



# NEWSLETTER

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## Our Next SOCO Meeting

Our next SOCO meeting will be on May. 12, 2018 at **09:30a.m.** in St. Matthias' Reading Enrichment Room. St. Matthias is located at 1582 Ferris Rd. in Columbus.

For Our Meeting Program: Find out how your storytelling business can cut your taxes. At our next regular meeting, May 12, Tim Oatney CPA, MT will be giving us the low down. Invite your self employed and small business entrepreneur friends and family to join us. Bring your questions. Tim is a compelling speaker and simplifies the complex. You'll to be shocked at how interesting the tax code can be, especially if it keeps more \$ in your pocket.

**Rebecca Coleman**

## The "Orphan" Books (submitted by your CSA committee)

Once upon a time there was a group of dedicated tellers of stories who spent some of the hot, humid days of summer sharing their tales with children. The children lived all over the city of Columbus and in some of its suburbs. The children enjoyed hearing the different tales that took them to other lands, took them on adventures, took them to nearby places they'd never been. They listened intently and gasped at times, nodded their heads at times, smiled at times, laughed at times. It was truly a rewarding experience for all involved. During these summer escapes into the world of stories, each child got to choose a book to take home. A book that would be theirs forever.

And now it is Spring and the tellers of these stories will soon need more books to go to forever homes. "What books do we need to replenish our supply?" they wondered. And being problem solvers, a solution was determined. All of the "orphan" books used by the various tellers last summer need to come together in one place to be inventoried so the buyers of new books could see what age/interest level gaps remain. Please contact Teri Lott, a member of the CSA (Columbus Story Adventures) committee, about returning any books that you have left over from previous summer storytellings. We need to inventory our books before we buy new ones. Time is of the essence. Thanks! ([lotts.of.tales@gmail.com](mailto:lotts.of.tales@gmail.com) and 614-395-8178) **Terri Lott**

## Prepare for Summer

This is a short bit of encouragement before the summer begins and our time fills up with so many delightful things to do.

Take time to breath and relax each day.

Warm-up your voice before you create, explore, develop or share stories!

Buy a kitchen timer so you can time your tales to fit the needs of the venue.

Take time to listen to the world, like the rain falling on your roof, a train on the tracks in the middle of the night! Most importantly listen to what people say and how they say it. Keep your ears tuned to the content without judgement, just hear and connect. Many great things come from that practice, not just interesting stories!

Greetings! It is a cold morning not as bitter as further north but unwelcome just the same. This dramatic clash between winter and spring annoys and astonishes. For example, yesterday we drove through flying snow down to Belpre, Oh. for a storytelling event. On the way home at about 7:30pm we came into a stretch of road leading into Athens. The hills stood like ghosts under a fog white sun. And snow blew like a window sheer over the flood plain. It felt lovely and strange, as if the valley belonged to another place far away. And although we had seen red bud and apple trees about to bloom and many sweet sades of green, the ghost valley in spring light was the best sight along the way. Storytelling had it's charms too, the children were keen and the parents entertained. It kicked off a month of telling for me in schools and other places. This Sunday I perform with SOCO tellers in the annual Fireside Tales performance at The Ohio History Connection in the church located in the Ohio Village. We start at 2pm- come have a dandy time!...( **It was a dandy time**)

**(taken from Michelle Cornell's Facebook Page**

## Roy Has finished Vauvilities

OK, everybody, show week is over, so I'm back to my usual fare...

On this date in 1993 my late wife Paulette asked me: "What happened 20 years ago today?" I thought and thought, but came up empty. I should have stopped right there and admitted I didn't know, but I said, "I remember what happened **30** years ago today."

"OK...?"

"That was the night I broke up with my high school sweetheart."

"Now why would you remember the date you broke up with HER, but NOT remember the date you asked ME to marry you?" she demanded.

Oops!

"Wait a minute!" I exclaimed. "I have an explanation!"

"This had better be good..."

"That was the night of the Smothers Brothers concert at McDowell Auditorium in Ashland," I explained, " and we were standing right in front of a poster that said, in bright red letters:

**"LIVE! In Concert: The Smothers Brothers, McDowell Auditorium, April 23, 1963."**

"OK," Paulette replied, "that explains why you remember the date you broke up with Hannah, but not why you *don't* remember the date we got engaged."

"That's easy," I replied: "No poster!"

She laughed in spite of herself.

**Roy Nichols**

## MARKETING IDEA:

Use one sheet of paper, 12 point font.

Tell them what you do and why you are unique.

List your price ,address, email, phone number and if applicable age group.

List 3-5 references for your last performance.

Explain you will call in 3-5 business days as a follow up

This has worked for Frank and me.

**Jim Flanagan**

## Java Central, 19 April 2018.

For those storytellers who have not participated in the storytelling circle at Java Central, you are missing a treat.

Java Central is a coffee house in Westerville OH that has, for the last three years, has been host to a storytelling circle on the third Thursday of the month. It was organized by Father Joseph Kovitch and SOCO member Carol Milligan, who serves as MC. The circle lasts from 7pm to 9pm. The first hour focuses on 4 to 5 storytellers, each telling an 8 to 10 minute tale. The following hour focuses on questions to the tellers from the audience.

There are different tellers each Thursday event, and if you have not been a part of this fun night, please let Carol know that you would like to be a participant.

On Thursday, the 19th of April, a new element was added - **poetry**. What a great night, 3 SOCO tellers and 3 poets. How awesome an event!

Java Central is located at 20 S. State Street in Westerville. There is on-Street parking nearby as well as a small parking lot behind the shop. Please plan to attend, this event happens all year round and is a great place to tryout a new tale with an appreciative audience!

Slàinte,

**Melanie Pratt**

## SOCO at Ohio Village

Folks,

Just received a request from Susan Brouillette that they want our participation for several events at the History Connection's OhioVillage this Spring and Summer for opening day on Sunday, **May 26** and the Independence Day celebration on Sunday **July 1**.

The times would be for **opening day** 12, 1, 2, 3, & 4 (for 30 min) and for **Independence day** we had 11 am, 1, 2, 3, and 4 pm. (30 min).. Both events run from 10 am-5 pm. Please let me know if you can assist and we'll try to give you a time of your choice. I, myself will be there both days because I appreciate their supplying the venue for SOCO's two annual programs....If enough help perhaps we can have tellers share a time slot.

Please help fill all the slots for both days.

You can also respond to [julie\\_mcghee@at-t.net](mailto:julie_mcghee@at-t.net).

Thanks as always

**Julie McGhee**

## Fond Memories

I found a book at the Library yesterday that brought back memories of some of the fine restaurants from Columbus' fine culinary past, "**Lost Restaurants of Columbus Ohio.**"

So many of our favorite eating places. To name a few- **Deibles, Reeb's, The Clock, Jai Lai, Jong Mea, One Nation.** They were great places.

I proposed to Dianne at Presutti's. (The crazy woman said "yes.")

Julie McGhee has a paragraph on page 56 about the Foerster's, over which her father, Michael O'keefe, had become manageri the 1930's. Julie worked there through her high school years.

I had many a fine meal in these places and am grateful for the memories..

