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Greetings FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I hear the award authors discuss how much time they spent creating their winning books, I am amazed. Michael Byars, second place winner from 2004, spent five years writing and rewriting. 2006's Steve Bogira worked on his book for seven years. It is so rewarding to honor such authors for their dedication (and of course their talent).

I'm on the Literary Awards Committee this year and we are seeing authors who have poured themselves into their books, whether fiction or nonfiction. The fiction writers usually spend more time on their prose but the nonfiction writers must spend many hours on laborious research.

Let's reward these fine writers with generous prizes. We need your support and cash to do this. Be big-hearted this year when writing your PATRON FUND check. Let's thank these authors with our dollars.

You may bring your check to the March 10th meeting or send your check to: Eileen McNulty, 4450 North Kostner, Chicago, IL 60630-4102. Of course it is 100% tax deductible and your name will appear in the Awards Luncheon program.

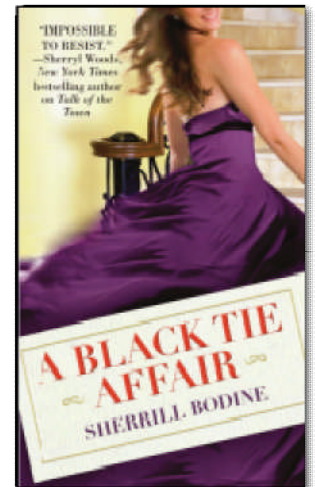
Vivian Mortensen,
Interim President

March Program

Sherrill

Bodine

Chicago Author



March 10, 2010

Sherrill Bodine has been writing stories since junior high, when she won a pair of silver skates in a state-wide essay contest. While moving twenty-two times back and forth across America and rearing her four children, she published fifteen award-winning novels under two pseudonyms (Lynn Leslie/Leslie Lynn). Now she's decided to be herself and write about the people, parties, and high-life in the city she knows best: Chicago.

Her latest book, *A Black Tie Affair* (Forever Publishers), was released this January. It is available in paperback and in the Kindle format.

Sean Eshaghy
Program Chair

**FAW Awards Luncheon
April 21
Union League Club**

There is still plenty of time to make reservations for the Annual FAW Awards Luncheon. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear the remarks of the award-winning authors. Bring your friends to help us support and applaud these new authors and join in the fun.

11 a.m. Meet the authors, buy books and have them autographed. Cocktails, soft drinks and wine are available at a cash bar.

12 p.m. Luncheon will be served in the Crystal Room

1 p.m. The Awards Ceremony will begin. The authors will receive their prizes and say a few words to the membership.

*Reservations can be made at the March 10th luncheon or sent to Betty O'Toole. **Deadline for reservations (and cancellations) is April 12th.***

**Nominating Committee Chooses
Slate**

The Nominating Committee has prepared the FAW slate of officers for terms starting September 2010. It will be voted upon at the March 10th Luncheon:

- President – Betty O'Toole
- Vice President – Vivian Mortensen
- Secretary – Alice Sandberg
- Treasurer – Eileen McNulty
- Awards Luncheon – Marion Gouvis
- Bulletin Editor – Vivian Mortensen
- Foundation Fund Trustee – Eleanor Simmons
- Juvenile Awards – Lorraine Campione
- Literary Awards – Roberta Gates
- Luncheon/Social – Ruth Ann Brinkman
- Membership – Corene Anderson
- Programs – Rosemary Crowley
- Revisions – Angeline Higginson
- Sustaining Clubs – Jane Derbyshire
- Yearbook – Pat Adelberg

Lorraine Campione
Nominating Chairman

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FAW AWARDS LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____ phone _____

Please reserve _____ places at the Awards Luncheon @ \$40 per person.

Enclosed is my check payable to FAW Awards Luncheon for \$_____

My check will cover lunch for the following people: _____

I would like to sit with _____

I would like a vegetarian lunch _____ (Call Betty O'Toole if other food arrangements are needed.)

Please send me a receipt. I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

**Send form and payment to Betty O'Toole, 1440 N. Lake Shore Drive, Apt. 10 – D,
Chicago, IL 60610.**

Questions? Call Betty O'Toole at 312-337-53454 or e-mail bettyo@oldstpats.org



News & Events

Anna Quindlen

Union League Club

April 23 at 11:30 a.m.

\$30 per person

Anna Quindlen, noted novelist and journalist, will be speaking about her newest novel, **Every Last One**, on Friday, April 23rd. Luncheon is included in the price and books will be available for purchase. For further details, call Denny Cummings at 312-427-7800.

