



SASP

NEWS

June 2021

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HAPPY

FATHER'S
DAY

Happy Flag Day! Graduation! Father's Day!

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers (SASP) began in 1998 when *Chuck O’Conner, Elmer Freeman, Joe Meiners, and Dan Vollmer*, Spokane area authors, formed a club in order to share knowledge and experience with those interested in writing and alternative ways of publishing. Today, SASP is a large non-profit organization dedicated to anyone with interests in any aspect of writing and art. Members include aspiring (and successful) authors, poets, journalists, illustrators, editors, publishers, printers, writing instructors, and many others. Monthly luncheon meetings provide inspiration and education by way of knowledgeable and entertaining guest speakers, and the cheerful camaraderie of people sharing common interests and goals. Membership is open to all who love writing, art, and interesting people.

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers **meets** the first Thursday of each month at **Golden Corral**, 7117 N. Division Street, in Spokane.

Presentations begin at **2:30 pm**. The room opens at **2:00 pm** so members and guests can dine, visit, join, pay dues, browse, and perhaps buy each other’s books. After short break, members and guests relate their accomplishments, mention upcoming activities, and we draw for door prizes. Members and guests must be present to win.

Attendees are requested to buy lunch upon entering the establishment, and to leave an appropriate tip for the waiter/waitress.

Due to the Pandemic we are currently not meeting. When we do meet, we will let everyone know the place, the day and the time.

Membership benefits include listing on the SASP website, www.spokaneauthors.org. Many members provide short biographies and links to external personal websites, creating more marketing exposure. Current members may list and describe their published works on the SASP website and offer their work for sale at meetings. (Visit the “members” page on our web-site to connect with members’ web-pages. Our “links” page connects to interesting on-line locations, including those of many SASP members.)

Guest speakers inform, inspire, and entertain with a variety of topics designed to provide knowledge about writing and publishing.

SASP members are encouraged to purchase or trade completed works of and with fellow members. They are also encouraged to donate copies of their work as door prizes.

Winners of others’ work are expected to provide a review.

Note: SASP no longer transports name tags and display books to and from meetings. Your name tag is yours to keep and maintain. Please take books you provide for display. We provide space for displaying your books, but you must bring them to each meeting.

Submission Deadline: Items to be included in the next edition of SASP NEWS must be received by the editor a week prior to the next scheduled meeting, or when the next meeting would normally be held. **June 24th for the July 2021 issue.**

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OUR NEXT MEETING!

We are getting closer! Maybe sometime in July, or almost certainly in August. We'll keep you informed!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello my fellow SASPers and SASPerillas,

You are a small but mighty force in the universe.

Your officers have not been just sitting on their thumbs during this past year. Golden Corral has been contacted, but we were told that under current Covid protocol, GC cannot accept reservations for large groups. We'll have to wait until Governor Inslee's pronouncement that 70 percent of Washingtonians have been vaccinated (June 30 or sooner.) At that point, everything should open up. However, there may not be enough turnaround time between the governor's edict



and our July meeting (July 1) so maybe we should postpone it until August or try a different July date. Suggestions?

It's my belief that we also need to decide our own protocol: Should we let everyone enter our meetings or should we ask people to show proof of vaccination before entering in order to protect those with auto-immune disorders/other medical conditions? (I, myself, was given only a little 2"x3" piece of paper with two dates on it as proof.) Or possibly we could ask for both halves of the banquet/meeting room so that those with medical problems could sit six feet from others? Suggestions?

I'm guessing that Dave will also discuss these ideas in his column.

Charles Dickens walks into a bar and orders a martini. The bartender asks, "Olive or twist?"

Jim

FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT

I have discovered an amazing resource for those of you who have had too much time on your hands. The Spokane Public Library has teamed up with the Spokane County Public Library to offer free online classes on a wide variety of subjects. If you have a computer and internet access, you can go to the Spokane Public Library homepage, spokanelibrary.org, and click on the Digital Branch tab. Or you can go to galeapps.gale.com and type in Spokane Public Library to see a wide selection of classes available. (You will need to input your library card number.)

