

OUR DECEMBER 2021 MEETING

Our December meeting saw Linda Sonntag, Kate, Poitevin, Dave McChesney, Marilee Hudon, Robert Hildahl, Esther Hildahl, Tiffani Harvey, Sue Eller, Larry Danek, George Critchlow, and Caryl Briscoe-Michas gather at the Golden Corral to share excerpts from their work. Also attending were Eva and Jessica McChesney, Dave's wife and daughter, and Kate's daughter.

Acting President Sue Eller welcomed everyone and invited those who wished to do so to read a small portion of something they'd written.

Esther Hildahl began the afternoon with "Angus the Rat," a short story from her latest children's book, *Winter Stories*. Dave McChesney was next, offering a scene from *Darnahsian Pirates: The Third Stone Island Sea Story*. Linda Sonntag shared a short poem called "I Don't Remember Winter."

Although he's been a member for some time, George Critchlow was attending for the very first time. He read from the beginning of his non-fiction book, *The Lifer and the Lawyer*. Tiffani Harvey offered a sample of *Freedom Seeking*, while Caryl Briscoe-Michas provided an excerpt from her memoir. Lastly, Sue Eller read a selection from her recently published collection of short stories.

Following the open mic session there was some discussion about taking advantage of the vendors market at Northtown Mall. As this set up goes until April, it was decided that those who wanted to do so could check things out and report back at our next meeting.

After a short break, raffle tickets were distributed and a drawing held for the day's door prize. Oddly, we only had one prize, a copy of Dave McChesney's *Darnahsian Pirates*, won by Caryl Briscoe-Michas. Following the drawing we wished each other Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! And Happy New Year before departing for home or places unknown.



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