on Language*, and *Monsters Unchained* have informed and entertained millions of readers over the years. He is also a founding co-host of “A Way with Words” on KPBS

Public Radio. His “Lederer on Language” column appears each Saturday in the San Diego Union-Tribune. Dr. Lederer has been named International Punster of the Year and Toastmasters International's Golden Gavel winner.

Schedule of Future SDWEG Member Meetings

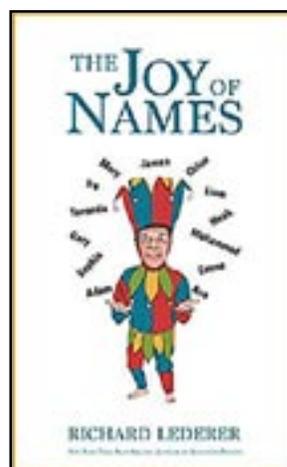
Mark Your Calendar...

November 26

Release of SDWEG's 2018 Anthology

December 17

SDWEG's 2018 Holiday Party



What You Missed at the September 24 Meeting by Mardie Schroeder

Scott Ripley, Actor/Director and Professor of Theatre at USD had Guild members on their feet with an exercise demonstrating how tension is created in a group.

Although his viewpoint is from a theatrical aspect, everything he demonstrated is applicable to all writing. The audience wants to engage. They want to use their imagination.

Drama is conflict. A wants B but C prevents it. In life we want to avoid conflict. But as playwrights or as novelists, we need it. What does the character want? What's in his way? There is tension from the conflict. The conflict can be internal (ex. "To be or not to be . . .").

In Shakespeare the stakes are life and death (ex. The Capulets vs. the Montagues equals instant conflict).

Scott cautioned against writing scenes where: This happens and then that happens, to: This happens therefore that happens.

Scott's parting words: "Courage is the most important thing in art or in life."

SDWEG Holiday Book Event **December 15**

On December 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Guild will hold a holiday book event for you to promote and sell your books at the Serra Mesa Library on Aero Drive. Space is limited. To save a spot please contact Mardie Schroeder at president@sdwritersguild.org ASAP.



Mardie Schroeder, SDWEG President, presents a thank-you gift to our September speaker, Scott Ripley.

Writing Contests

To promote SDWEG members' awareness of and participation in writing contests around the country, this newsletter posts upcoming contests. Due to limited space, this listing is not complete, so members should periodically check the website fundsforwriters.com for a more complete and up-to-date listing of writing contests. Be sure to go to the contest website to view full contest rules and details.

SAN MIGUEL WRITER'S CONF. CONTEST

<https://sanmiguelwritersconference.org/writing-contest>
\$30 ENTRY FEE. Deadline November 1, 2018.
Seeking poetry, creative nonfiction or a Spanish short story. One winner receives full conference registration and free lodging to the writer's conference in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Entries can be in English or Spanish.

EMERGING POET PRIZE

<https://palettepoetry.submittable.com/submit/122828/the-emerging-poet-prize-3000-awarded>
\$20 ENTRY FEE. Deadline October 15, 2018.
For emerging poets, this contest only accepts submissions from authors with fewer than two full length collections. The winner will be awarded \$3,000 and publication on Palette Poetry. Second and third place will win \$300 and \$200, respectively.

BATEAU PRESS CHAPBOOK CONTEST

<https://bateaupress.org/submission-guidelines/bateau-chapbook-contests/>
\$14 ENTRY FEE. Deadline November 1, 2018.
The winner will receive \$250 and 25 copies of the winning chapbook, including a high-quality printing with letterpress cover from Antler Editions.

DOROTHY AND WEDEL NILSEN LITERARY PRIZE FOR A FIRST NOVEL

<https://smsupress.submittable.com/submit/8767/dorothy-and-wedel-nilsen-literary-prize-for-a-first-novel-2018>
\$30 ENTRY FEE. Deadline November 1, 2018.
The competition is to identify and publish completed fiction manuscripts of high literary quality by authors who have not previously published a full-length novel, novella, or linked story collection. Prize includes \$2,000 cash plus publication.



Tip of the Hat

SDWEG Members Around the Town

SDWEG is proud to note when its members are engaged in creative activities with other organizations around San Diego and beyond.

Teri Mahaney enjoys two achievements

Writer **Teri Mahaney** is working on her “in process” memoir, titled *Could I Make This Up?*, about the 19 careers she has pursued. One chapter about “Becoming a White Water Guide” was accepted for publication in *Tidepools*, the annual anthology of Mira Costa College.

Also... **Teri** is working on a project titled “Make SMART Choices with Tyler and Friends,” which includes a workbook titled “Your Personal Workbook to Make SMART Choices with Tyler and Friends” Teri’s project aims to develop critical thinking skills in teens, and it was recently used in the North County African American Women’s Association’s 8th grade mentoring program. Of special note, Teri’s “Make Smart Choices” project recently was awarded grant funding from Soroptimist as part of the leadership training for Hermanitas North County, which is a Latina mentoring program.

Patricia Bossano and Jennifer Greenhall featured at Mysterious Galaxy event

North County’s fantasy/science fiction bookstore Mysterious Galaxy periodically stages events to spotlight the work of local writers. Two SDWEG members, **Patricia Bossano** and **Jennifer Greenhall**, were among several authors featured at Mysterious Galaxy’s local writer showcase on September 16th.

Upcoming Writer Events

Oct. 26-28 — La Jolla Writers Conference. This well-regarded event brings together aspiring writers, nationally recognized agents, editors, publishers and publicists. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine. For more information and registration, go to: lajollawritersconference.com.

Oct. 28-Nov. 3 — Taos Writers Retreat. Want to get away, but not too far away? Try this women-only retreat in Taos, New Mexico, hosted by author Jennifer Loudon from October 28 to November 3.

Your fee includes everything: “All lodging and all meals, daily writing seminars, daily yoga classes, on-the-spot writing coaching, plentiful snacks, and love love love.”

Cost: \$2,155-\$2,555 per person. For details: jenniferlouden.com/workshops-retreats/writers_spa/.

Oct. 26-28 — Writer’s Digest Novel Writing Conference in Pasadena.

Writer’s Digest returns to the West Coast with many of publishing’s most respected and knowledgeable writers, agents, and editors to guide you through the process of writing, editing, and publishing your novel. Hone your craft, refine your characters, explore the future of publishing, and get the tools you need to advance your career as a successful novelist. Go to: novel.writersdigestconference.com

Welcome to 8 New Members!

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General meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

A **Marketing Support Group** for writers precedes the general meeting, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: the San Diego County Health Services Complex Bldg., 1st floor, 3851 Rosecrans Blvd., San Diego

Visit our website for a map.

Membership dues: \$36 / year

Guests: \$5 / meeting

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Mission Statement: The San Diego Writers and Editors Guild shall promote, support and encourage the writing arts for adults and youth.

Benefits of Membership. SDWEG supports members and promotes the writing arts through: educational meetings with guest speakers on timely topics for writers; networking with writing/editing professionals; manuscript review services and the opportunity to submit your work for publication in the annual anthology; information about communitywide writing/editing classes, conferences and other events; links to writing and editing resources on the website; publicity for members' creative works on the "Members' Works" web page; and the opportunity to be included in the Speakers Bureau.