I chose to enroll in a graphics design class. I can work at my own pace, and when I have completed the course, I will receive a certificate of completion. I believe that learning a new skill helps us keep our minds young. Not only that, but it's a lot of fun. Have a joyful June, and keep writing.



Sue

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER

This month things are back to normal with my cues to start work on the next issue of

SASP NEWS.

As Jim mentions in his column we are getting closer to meeting as a group again. And as he notes, we might have initial scheduling problems, as we cannot reserve anything until everything opens up. Assuming the state ends the restrictions on June 30th; we could call and get the meeting room at Golden Corral for the first Thursday in July, the 1st. But that is short notice and even in this day of electronic communications, not enough time to get word out to all members. (And let's remember the few who do not have computers or internet, and rely on mail and land-line telephones.)

It's quite possible our first meeting will be at a later day during the month of July... if the current vaccination rate holds, or that our meetings will permanently be somewhat later in the month, perhaps the second or third Thursday... or another day of the week. Ideally, though, we will be able to slide back to our regular meeting day and time as we move into August.



Then again, it depends on how much demand there is for meeting space and times at Golden Corral, and we may end up with a different day and time slot. We'll keep you posted.

At this point it's hard to say what the protocols, if any, for being vaccinated or for continued social distancing or mask wear will be for those who are not vaccinated. I'd like to assume that by the time we are able to meet that everyone in the group will have been fully vaccinated. But I am aware that some may have underlying conditions that prevent that from happening. I would hope those folks use some common sense when it comes to our meetings. If you don't feel safe in joining us, then please stay home and realize we miss you, but that we understand the need for your absence.

We also don't know if Golden Corral will be screening guests for vaccinations or not. If they do, fine, and if not, then I guess we are on the honor system.

If you didn't see it, there was a great article in today's (Thursday May 27) issue of the Spokesman-Review with regards to HIPAA, which many people cite as a reason to not be asked if they've been vaccinated or not. According to the article HIPAA doesn't prohibit a business or an employer from asking the person directly. It does ban someone calling someone's doctor to ask if that person has had his or her shots. HIPAA is all about release of medical information by third parties without the consent of the patient/ individual concerned.

Naturally, one does not have to answer, but that could lead to not being allowed to enter an establishment or to being excluded from certain activities. I suppose the assumption is that if one won't answer it means they haven't had the shot(s). The article also mentions that businesses do have the right to refuse entry or service to those whose medical condition might endanger the health of others.

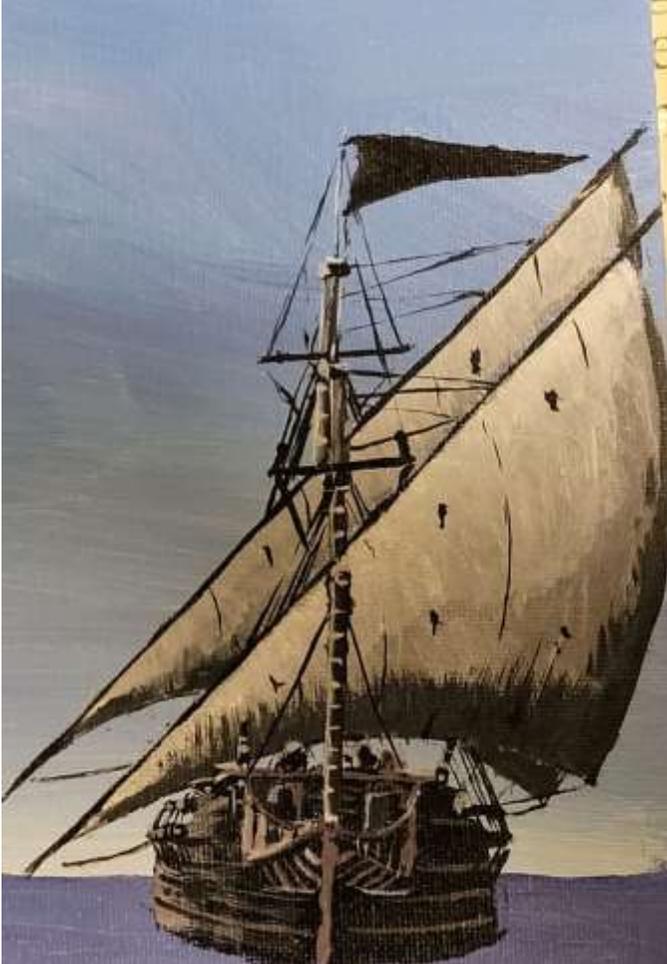
Because of the Pandemic we haven't been screaming for dues, but if you want to pay, the easiest way is to mail a check or money order for \$15.00 to:

