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**GREETINGS FROM THE
PRESIDENT**

How does FAW spend our \$40 dues? This question comes up often in a year when money is so tight and stocks are plummeting. Below is an estimate of the expenses and how your dues are spent for the 2008/09 year based on the budget prepared by Treasurer Eileen McNulty:

- 37% - Speakers for 7 programs (\$14.80)
- 14% - Yearbooks & Printing (\$5.60)
- 13% - Monthly Newsletters (\$5.20,
- 10% - Adult Literary Awards (\$4)
- 6% - Juvenile Literary Awards (\$2.40)
- 9% - Guest Lunches (\$3.60)
- 7% Accountant/ Filing Fees (\$2.80)
- 4% - Committee Expenses (\$1.60)

The money spent for the luncheons goes towards the Fortnightly bills. Any leftover monies go back into the overall accounts to act as a cushion for unexpected expenses. Last year the Annual Awards Program had a deficit of \$356. These leftover monies allowed the Board to balance the budget. At the end of the FAW year (May), leftover funds were also transferred from the general funds to bolster the two literary prize accounts.

Questions? Contact me for details.
Vivian Mortensen President

**OCTOBER 8
PROGRAM**

***JENNY
SCHWARTZBERG***

***CO-CURATOR OF THE
NEWBERRY LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S
LITERATURE EXHIBIT***

**“ARTIFACTS OF
CHILDHOOD: 700
YEARS OF
CHILDREN'S BOOKS”**

Jenny Schwartzberg will explore the Newberry Library's little known collection of books and manuscripts created for and by children, as well as, children's literature throughout the ages. The free exhibition showcases the interaction between children's books and includes 65 works, drawn from the Library's collection of thousands of historic, classic children's titles. The Exhibit runs September 27, 2008 thru January 17, 2009 at The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Passionate about children's literature, Jenny Schwartzberg was surprised when she came to work for the Newberry Library to find how little attention the great research institution had been paying to its children's material. Jenny was born deaf and came to love children's books when her mother taught her to read as a toddler to help her learn a language she could not hear. Upon her arrival in 1989, the library's incomplete card catalog system had only 300 identified children's books. Since then, she has turned up 10,000 books and games in the Newberry's vast collection, some of them among the rarest, most beautiful examples anywhere. Jenny is credited for spearheading the library's discovery of its rich collection of children's materials and pushing for the new exhibit. Jenny estimates that her parents had perhaps 10,000 books in their Lincoln Park home.

OCTOBER LUNCHEON HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS

Every October FAW honors its past presidents. Since 1922 FAW has elected forty-six presidents. Today nine of these women remain involved in the organization. They will be introduced at the luncheon and thanked for their service to FAW. We congratulate and salute:

Angie Higginson 1975 – 1977, 1985 –
1987, 2001 – 2003
Corrinne Silver 1979 – 1981
Jane Lederer 1983 – 1985
Kay O'Connor 1989 – 1991
Eleanor Simmons 1991 – 1993
Vivian Mortensen 1995 – 1997 and
currently
Pat Moses 1999 – 2001
Minnie Orfanos 2003 – 2005
Corinne Morrissey 2005 - 2007

WELCOME SUSTAINING CLUB MEMBERS

We will honor our sustaining clubs at the October 8th luncheon meeting. These clubs form a network of members who join together in appreciation of literature and a desire to support and encourage emerging writers. It will be our pleasure to introduce and visit with these members.

Flossmoor Book Club
Ogden Dunes Book Club
Renaissance Art Club
Women's Reading Club of Riverside



OCTOBER 8 LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Please join us on October 8th for the FAW luncheon and program at the Fortnightly of Chicago, 120 East Bellevue, at 12:00 noon. Coffee and tea service is available in the front parlor for early arrivals.

To reserve your seating at the October luncheon, call: Pat Adelberg at 847-588-0911 or Rosemary Crowley at 312-856-0009. Pat and / or Rosemary can answer any questions as well as take your reservations. **Please note: reservations as well as cancellations are due before 6:00 pm on the Sunday prior to the luncheon, October 5.** Luncheons ordered but not served must be paid in full. Checks may be sent to Eileen McNulty, 4450 North Kostner, Chicago, IL 60630, phone 773-283-3369.

Seating arrangements in the dining room will be round tables seating eight people. The all-inclusive luncheon price is \$35.00. A vegetarian or fruit plate may be substituted if requested at the time the reservation is made.

Rosemary Crowley

PERMANENT RESERVATIONS

If you plan to attend luncheon meetings regularly, you might consider a ***Permanent Reservation***. Anyone with a Permanent Reservation is automatically counted in the monthly tally of luncheon reservations – you do not have to phone the Luncheon/Social Committee unless you cannot attend and wish to cancel your reservation. However, if you do not notify the committee when you do not attend a meeting, you are obligated to pay for the missed meal.

Below is a list of members who have permanent reservations. Since permanent reservations must be renewed each year, there may be members who wish this status who are not listed. If you have questions about your reservations or this list, please contact Rosemary Crowley at 312-856-0009.

Pat Adelberg, Rosemary Crowley, Corene Anderson, Marion Falset, Christine Bern, Vivian Mortensen, Ruth Ann Brinkman, Margaret Papp, Lorraine Campione, Louise Palvelka

ANNOUNCEMENT

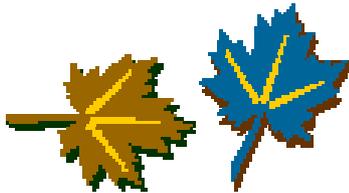
All gift and bequests to Friends of American Writers shall go directly to the general fund of Friends of American Writers unless otherwise designated for another purpose by the donor.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following women came to the September luncheon and afterwards, they joined the club. When you bring guests, not only are you having fun with your friends but you are opening them up to new possibilities.

Charlotte Hart
941 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60202-1719
(847) 328-3040

Barbara Rosner
1532 Butterfield Road
Flossmoor, IL 60422-1833
(708) 647-9417



THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY

The Newberry Library, free and open to the public since 1887, is one of the world's leading independent research libraries with a focus on the humanities.

The Library's collections embrace the history and literature of the civilizations of Western Europe and the Americas. The Newberry offers a host of exhibits, lectures, classes, concerts, and other public programming related to the collections, in addition to highly acclaimed fellowships and programs for scholars, teachers, and undergraduates.

LUNCHEON MEETING PROGRAM DATES

November 11, 2008
"A Visit with Daniel Burnham"
R.J. Lindsey, Chicago Actor

December 10, 2008
"History of the Holidays in Chicago"
Anna Carey, Chicago History Museum

January 14, 2009
Michael Halberstam
Artistic Director and co-founder of the Chicago Writers' Theatre

February 11, 2009
"Keeping the House"
Ellen Baker, Author

March 11, 2009
"Meet Eleanor Roosevelt"
Roberta Randall

April 15, 2009
Annual Awards Luncheon
The Union League Club of Chicago

May 13, 2009
Barbara Rinella
Book Reviewer and Dramatist

2008/9 YEARBOOKS

The 2008/9 Yearbooks were distributed to members at the September luncheon. If you missed last month's meeting, Pat Adelberg, will be passing them out again at the October meeting. Once you receive your copy, please flip to your name, address and telephone number and verify the information. If there is an error, please contact Pat at 847-588-0911 so that corrections can be made. Please remember to change your address if you move.