



Writers & Editors Network

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# Say *WEN*

December 2011

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*Dedicated to encouraging and promoting the art and skill of writing and editing*

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## **Breakfast Networking**

WEN's monthly meetings offer an ideal environment to refine your knowledge of the writing and editing business through our guest speakers, and also to network with peers from your own community who have similar interests. There is generally an opportunity to purchase autographed copies of guest speakers' books. Our breakfast buffet provides a variety of hot and cold dishes and a selection of fresh fruit and pastries for your enjoyment.

### **December 10, 2011**

Come to the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and help us celebrate. WEN is celebrating not only the holiday season but also our **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. The program is full; there will be **special events** commemorating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary including the official launch of the anniversary project, **Canadian Imprints**, and members and guests will be entertained with **member's readings**. The Canadiana will also be providing a special **holiday breakfast**. The December meeting is not one you'll want to miss!

Meetings are held at the Canadiana Restaurant located at Six Points Plaza,  
5230 Dundas Street (Dundas and Kipling) from  
9am to 11:30 am.

Advance registration is required. This is your last day to register. Please contact Anna Stitski by replying to this e-mail ([breakfasts@wenetwork.org](mailto:breakfasts@wenetwork.org)) or at [ibanana@hotmail.com](mailto:ibanana@hotmail.com) or by phone at 905-272-1478. If you have registered but find that you cannot attend, please let Anna know as soon as possible.

Cost is \$15 for WEN members and \$20 for non-members.

## Organizational News

*Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry.*

I am sorry that you received 16 duplicate emails. I know how annoying that is. I was going to email you an apology, but I thought the last thing you would have wanted was another email from me.

Nathan Medcalf  
Newsletter Editor

## Members News

### *Gayle Dzis teaches family history writing course*

This 4 session course is designed for individuals who want to make progress with organizing their materials and writing up their research for personal or public use. Participants will see examples of successful family history writing in several formats and will also have an opportunity to share their writing experiences. Sessions will focus on manuscript development and layout, the selection and use of photos and ephemera, and will also provide an introduction to self-publishing.

Schedule: Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 from 2-4pm

Location: North York Public Library

Fee: \$66 (\$60 for Ontario Genealogical Society members)

To download Registration Form: [www.torontofamilyhistory.org](http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org)

For information: call 416-733-2608 (voice mail) or e-mail [courses@torontofamilyhistory.org](mailto:courses@torontofamilyhistory.org)

### *Published in India*

Judie Oron reports that *Cry of the Giraffe* is now out in India, with a brand new cover. Om Books International bought the foreign rights for the following countries: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Nepal. To see the new cover, follow the link: [www.ombooksinternational.com](http://www.ombooksinternational.com).

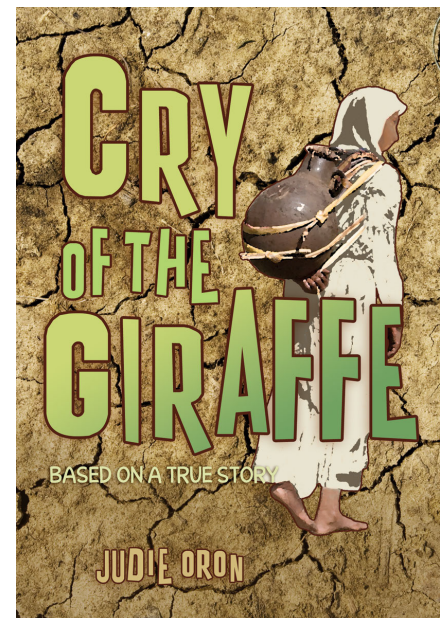
As well, the rights to translate *Cry of the Giraffe* into Hebrew were sold to Hakibbutz Hameuhad Publishing House Ltd, one of Israel's oldest and most prestigious publishing companies. The book will appear in a slightly different format with some editing changes, since the Israeli company has decided to gear the book to the adult, rather than young adult market.

And now, *Cry of the Giraffe* is being sold as an ebook at Barnes and Noble.

The link:

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/Cry-of-the-Giraffe/Judie-Oron/e/9781554513000>.

It will soon be available for Iphone, Sony reader, and Kobo.



## *Travelling South America*

Flavia Cosma is presently in Argentina launching her poetry book *Hojas de diario*. Recently, the Romanian Embassy in Buenos Aires invited her to read some of her poems in Spanish to an audience of more than 100 people.

## *New Online Promotion*

Susan Winlaw reports that she is very close to launching a web site that will link Canadian authors, artists, and artisans with customers looking for local items. It will be like a catalogue or gallery with a link to your web site where your books can be purchased.

Offer currently available to WEN members only. Submissions must include an image in jpg format, a very few words, your name and location, and the link to your web site. If you don't have a web site, just tell me where the books are sold.

Email Susan for this project at [GiftsByCanadians@gmail.com](mailto:GiftsByCanadians@gmail.com).

It will be VERY affordable (as I have first-hand knowledge of how much we really make as authors) and we've not nailed it down totally yet.

And if you sell your paintings, photography, sing for people, do dramatic readings, make leather goods, carve or whatever, I'm looking for that too. This will evolve as more people come on board, but my aim is to be a one-stop location for people to find Canadian gifts.

## Other News

### *Kids holiday scavenger hunt*

Come meet the childrens' author, DiDI LeMay A fun afternoon for the whole family. Join us! First, second, and third prizes will be presented.

Where: Barbwire Gallery, 97 Maitland St.  
When: December 10, 2011, from 2-4pm.



### *A Christmas Carol*

The Sirius Theatrical Company (WEN Member Heather Dick) will be presenting a staged reading of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. This will be a 'Fund Raising' and a 'Food Raising' event. Proceeds from tickets sales are destined for our Scholarship and Bursary Fund which we have set up to help families whose children would benefit and grow from our training and activities but who, for various reasons, may not be able to afford full course fees. This fall we have been able to help six families and hope to be able to help several more in the New Year. Food raised will be donated to local food banks in the south Etobicoke area at this much needed time of the year.

The event features Rosemary Dunsmore (Film, Television, Stage - 3 Seasons at Stratford, Dora Winner) and Marianne McIsaac (Television - Genie Nominee, Directing, Stage)

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2011  
 Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 Location: 119 Mimico Avenue (Royal York Rd. & Mimico Ave.)  
 Sirius Theatrical Company Studio (Mimico Presbyterian Church)  
 Ticket prices: \$15 (Adults) \$10 (Student (10 to 16 years old)).  
 1 non-perishable food item (at least) per ticket  
 Info & Ticket Sales: 416-236-9011  
[www.siriustheatrical.com](http://www.siriustheatrical.com)

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## Mission Statement

The Writers & Editors Network is an organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the art and skill of writing and editing. WEN aims to foster literacy and to assist, empower, and provide moral support to writers and editors from all disciplines. WEN will network, mentor, and educate members independently and in cooperation with other organizations. [www.wenetwork.org](http://www.wenetwork.org).

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**Please submit items for the newsletter by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month to [nathan\\_medcalf@hotmail.com](mailto:nathan_medcalf@hotmail.com) so the newsletter can be sent out prior to the breakfast network meeting. Also, please only send news that is relevant to the writers, editors, and other members in the publishing industry.**

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