

January 2021 – Norcross/Tucker GA, Snellville, GA Scribblers Chapter Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2020 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual On Zoom – Invite Below

Chapter Leader For Meeting: Charles de Andrade/Marlene Buchanan

Charles de Andrade is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Scribblers Christian Writers Group January 21, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Time: January 21, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Thu, until Jun 17, 2021, 6 occurrence(s)

Jan 21, 2021 06:00 PM

Feb 18, 2021 06:00 PM

Mar 18, 2021 06:00 PM

Apr 15, 2021 06:00 PM

May 20, 2021 06:00 PM

Jun 17, 2021 06:00 PM

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## Agenda

1. **Meet and Greet** – Introduction of each attending member - Please do register on the WebSite ([www.scribblersweb.com](http://www.scribblersweb.com)) that you are attending.
2. **Business Items:**
  - 1) [www.scribblersweb.com](http://www.scribblersweb.com) site

## Scribblers Christian Writers Book Store Report:

- We had 8 sales:

Charles de Andrade - had two books bought - Exclamation and Homecoming

John Gallagher - 1 book sale - Curse of our Father

Lynn Hess - 1 book sale - Well of Rage

Rick Maier - 1 book sale - The Tunnels Below Saint Edna

Margaret Rodeheaver - 1 book sale - Porkington Hamm

Frannie Watson - 1 book sale - Pursued But Shielded

Portia Wayne - 1 book sale - Strings Attached

The checks for all of the royalty/commissions were mailed on Saturday January 2, 2021.

Currently : 24 authors with 58 Books are currently in the book store.

Please review the web site, and make sure the listings are corrected, including the prices.

- a. if you want to be in the book store, please contact Charles.

- b. Please note, that I have no idea how many sales we will have but let me recommend that you share the fact that we have the bookstore with your sphere of influence as well. If you have questions, please contact Charles de Andrade at 772-584-1578 or at [scribblersweb@earthlink.net](mailto:scribblersweb@earthlink.net).

2) Amazon Books Sold For Scribblers Press for December 2020

- We had 20 Units sold - 5 paperback and 15 e-books
- Paperbacks:
  - Geri Mehta - Had two sales - Princess Party Manners
  - Mike Owens - Had one sale - I Hate Vegetables (An international Sale)
  - Charles de Andrade - Had two Sales - Eyewitness - The Risen Saints
- E-Books
  - Marlene Buchanan - Had One Sale - A Place with A Past
  - Charles de Andrade - Had Three Sales - Eyewitness - Tears of the Saints
  - Charles de Andrade - Had Eleven sales - Eyewitness - The Risen Saints

The checks for all of the royalty/commissions were mailed on Saturday January 2, 2021.

Another note:

If you are one of the folks that bought my most recent novel - Eyewitness - The Risen Saints - Thank you so much! Please remember to leave a review on Amazon after you have read the book. Please remember that you must not mention your connection to me through Scribblers, as Amazon will not count those reviews. Also, if you can not honestly give the book a 4 or 5 star review, please do not leave a review but do let me know the reason. (I am always interested in constructive advice!)

Finally, if you have not bought my novel, please consider getting at least the e-book (\$3.99) I am trying to get to 50 confirmed purchases with 50 confirmed reviews to see if what I have been taught/told is real: The Amazon algorithm kicks into gear when an author has 50 confirmed purchases and 50 reviews.

\*\* My book Eyewitness of the Saints – As of December 31 there have been 21 Books sold through Amazon. Thank you if you are one of the folks that have bought. Please do let me know if you have bought. Also please leave a review if you enjoy the book. If you do not enjoy the book please let me know, but do not leave a review.

Also, please if you leave a review do not talk about being a part of Scribblers, or of knowing me. According to one of the classes I attended, “existing relationship” in the review disqualifies the review from counting towards the algorithm that drives their marketing.

Finally, if you have not bought, the kindle version is only \$3.99. Please help me reach 50 reviews on the book, so I can see if what they are saying about the verified reviews triggering there marketing engine is true!

