

OUR FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING

Attending our Thursday, February 9th meeting were: Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Larry Danek, Mary DeBord, Sue Eller, Dennis Held, Esther and Bob Hildahl, Marilee Hudon, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup, Sandra Philbin, Kate Poitevin, Linda Sonntag-Noble, Mikel Stevenson (and other family members), and Bob Weldin. Guests in attendance included Sophia, Treesa, and Pablo Diaz, who came to support our guest speaker.

Alexander Manzoni did not simply talk to us. He gave a performance, telling us about his life, sharing poems he had written, as well as excerpts from a novel of his, all presented in a unique and entertaining style.

Following a short break, Carl Northrup told us the Barnes and Noble store in the North Town Mall was planning to have a local author event on Friday, February 17th from 6 to 7:30. Marilee passed along information about a smart phone app called HiHello, which can be used as or in place of a business card. She also celebrated the release of her newest book, *Lilac City Lunacy* at the Rocket Bakery on Garland Avenue. In addition she told us of a new e-mail that can be used to contact Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers: saspworks4u@gmail.com

Esther Hildahl announced that she and Bob would be at the Shadle Park High School Craft Fair on March 25th and 26th. Dave McChesney will be there as well. Larry Danek mentioned that his latest book was in the process of being edited by Sue, and that he'd managed to work a lot of famous people into the story. He also shared a short story with us.

New member Roger Aschenbrener introduced himself and Carl Northrup mentioned he was close to ready for a beta reader on his current work in progress. Sandra Philbin said she has a bookcoming about peoples'

relationships with their dogs. Dennis Held told us he has work published in *Pushcart #46*.

We then held a drawings for door prizes, declared the meeting over and headed our separate ways.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday March 9th, and our speaker will be Trent Reedy. He is the author of ten novels for young people, including *Words in the Dust*, the *Divided We Fall* trilogy, and the *McCall Mountain* series. Along with his Afghan friend Jawad Arash, he also co-wrote the novel *Enduring Freedom*. His most recent novel, *Fishing In Fire* was published in February 2023. He also writes a semi-monthly *Life in Uniform* military/veteran anecdote column for *The Washington Examiner* magazine. He lives with his family outside Spokane, Washington.



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