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I check the mail weekly, and if we receive any dues payments, I take those payments directly to our financial institution for deposit.

If you are ever looking for our mailing address, it's on the front cover of each and every issue of SASP NEWS. It's also on the Welcome Page and the Membership Forms page of our web-site. I hope that helps.

P. S. I did get a start on the cover art for the third Stone Island Sea Story. Last night I got the first of two vessels nearly complete, and hopefully in the next day or so, I'll get the second one added as well, along with the final details, etc. So far, I like the way it's coming out. Here's what I have at this point.



OUR MAY 2021 MEETING

Due to the Corona Virus/Covid 19 pandemic, we did not meet on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

MEMBER WEB-PAGE GUIDE

1. Name and photo/headshot
2. Brief biography
3. Links to web-site, blog, or other on-line locations.
4. Information about any books published.
 - a. Book cover shot/thumbnail

- b. Brief description/blurbs/reviews
 - c. Amazon ASIN, ISBN or other
 - d. Locations where available.
5. Send as much information as possible to: daveeva@comcast.net, authors@spokaneauthors.org, or
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Check out other member web-pages at www.spokaneauthors.org. Click on the "Members" button and then on the member's page you wish to view.
Contact your web-master if your page needs to be updated or corrected

MEMBER UPDATES

New Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers member **Natalie S.** is without transportation and wonders if anyone in SASP would be interested in attending local writing and literary events and providing her a ride.

If anyone is interested, her contact information is in the latest editions of our roster.

SPEAKERS WANTED

The Idaho Writers League wonders if anyone in our group would be interested in sharing knowledge about writing, marketing, or anything concerning the writing life or writing craft.

They meet as follows:

Jewett House - morning meeting - (2nd Wednesday of the month [speaker from 9:30-10:30] - meeting from 9am-noon)

Lutheran Church of the Master - evening meeting - (3rd Thursday of the month [speaker from 7pm-8pm] - meeting from 6:30pm to 9:30pm)

Contact:

Lila Bolme

Idaho Writers League

iwl.cda@gmail.com

Hi Fellow SASP Members

After a brief fly-in to Spokane weekend before last for some book signing, we left on Monday May 10, and experienced our first aborted takeoff on the Spokane runway. Apparently the pilot (American) had a bad readout after about 40 seconds in the Airbus A319. Nevertheless, the plane eventually taxied back for a successful takeoff and landing at Sky Harbor. (Whew!!). Maybe a false computer readout . . . ?

My latest blog is up at

www.illusionsofmagic.com/illusions-of-magic-book-blog It features my story on Kiritimati, a lonely coral atoll in the Pacific Ocean where I spent time 59 years ago. The island has changed over the years, including gaining its independence in 1979. Whether or not residents are better off is a question raised by current conditions there. I look forward to hearing what you think.