### 3. Marketing Report

- 1 Southern Pen Book Shop report for December - should be available by meeting.
  - a. I did communicate via e-mail. Hope to have 2021 plan and payment schedule by meeting time.
  - b. The Southern Pen Book Shop is the sponsor of the 2021 Georgia Independent Author Awards-

1.Entries must have a publish date between Jan 01 - Dec. 31, 2020

2. Author must be a resident of Georgia, USA
  3. Work must be published via a non-traditional form (self-publish, hybrid publisher, or small press)
- Submission Fee after Dec. 31, 2020: 50.00
  - This award is not affiliated with the Georgia Author of the Year or any writer group awards.
  - The Georgia Independent Author of The Year Award is sponsored by The Southern Pen Bookshop.
  - Full Guidelines available at [www.southernpenbookshop.com](http://www.southernpenbookshop.com)

4. February 2021 Scribblers Meetings – Appears to be virtual again.

5. Christmas Gathering – At “The Crossings Restaurant” at **Address:** 40 S Peachtree St, Norcross, GA 30071 – Six couples attended along with one author who brought her daughter and her husband and granddaughter. It was a good time of reflection and laughs, as well as a period of enjoying Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

5) Questions and Answers about Publishing, Writing, etc

- a. Critique Group – Proposed by Tony Miller - Update

6) Review of Services Scribblers Press can provide as it comes up as a publisher:

#### Resource Review:

1. Welcome Martha Reinke of MK Editing-Martha was sick for the December Thursday Meeting so she is updating our Thursday meeting on her services.

## 2. Welcome [Michele Dalton](#)

### a. Background on Michele:

It seems to be a common theme among writers – that lifelong dream of publishing a novel. And it has always been one of those things that I considered doing “one day.” Well, that moment came when an automobile accident turned my whole world inside out.

Relegated to a wheelchair after that catastrophic incident, the balance of my life shifted. There were so many things I couldn’t do anymore; and, it seemed like I had nothing but time on my hands. After eighteen months of twiddling my thumbs and whiling away my days with mundane nonsense, I began writing in January 2018.

And wow! This journey as an Indie Author has been a roller coaster ride! At the time of this writing, I've self-published nine novels, nine novellas, and more than a dozen short stories – several of which have hit the top of Amazon’s bestseller lists in their categories. It is a joy to create these Christ-centered books in the young adult, women's fiction, and romance genres; and, I continue to write on a daily basis.

In 2019, I also stepped into the audiobook world and have produced almost two dozen audiobooks in conjunction with an exceptionally talented narrator, Rick Barr. As part of that collaboration, there are several exciting new projects afoot that will keep me out of mischief for the foreseeable future. 😊

With all that being said, I am a graphic designer by trade and have spent the last three decades in marketing and design. So, recently I began actively offering author services on an a la carte basis to my fellow wordsmiths; and, these services run the gamut of publishing needs. Standard offerings would be copywriting, cover design, and interior formatting services. But I also offer extensive marketing services that cover things like author branding, website development, and email automation. Basic information about some of these services can be found on my website at: [www.MichelePollockDalton.com/author-services](http://www.MichelePollockDalton.com/author-services). I can also be reached via e-mail at: [author@MichelePollockDalton.com](mailto:author@MichelePollockDalton.com) with any questions. Happy creating!

3. Welcome to John Gallagher – Member of our Lilburn Chapter – who will review his process on using a bidding method to get artists/graphic designers to create book covers

4. Welcome Mike Owens – Leader of our Lilburn Chapter – who is reviewing ‘Copyright page’

7) Updates:

- a. Digital Books – Now Up and Working – Need Three versions: Mobe, E-Pub, PDF – to permit all types of readers – please contact Charles with questions
- 8) The Critics Corner aka “The Inklings Moment” : Every month one or two of our authors will review something they are working on. The intent of this period is to give the author the opportunity to have other authors read, hear, and comment on what the author is writing. This is meant as a period of encouragement, and of constructive review. What did you like about what the author wrote? What did you learn from what was written? What could be improved upon? This also give the author the opportunity to discuss what is behind what is written. If you would like to be included in next month’s review, please contact your chapter leader and provide up to 4 pages of content.

