

# Newsletter

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## Julie's Opening Salvo

### The Power of P

On January 1, 2023 I heard a group of morning show people discussing their goals for the coming year and one person said she was harnessing the power of P...there was a stunned silence from the others and she went on to explain her reasoning...I stopped listening and I began to think how that could apply to storytelling and here what I came up with; Storytelling has power to inform, entertain and create...to preserve treasured stories from the our own lives and those past...position arrange and clarify our thoughts and ideas to as many listeners as possible and most importantly people for stories are from the people, for the people and to all the people.

So we story tellers can make this our year the year of P whichever way you want to put it. P has many possibilities.



~ SOCO Meeting December 10, 2022~

Members Attending in person and via Zoom....

Joan Van Becelaere, Bill Myers, Joyce Geary, Judy Clapper, Melody Tolle, Melanie Pratt, Adele Browne, Teri Lott, Emily Bailey, Julie McGhee, and Rebecca Coleman

Members attending in person brought in goodies to share which we did with gusto....too bad for those attending via zoom unless they had their own goodies at home.

Joan mentioned that she still had trouble with the recording from our 2022 Tellabration and is still frustrated with her handling of the website. Personally yours truly is still frustrated with her own handling of anything digital.

After and while eating we launched into the members sharing some holiday tales to keep the Spirit of the Season going...

Joyce Geary's sharing was a lively rereading of "the Night Before Christmas".

Melanie Pratt's sharing was The Ukranian tale of the Spider's Tinseling the Christmas Tree and a tale of her own parents' Christmas Stockings.

Teri Lott's sharing was a Rosemary Legend

Melody Toll's sharing was a tale of the animals in the forest celebrating the birthday of Christ

Emily Bailey's sharing was her own original Kwanza story dealing with the origin of the celebration of Kwanza.

Julie McGhee's sharing was a tale of a mother's frustration of the Christmas shopping rush and a tale of the Orkney Islands

Judy Clapper's sharing was a tale of a Christmas memory when she acquired a camera and took a picture of an uncle fast asleep.

We finished the meeting with a lively discussion of the importance of giving the source of the stories we share and tell. Giving credit where credit is due.

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Friends, I have heard from our friend and fellow storyteller, Larry Staats that he is settling into his new home in **Norwich Springs, 4680 Library Way, Hilliard Ohio 43026**. I am giving you his address in case you'd like to send him a card. I understand that Bill Cohen just gave a performance there (which your editor missed) but I'll go the next time Bill returns there.

If you'd like to visit Larry let me know and I'll give you the contact information for his daughter Rene to arrange a date and time.

Larry has been such an active member of SOCO for many years and I know we all wish him well.

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## January 14,2023.... SOCO Meeting....

It was a combination zoom/physical group meeting those attending were Sarah Stouffer-Lerch, Melody Tolle, Michelle Cornell, Judy Clapper, Emily Bailey, Teri Lott, Bill Myers, Joan Becelaere, Rebecca Coleman, Roy Nichols and Julie McGhee. We were all excited to see Teri as it was the first time, she could physically attend a group after her horrific fall last year...Yea Teri!

Teri began by leading a discussion about our participation in a program to be held at Davis Middle School in Dublin, Ohio and how we, SOCO members could participate to get the word out to more people about the interesting and important activities we do in storytelling. This program will be at Davis Middle School...several days later Teri sent out an email that she had sufficient SOCO people willing to participate in this program.

Joan noted that Sarah is starting her internship and we will be having a Zoom meeting with her to discuss how we can collaborate with her during her internship time at OSU.

Emily Bailey noted that there will be an interesting program on February 8 and the information will be posted later in this newsletter.

Teri gave us all information about her inclusion in the **2023 Women's Storytelling Festival** which will take place on March 24 – 26. For more information go to [www.bettersaidthandone.com/womens-festival](http://www.bettersaidthandone.com/womens-festival). Congratulations Teri!

All of the members shared interesting stories and it was interesting to see how our stories can develop in different ways. The story discussion ended with Joan asking for a good Wapiti (elk) story. We Always have good meeting discussions!

Due to her scheduling situation we will not meet in person in February so SOCO members please look in your mailboxes to get the ZOOM information to attend the February meeting.

**First AME Zion Church**  
**Presents**  
**"An Evening of Storytelling and Poetry"**  
**with**  
**Gran'daddy Junebug**  
**(Mitch Capel)**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**  
**First AME Zion Church**  
**873 Bryden Road**  
**Columbus, OH 43205**  
**6:00 Reception**  
**6:30 Performance**  
**Admission: Free**  
**Must reserve a ticket**

Information: 614-252-2184

Just in case you think storytelling is not going on right now and you are waiting for the summer programs...below is a notification that popped up on my computer today~~~~~

"Chennai Storytelling Festival 2023 -- All Free, All Zoom!"  
(our 11th annual edition ),  
would be occurring on the 4 weekends of February.

We have made 4 schedules:

1) in Canada and USA Pacific time,  
[https://storytellinginstitute.org/CSF23\\_Canada\\_USA\\_Pacific\\_timings.pdf](https://storytellinginstitute.org/CSF23_Canada_USA_Pacific_timings.pdf)

2) in Canada and USA Eastern time,  
[https://storytellinginstitute.org/CSF23\\_Canada\\_USA\\_Eastern\\_timings.pdf](https://storytellinginstitute.org/CSF23_Canada_USA_Eastern_timings.pdf)

3) for people in the time-zone that is 4.5 hours earlier-in-the-day than India time, and which is shared by Albania and at least 37 other countries,  
[https://storytellinginstitute.org/CSF23\\_Albania\\_etc\\_timings.pdf](https://storytellinginstitute.org/CSF23_Albania_etc_timings.pdf)

4) In India time,  
[https://storytellinginstitute.org/CSF23\\_India\\_timings.pdf](https://storytellinginstitute.org/CSF23_India_timings.pdf)

If you are not in any-of-the-above time-zones,  
please see  
<https://thetimezoneconverter.com>

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I was looking in my emails and found a message that said several storytellers were talking about good beginnings for telling stories and the little list below might intrigue you....maybe you could come up with some of your own.

- *"It was not long before..."*
- *"Hearing those words, she took heart..."*
- *"Now this was in a folk tale. And as you know, in a tale things happen in threes."*
- *"You will not be surprised when I tell you..."*

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