The Art Institute of Chicago FEATURES THE FORTNIGHTLY

- Exhibit THE CHALLENGE OF AMERICAN STYLE
- Highlighting the building plans for the Lathrop House, home of the Fortnightly,
- February 27 – June 17.
- According to the *Member Magazine*, “the plan remains one of the most complete examples of the Georgian Revival style.” It is great to see this beautiful building appreciated!

Marion Adelberg

We are saddened to announce the death of former FAW member Marion Adelberg. She was a member of the organization for eleven years and sister-in-law of Pat Adelberg. The family requests all memorials in her memory be given to the Juvenile Award Fund. She will be missed.



March LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, March 10, at NOON

\$35 PER PERSON

The fortnightly of Chicago
120 Bellevue Place, Chicago, IL

To make reservations, call **Pat Adelberg at 847-588-0911**. Vegetarian meals may be requested at the time you make your reservation.

REMEMBER:

- **Reservations (and cancellations) are due before 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 7th.**
- Pay by check (\$35) payable to FAW at the door.
- \$14 parking is available two doors west of the Fortnightly.
- The seating arrangements in the room will be round tables seating eight people. If you wish to sit with your friends and/or guests, please arrive early.
- Complimentary coffee and tea service are available in the parlor prior to the lunch.
- If you make a reservation but cannot come, you must call to cancel. Otherwise you will be charged the \$35. If this happens, send your check to Eileen McNulty, 4450 North Kostner, Chicago, IL 60630-4102.

“BEST EVER CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE NOVELS”

The website GOODREADS had its members vote for their favorite contemporary romances. (Where authors are duplicated, I did not include a description. VM)

1. **THE NOTEBOOK by Nicholas Sparks** (Warner Books, 1996). Years after a summer fling, Allie who is now engaged to someone else, looks up her first boyfriend to see if the spark is still there.
secrets to a stranger on an airplane, but when he re-emerges in her life, she will have to face the things she said to him, and her growing feelings for him.
2. **BET ME by Jennifer Crusie** (St. Martin's Press, 2004). When Cal calls for a date, Min accepts even though she knows it's only to fulfill the bet. When the date turns out to be surprisingly fun, Min asks him to be her escort at her sister's wedding.
3. **CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET by Sophie Kinsella** (Dial, 2004). After the worst day of her life, Emma Corrigan spills her darkest
4. **NOBODY'S BABY BUT MINE by Susan Elizabeth Philips** (Avon, 1997). Lonely and single, physicist Jane Darlington decides to have a baby and raise it herself. Finding a father is no problem but he's too honorable – he refuses to walk out on her once she becomes pregnant.
5. **WELCOME TO TEMPTATION by Jennifer Crusie** (St. Martin's Press, 2000).

6. **MATCH ME IF YOU CAN** by **Susan Elizabeth Philips** (Morrow, 2005).
7. **THIS HEART OF MINE** by **Susan Elizabeth Philips** (Morrow, 2001).
8. **SOMETHING BORROWED** by **Emily Giffin** (St. Martin's Press, 2004). After Rachel's 30th birthday party, she knocks back one drink too many and winds up in bed with Dex, her best friend's fiancé. Instead of guilt, Rachel realizes that Dex is the only man she's really loved, but can she live with herself?
9. **IT HAD TO BE YOU** by **Susan Elizabeth Philips** (Avon, 1994).
10. **NATURAL BORN CHARMER** by **Susan Elizabeth Philips** (Morrow, 2007).
11. **KISS AN ANGEL** by **Susan Elizabeth Philips** (Avon, 1996).
12. **ANYONE BUT YOU** by **Jennifer Crusie** (Harlequin, 1996).
13. **MANHUNTING** by **Jennifer Crusie** (Mira, 1993).
14. **SUGAR DADDY** by **Lisa Kleypas** (St. Martin's Press, 2007). Texas girl Liberty Jones struggles to raise her younger sister and eventually makes her way to the big city, where she falls under the spell of a billionaire tycoon until her past catches up with her.
15. **PARADISE** by **Judith McNaught** (Pocket Books, 1991). When the Bancroft family empire is threatened by a hostile takeover, Meredith Bancroft flees into the arms of Matthew Farrell, a man with whom she once had a passionate affair.
16. **SEE JANE SCORE** by **Rachel Gibson** (Avon, 2003). Concerned that she is asking too many questions, a hockey player gets his interviewer fired. Later his conscience bothers him and he tries to make amends.
17. **BLUE-EYED DEVIL** by **Lisa Kleypas** (St. Martin's Press, 2008).
18. **AIN'T SHE SWEET** by **Susan Elizabeth Philips** (Morrow, 2004).
19. **DREAM A LITTLE DREAM** by **Susan Elizabeth Philips** (Avon, 1998).
20. **PERFECT** by **Judith McNaught** (Pocket Books, 1993).

