



VALLEY BYLINERS NEWSLETTER



The Program for the September 10 meeting of the Valley Byliners...

Intertwining Poetry with Arturo Saldaña and Julieta Corpus



(L) Unidentified, (CTR) Arturo Saldaña, (R) Julieta Corpus

...a combination of poems by two different poets which can also be viewed as a type of duet between poets. It can also be a question-and-answer type of poem in which one poet poses a question and the other poet responds to it.

Arturo Saldaña is the proud son of María López Saldaña and Agustín Cisneros Guillen. Born in McAllen, Arturo sauntered through life as a Chicano activist, an agricultural migrant worker, a student with three degrees, a truck driver, a United States Army veteran, and mucho mas things.

Julieta Corpus is originally from Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and spent four years of her childhood in San Pedro, Coahuila. She started writing poetry at the age of eleven and nowadays blames her penchant for the dramatic to Mexican soap operas and romantic ballads from the 1970s by such well-known composers as Camilo Blanes, Napoleon, and Jose Jose.



Last month's speaker was **Matthew Schoonover**, author of the the **Arbiter** series about an Incubus cop, and **The Tornado Man**

Impossible Mystery series, about a man who solves locked room and other impossible-seeming conundrums. He is currently working on a third mystery series. Mathew spoke of the trials and tribulations in creating his first series and how the series evolved as he and his publisher interacted.

Gene Novogrodsky was the winner of last month's writing challenge with his story "**Night Cabin.**"

Other entries were:

- "All in a Days Work"- Don Clifford
- "Finding Perfect Avocados" - Marianna Nelson
- "A Tall Tale" - Sue Groves
- "The Duck Quest" - Charlene Moskal
- "The Keepers" - Joan Soggie
- "A Storm in the Atlantic" - Jose A. Alvarez
- "Crack Eyes" - Rudy H. Garcia
- "The Prophecy of the Battle Sword" - Frank Cortazo

Harlingen Chamber of Commerce (??)

At last month's meeting, Sue Groves brought up the possibility of having the Byliners become an associate member of the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce as a means to publicize ourselves and in particular to publicize the annual workshop in February 2012. Sue will ask the chamber to confirm the advantages that we would get as associate member. Below is a copy of Sue's e-mail to the chamber.

Hi Shannon,

The byliners would like me to confirm the benefits we would receive as an associate member of the Chamber of Commerce, particularly in regards to the monthly "Business Matters" Section in the Valley Morning Star.

First of all, would there be a limit to the number of articles we could submit that would be included in the "Business Matters" section? For example, could we submit a photo, bio and article of our upcoming guest speaker every month?

Would our monthly meeting be listed on the front page of "Business Matters" every month? Could we submit our meeting schedule 6 months at a time?

As an associate member, would all byliner members (individually) be able to participate in the following:

Networking;

Monthly Business After Hours mixer Event
 Quarterly Business Card Exchange
 Quarterly New Member Business Orientation
 Monthly Business Before Hours Meeting
 Annual Golf Tournament
 Annual Summer Showcase Business Expo (as Byliners group)
 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet
 Leadership Harlingen Program
 Ambassador Committee
 Support from Chamber and Other Members
 Annual Business Directory (as "rgvbyliners" group)
 Members Only Referral
 Membership mailing labels
 Chamber meeting room facilities (as group)
 Direct referrals - the Chamber receives thousand of requests each year for the names of local professionals; only Chamber Members are referred
 Getting Your Message Out
 Chamber Mailing List
 Brochures/business cards displayed in the Chamber lobby
 Sponsorship of Chamber events
 Listing on Chamber Website - www.harlingen.com
 Weekly Chamber email (on Mondays)
 Resource Materials
 Use of, at the Chamber office, resource materials including:
 Media List
 Meeting Space Guide
 List of major employers
 Notary services
 Sharpening Skills
 Access to the many professional programs held in the areas of customer service, business management, quality management and skills development, including:
 Seminars & Workshops
 Annual Meeting
 Business Before Hours
 Thanks in advance for all the clarification(s).

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

Sue Groves, President
 rgvbyliners

The Bragging corner

Been published? Been Given an Honorary Doctorate? Person of the year award? Whatever, here is the place to let us know about it.



Patricia Collins is having a book signing at Golden Palms on September 28 from 6 to 9 PM. Her book, **Growing Up Southern: When Ladies Wore Hats and Gloves and Racism was Just a Word** is being published by Sarah Book Publishing. Pat hopes everyone can attend.

The Narciso Martinez Writer's Forum will debut its first anthology, **Writing to be Heard/Escuchame... Voices from the Chicho**, on Sept. 16 at 7 PM at the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center on 225 E. Stenger St. in San Benito.

The anthology includes writings by **Jose Alvarez, Don Clifford, Edgar Clinton, Filiberto Conde, Julieta Corpus, Diana Dominguez, Dorothy Early, Rudy Garcia, Irma Guaderrama, Meliton Hinojosa, Gene Novogrodsky, Alan Oak, Joe Perez, Kathy Trenfield Raines, Brenda Nettles Riojas, Arturo Saldana, Ken Trevino, Ruth E. Wagner, and Travis Whitehead.**

The event is free and open to the public, but donations for NMCAC will be accepted. For more information, call Beto Conde at (956) 459-7876

A note from Don Clifford:

Byliners:

A friendly reminder that we are accepting entries for the September Writing Challenge. This month, the entries may be up to a 4000 word length. So dust off those writings you've filed away because they were too long for the regular 1500 word entries. Send them to me and I will forward them to the membership.

Metaphors be with you.

Don

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