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CARROLLTON CREATIVE WRITERS CLUB—FOUNDED FALL 2005

Our mission: Provide information and critique, and facilitate the art of all forms of written expression.

Meeting times:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Carrollton Cultural Arts Center

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BUSINESS:

❖ **September 8 Meeting**

Business: (Thanks to Tom Cook and Judi Presnell for providing notes in my absence.)

~~Eleanor Hoomes reported that the Carrollton Creative Woman's Club was very complimentary on our program at their luncheon on August 26. They picked up the tab for all the lunches.

~ ~Judi Presnell reported on the Christmas Party.

- WHEN: Saturday, December 5, 1:00 p.m.
- WHERE: Carrollton Cultural Arts Building (room to be announced)
- PRICE: \$15 per person

Each person may bring a spouse or one guest

- DRESS: Dressy casual or Christmas-themed wear
- MENU: Buffet style
 - Baked chicken/Roast Beef
 - Mashed potatoes
 - Broccoli casserole
 - Sweet corn
 - Tossed salad
 - Choice of roll or cornbread
 - Slice of festive Red Velvet cake

(We will be responsible for drinks, salad dressings and condiments, dishes, and utensils)

- **This will be special!** We'll have linen tablecloths, Christmas *china*, and festive decor!
- **There will be entertainment!** You won't want to miss the fun, so put this on your calendar!

~~Our group photo is scheduled for after the meeting on September 22.

~ ~Tom Cook opened the discussion about our group doing readings as part of MeccaFest this October. The readings would be open to all members and could be poems, novel excerpts, memoir excerpts, essays, or journal excerpts. He called for a vote and received unanimous approval of those present. After announcing that he'd also received majority approval of those not present whom he'd telephone and/or emailed prior to the meeting, the motion to participate carried. He then asked for volunteer committee members. Jay Jones, Margaret Dyer and Beverly Bruemmer volunteered their services. The members discussed some ideas for the program, and the committee

met immediately after the close of the regular meeting for further discussion. Tom will contact all members by e-mail outlining the MeccaFest plans, so they will be able to participate.

New Members:

~~No new members.

Program: See the **Readings** section for the readings.

❖ **September 22 Meeting**

Business:

~~Tom Cook presented the excellent work of the MeccaFest organizing committee. Tom along with Jay Jones, Margaret Dyer, and Beverly Bruemmer have done a wonderful job is organizing the program to allow multiple writers a chance to present their work. 17 members will read 35 works during approximately three hour programs on both days, October 10 and 11. The program will be titled "Local Voices." Artwork by Margaret Dyer will be used on postcards, bookmarks, posters, and flyers to promote the readings. Penny Lewis, the Cultural Arts Center Director, will make sure that our program will be publicized in both the *Times-Georgian* and the *Atlanta Journal*. The participants will meet on Monday night, October 5 from five till seven to practice the way they will enter and exit the stage.

~ ~After the meeting, the members gathered on the stairs to the auditorium to have a group photo made for use in publicity materials. Thanks to Phoebe Swatek for using her professional skills to make us look good.

New Members:

~~No new members. Our two visitors were Libby Hill and Sharon Davis.

Program:

~~See the readings section for the report on the two readings.

❖ **October Meetings:**

~~Shelly Murphy will facilitate our October meetings. The guest speaker will be Laretta Hanlon, author of "The Cracker Queen."

READINGS:

Don't forget to refer to our guidelines when preparing your reading. Avoid a lengthy oration prior to reading. Be sure to send "reader's comments" to johnzanmarie@bellsouth.net after your reading to be included in the next newsletter. Remember that a maximum of fifteen minutes is allotted to each piece read. This includes reading and comments.

Readings for September 8:

- ❖ **Diane Quimby** read a portion of her book *Headlights for Dark Roads* about a humorous incident during rehabilitation following a brain injury.

Reader's Comments: "I found my first audience to be perfect. My listeners were engaged and laughed in all of the right places. It was a very encouraging process."

- ❖ **Donna Spivey** read two original poems: "Odd" and "Pond Mirror".

Reader's Comments:

- ❖ **Jay Jones** read another chapter from his *Chatterstrip on the Edge of Civilization* entitled, "Pertaining to Mrs. Viola Hassendoodle."

Reader's Comments:

- ❖ **Eleanor Hoomes** read an original poem called "To Sleep, To Dream".

Reader's Comments:

Readings for September 22:

- ❖ **Zan Marie Steadham** shared sample copies of the first sixteen pages of her new book, *An Easter Walk*, that will be published in the next few months.

Reader's Comments: "Thank you all for the overwhelming support and encouragement. I was particularly heartened by the positive comments about the Introduction and thrilled to get your suggestions for improvement. *An Easter Walk* in better for your input."

- ❖ **Eleanor Hoomes** read her poem, "To Eat a Slug—It's All in the Name."

Reader's Comments: "Thank you for helping me decide whether to read this poem at MeccaFest."

MARKETING:

Upcoming Events: (email Zan Marie Steadham about upcoming signings and programs for inclusion in the *CCWC Newsletter*. johnzanmarie@bellsouth.net.)

New Books:

~~Mary Cunningham's newest volume in her "Cynthia's Attic" series.

New Websites and Other Media:

- ❖ Congratulations, Eleanor Hoomes for a great new website. Check it out at www.eleanorwolfehoomes.com Diana Black was the site designer. Great job as always, Diana!
- ❖ Congratulations to Mary Cunningham for her new design at www.marycunninghambooks.com Great site, Mary! You can be proud of it.

For critique help on the internet, try:

<http://www.community.compuserv.com/ws-books> --recommended by Zan Marie Steadham

<http://www.critiquecircle.com> –recommended by Frank Rogers

FACILITATORS:

- ❖ Contact Joann Dunn (planter360@aol.com) if there are any changes in the schedule for 2009.
- ❖ Contact Eleanor Hoomes (hoomes2@gmail.com) if there are any changes in the schedule or to sign up for a month for 2010. She will be contacting possible facilitators soon.
- ❖ Contact Zan Marie Steadham (johnzanmarie@bellsouth.net) when you know the topic or speaker for your session.

2009

September 2009	Tom Cook	MeccaFest discussions and Reading Critique
October 2009	Shelly Murphy	Speaker: Author Laretta Hannon
November 2009	Richard Anderson	Speaker: Columnist Susan Larson
December 2009	Zan Marie Steadham	Possibly "Villainous Villains and Antagonizing Antagonists"

2010

January 2010	Mary Wilburn	Spencer Crawford of <i>The Times Georgian</i>
February 2010	Judi Presnell	Panel Discussion
March 2010		
April 2010	Joann Dunn	Poetry
May 2010		
June 2010		
July 2010	David Green	
August 2010		
September 2010	Eleanor Hoomes	
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