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## Our Next SOCO Meeting

Our next SOCO meeting will be on **Oct. 14, 2017** at **09:30a.m.** in St. Matthias' Reading Enrichment Room. St. Matthias is located at 1582 Ferris Rd. in Columbus. ***This is a new time (see page 4)*** This will be a busy meeting. Old friends getting back together, ballots for Tellabration, preparing for Tellabration. Come early and get a good seat.

## Rebecca says

Be sure to sign up to be part of our SOCO group on Facebook. You can find us as Storytellers of Central Ohio. Request to join and we will approve your request. This is a closed group.

Our Next meeting is Saturday Oct. 14 at 9:30 AM at St Mathias

We are awaiting the confirmed dates for Telebration 2017

GET YOUR DUES IN so you are eligible to tell!!!!

Send your \$15 to Joyce Geary, 630 Morning St, Worthington, OH 43085.

Make the check to SOCO

Julie McGhee is in dire need of tellers for September 30 and October 14.

Call her at 614-891-6736 if you are willing and able.

Larry Staats has found two open telling events held monthly:

Rambling House on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Very loose structure

Wild Goose on the 1st Thursday of the month. Structured.

Let me know if any of you are willing and able to do a short presentation (not to exceed 20 minutes. I have a timer on my phone) at a monthly meeting:

1. Finding stories
2. Performance tips and techniques
3. How to get gigs
4. Developing stories
5. Follow up (after you talk, or after you get a gig. or anything that requires further contact)
6. Audience (knowing your audience, figuring out who they are, finding the ones you want, engaging them, reading and understanding them, whatever part of audience knowledge or interaction you wish to discuss)

We are restoring a 3 part structure to our meetings:

1. Introduction of members and guests and the business part
- feedback. Get unstuck...whatever you are working on, we will have input to help you be even more amazing. And we'd expect you to do whatever you want with our opinions.

2. Ask the members: bring your ideas, plans, problems to the group and get our suggestions, recommendations, what's worked for us, feedback. Get unstuck...whatever you are working on, we will have input to help you be even more amazing. And we'd expect you to do whatever you want with our opinions.

3. Time to tell.

Come with things to share and we will have more fun. If you are felling dry perhaps we can spark something.

And last of all, if anyone knows where the hog-nosed amplifier is, please tell Frank McGarvey.

**Rebecca Coleman**

### **New Member**

At our last meeting Susan Corl joined our group. Here is her introduction --  
Hello everyone! My name is Susan Corl, and I'm glad to be a part of SOCO. I have always wanted to live in a fairytale, so my wonderful husband built me my own gingerbread house by the deep, dark forest. You can see it at [www.shinytinymansion.com](http://www.shinytinymansion.com) I was a teacher and professor for many years, and then became a librarian. During my early years of teaching, I was involved in the Akron Storytelling Group. When we moved to Louisiana, I told stories during special activities at a local private school. We moved back to Ohio, where I finally got my little house, and I worked for many years telling stories to young children at the library. Now I'm retired and have decided to focus my writing, art and storytelling passions on my business, **Story Cultivator** [www.storycultivator.com](http://www.storycultivator.com) Story has always been a part of my heart and soul and will continue ever after.

Come to our next meeting and welcome her.

### **Run the Race**

I had a good experience with children from the Run the Race group that is run by Rachel Muha and her cadre of volunteers. They have a new site (at least it was new to me- 880 S. S. Wayne Ave, Columbus Ohio 43204 at the corner of S. Wayne and Eakin Rd..

On Tuesday, September 26 we (me and about 20 children of assorted ages) went upstairs to their library and seated ourselves in a corner with a couch, with beanbag chairs and other chairs as needed... several of the resident moms came too and for about 30 minutes we had a great story session. I did not do any special literacy activities but did get them to participate in most of the stories but I have a feeling that if we continue to come to Run the Race we might be able to spread out into more creative activities. I also feel that if we wear our SOCO name tags it gives up a bit more creditability.

Getting to the heart of this message I'm asking for SOCO tellers to come and tell on Tuesdays in October, November and December. Since we do books to our clients perhaps we could give books at Christmas. Sugessted date for telling are as follows: October 9 and 23rd, November 7 and 21, December 4 and 11 or 18. The telling time is usually about 4:15-4:45 but things are fluid around there.

Please pitch in and help with this project for there are definitely young people that could use our stories to enhance their lives.

**Julie McGhee**

## Inukshuk

During a recent trip to Canada this September I became acquainted with the **Inukshuk**, there are several spelling variations for this term, a figure made of piled stones or boulders constructed to communicate with humans throughout the Arctic regions. These figures were traditionally constructed by the Inuit and have been found at archaeological sites dating from 2400 to 1800 BCE.

These figures were constructed by the native people of the far North as guides to help them to navigate through a hostile landscape giving them a safe direction as well as the location of food or other cached supplies. The ingenuity of the native people to utilize one of the few natural materials available to them is a testament to their native intelligence.

These stone figures have also come to symbolize a human like figures acting as a guide through life and have cropped up in stories and songs to help the Northern travelers remember series of directions for long trips.

As I think about those little stone figures I think the guidelines I have in my life and hope that they continue to guide me along the right path to follow...just a bit of musing about something I came across while traveling this September.

**Julie McGhee**



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