



Valley Byliners Newsletter

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NOTES FROM THE September 11 Meeting

Sorry for the late newsletter. I have not been feeling well this week and I have put off writing the letter of this. Last month's meeting saw the arrival of some new members to our group and the arrival of an old member who made his first appearance at one of the meetings. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members; Mary Jo and Frank. The old member is not quite "old," but was someone who had paid his dues and became a member some time back but had been unable to attend the meetings regularly due to a geographic disability—he lives too far away to make driving to Harlingen regularly practical. He was also our guest speaker for the September meeting, and I am sure we would all like to thank him for the time he gave us and for the information as well as giving him a warm welcome to the group. Our thanks and welcome to Edgar Clinton.

Don started the September meeting by introducing the new members. He then told us of two book signings that were scheduled for the month of October. The first is a book signing at the Brownsville Historical Association. The event will be held at the Stillman House at 1325 E Washington St Brownsville, TX. A link to the location follows: [Stillman House Museum](#). The event is scheduled for October 23, at 6:30 PM. The folks at the Museum would like some of our authors to read some of the pieces in our book titled ***Tales Told at Midnight Along the Rio Grande***. After the reading and signing there will be refreshments. Anyone wishing to participate should communicate with Don. The following Sunday, October 24, has our group signing at the Museum of South Texas History in Edinburg at 2:00 PM. The signing at the Museum of South Texas History will be for the Byliner's book titled ***Collected Tales from the Rio Grande***. This event will also include readings from the book. The museum admission fee will be waived for those participating in this activity. Anyone interested in participating in this activity should contact Marianna Nelson and provide her with a short summary of the story you would like to read. Marianna's email is Banmnelson@aol.com.

Jack's writing challenge was won by the short story titled ***Valley of the Shadow of Death***. The winning story was written by Milo Kearney, a member from San Antonio. The prize will have been mailed to him by now. Two other short stories vied with Milo's entry to the contest. The first was titled ***Birds, Bees, and Parents***, and the second was ***The Speed Limit***. Congratulations to Milo on winning Jack's contest.

Edgar Clinton was our guest speaker for the month. He is currently the owner of the web site Writers of the Rio Grande. Edgar explained how the Main stream media have been controlling the information available to the world, and how the new media on the internet is changing how information is being presented to the world. Edgar explained how his site was designed to serve the potpourri that is the culture along the border between the US and Mexico and how the new media is allowing people to be empowered with information.