This Month’s Review – **YOU'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE! (By Norma Dodds)**

For a girl born and raised in a tiny Kansas town, I've had a remarkable life. Many of the people I went to school with never moved away from Washington, KS. Even more remarkably, when I was 40, I was diagnosed with COPD and told that I should not be able to climb a flight of stairs and that I might have only 5 more active years. That was 46 years ago!

During my lifetime, I have lived in Kansas, Nebraska, California, Utah, New Mexico, Texas, Florida, Wisconsin and Georgia, England and Moscow, Russia.

I have been to all 50 states and have set foot in 50 different countries around the world. (I use that term because I count places like Switzerland and Japan where I have only been in the airport long enough to change planes and Guam where my plane landed in an emergency.)

I have been to the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, the Statue of Liberty, Plymouth Rock, Carlsbad Caverns, the Civil War Battlefields, the Presidents carved in the mountain in South Dakota. I have seen the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, sat in a church service in St. Georges Chapel just a few pews behind the Queen and her family. I have seen Big Ben and London Bridge. I have thrilled to the sound of the Messiah in Albert Hall and the Opera at LaScalla in Italy. I have kissed the Blarney Stone, seen the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City, Michelangelo's David and the impressive statue of Moses in Florence. I went through the Louvre to visit Mona Lisa and Winged Victory. I took the elevator to the top of the Eiffel Tower and climbed the many steps to Montmartre to enjoy delicious crepes from the sidewalk vendors in Paris. (So much for not being able to climb a flight of stairs!)

I have seen the tulip fields of Holland in all their glory, walked the narrow sidewalks of beautiful Santorini Island and enjoyed delicious Greek Food at sidewalk cafes in Athens. I have been on Mars Hill where the Apostle Paul once stood and floated in the Dead Sea. I viewed the Dome of the Rock, the Wailing Wall and the empty tomb in Jerusalem.

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I have celebrated Christmas in England, Easter in Russia and Thanksgiving in Mexico. I lived for 3 years among people who were just learning what life could be like after Communism. I have seen Lenin's tomb and Red Square in Moscow. I rode the Trans-Siberian Railroad from Moscow to Beijing. I have walked on the Great Wall of China and visited the Terra Cotta Warriors. I ate genuine Peking Duck and Kentucky Fried Chicken in Beijing. I have sailed the Fjords of Sweden and Norway. I saw the Rock of Gibraltar and took the Ferry to Morocco. I have visited Igguasu Falls in South America and rode the finnicula up the mountain to gaze up at the amazing Christ The Redeemer Statue in Brazil. I have marveled at the Taj Majal in India.

I weathered a frightening storm aboard a ship in the North Atlantic, seen the barren terrain of Iceland and the Glaciers of Alaska. I took the train from Sydney to Perth in Australia and then from Adelaide to Alice Springs to view Ayers Rock. I have seen the Light House on the northern tip of New Zealand and watched the penguins come from the ocean to make their nests on the southern tip.

I ate pineapple pizza in Fiji and fresh pineapple from a field in Hawaii. I have walked through the beautiful Burchart Gardens in Victoria, Canada and sailed the great St. Lawrence Seaway into the Atlantic Ocean and then down the coast to Nova Scotia. I have enjoyed fresh lobster on the coast of Maine and fresh Shrimp right out of the ocean in Galveston, Texas. I have NOT seen the Great Pyramids of Egypt. But other than that, I can't think of a thing that I would have on a Bucket List at this point in my life.

I have beat the doctor's predictions, outliving most of my childhood friends and the rest of my family of origin. I am 86 years old now, content to put travel behind me. I now live in the beautiful State of Georgia, slowed down by the necessity of oxygen 24/7. Until the Pandemic of 2020 I taught a Sunday School class of 40 women, from ages 60-94. This group of Southern women took me into their hearts and lives and together we learned how to walk closely with God as we approach Heavens Door. What a great Adventure that is to look forward to!

Next Month's Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021, 6:00 PM.