Hope all of you and yours are okay. Covid restrictions here in AZ are lifting... Cheers,

J.B. Rivard

Author-Illustrator

Low on Gas – High on Sky

Finalist: ABF “Best Book,” IAN “Book of the Year”

Winner: “Reviewer’s Choice”

www.illusionsofmagic.com/low-on-gas-high-on-sky-by-jb-rivard

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Many events have been cancelled or postponed to a later date because of the current Corona Virus/Covid 19 outbreak. If cancellation or change isn’t indicated here, please check to see if it is still taking place.

Contact daveeva@comcast.net or e-mail authors@spokaneauthors.org to get your event listed. As always, let me know of any upcoming

writer related events you might have coming up and I’ll try to get them listed on the web-site’s “Programs” page and here in SASP NEWS.

On Going:

The Inland Northwest Writers Guild

We were notified last month that INWG has suspended all activities until September. We’ll let you know when they start meeting again.

SASP BOOKS ON AMAZON/KINDLE

Many SASP members’ books are on Amazon and/or Kindle™ (We print short parts of the list on a rotating basis. The complete, and hopefully up to date list is available on the web-site, under “NEWS”)

(Contact the editor/web-master at daveeva@comcast.net or at authors@spokaneauthors.org to get your Amazon/Kindle books listed)

To speed your search, add the provided ten digit numerical or alpha-numerical code (ASIN) to: [www\(dot\)amzn\(dot\)com/dp/](http://www(dot)amzn(dot)com/dp/) Example: www.amzn.com/dp/B008TXC332 or: www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044 (Recently it seems Amazon is assigning its own unique ASINs to the paperback editions of books, rather than using the ten-digit ISBN as they previously did. In the future we will attempt to point this out in individual listings.)

Gena Bradford

I Can’t Rest Now, Lord! I’m Responsible...

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Phillip Jones

The Casebook of Thadeus Rede & Other Stories

B00HWXAWTW 1492181730

Inventions and Discoveries: A Trip Through History

B00FBHNRW 149038460X

Forensic Science for Writers: A Reference Guide

B008Y2MX8S 1475267207

Criminal Investigators, Villains, and Tricksters: A Trip Through History

B00DVP4YHQ 148279960X

Gail Saunders

Cluckenstein: The Halloween Chicken

1946882054

Asia Rachel Cohen

Fire of Thorns

B07YW6838N 1973671298

Lauri “Midge” Cline

Prey to the Order: An aon Lah Hathra

Adventure

B07Z48BR56 1700086456

Wyndham Hall

B07FY59VRP 1723480436

Shadow Blades (The BREED Fae Chronicles)

B07MDT8B52 1791691226

Kylea Carter

Out of the Sand

B01E4FARAE

Johanna Price

Raising Buckshot: A Family’s Experience with

Autism

B00RKH993A 1483420205

George Critchlow

Travels with Vamper: A Graybeard’s Journey

B0787NRJ8Y 1506905277

Joan M. Kop

The Freedom Chaser

B07PNYVCSF 0578217740

Joy Linn

I’ve Been Born Again! Now What?

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Ten Keys to Freedom

B07B67SQ4M 1640289283

FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS

Reviews featured here are typically of a member’s book reviewed by another member or members. Sometimes we post reviews a member has written about a non-member’s book, or that a non-member has written concerning a member’s book.

Reviews remain on the web-site as long as the book’s author or any reviewer remains a current or recently current member of SASP.

Out of Hitler’s Shadow

By Roderick Stackelberg

Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

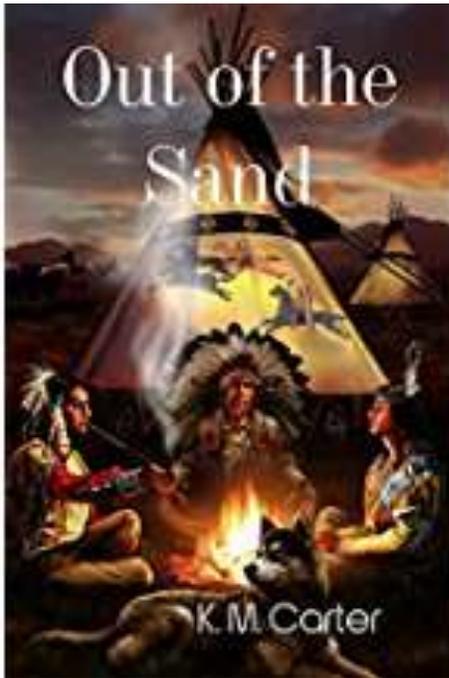
This book is subtitled: *Childhood and Youth in Germany and the United States, 1935 – 1967*. It is the first volume of Stackelberg’s autobiography and covers the earlier portions of his life.

Those first years are unique. One of four children born to an American mother and German father, the book first details his parents’ family histories and briefly describes how they met. As the Second World War begins, his mother elects to keep the family in Germany with her husband. Celebrating his tenth birthday on VE Day, young Stackelberg, his siblings, and his mother eventually return to the United States. His father, now separated from his mother, remains in Germany.

Based largely on journals the writer kept from an early age, the major portion of this book deals with life after having permanently returned to America. He describes life as a high school and college student in the 1950s. There is also a stint as a US Army draftee, in which Stackelberg is assigned to forces based in Germany. As the book nears the end, one finds the author searching for a meaningful career and becoming more and more curious about past events that have shaped his life.

The writer is a very well educated individual, and the quality of writing reflects this. It is very much in the academic style and at times proves to be dry and unexciting. Still, it is filled with facts, reflections, and admissions. It tells a very unique and personal story. If for any other reason, Stackelberg should be commended for baring his soul and making public his imperfections.

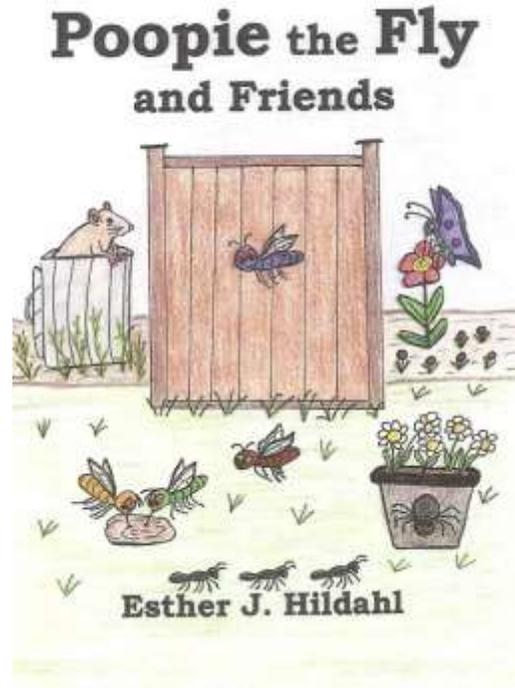
A professor emeritus of history at Spokane, Washington’s Gonzaga University, Stackelberg has written several books on Germany and the history of National Socialism. This first part of his autobiography was self-published through *iUniverse*. The book has an ISBN of 978-1-4502-6033-6 and retails for \$16.95



Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

Out of the Sand tells the story of Professor Ivan who faces a devastating loss when his wife dies, leaving him to care for their infant son. When he has to go on a long trip into Indian Territory for the government, he leaves his son with his late wife's parents. Thus, Ivan begins his journey, not knowing his life will be changed forever when he meets and falls in love with Running Water, a beautiful young Indian Woman. After they are married, they travel back to Ivan's home to begin their new life. Everything is different now for Running Water as she learns to navigate the white man's world.

Ms. Carter has written a good story. If you like romance books, this book is for you.



Reviewed by Rhonda Cordes (a fan)

I've finished reading *Poopie the Fly and Friends*. What a clever and creative book! My favorite thing about it is the way the author weaves education and life lessons throughout the story and still keeps it entertaining. I enjoyed reading it very much.