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## Greetings FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 2011 Annual Awards Luncheon will be held at the Casino Club on Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have our winning authors there for you to meet and hear them tell their interesting stories. So please come and bring a friend if possible. The charge is only \$40.00 again this year.

The closing date for making reservations is April 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Marion Gouvis at 630-279-0573.

Betty O'Toole  
President



## THERE'S STILL TIME TO BUY AWARDS LUNCHEON TICKETS

**Annual Awards Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, April 13 at 11 a.m.**  
**The Casino Club**  
**\$40 per person**

It's not too late to purchase luncheon tickets for the Annual Awards Luncheon on April 13<sup>th</sup> at The Casino Club. However, **all reservations must be received by Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:

1. Write a check payable to FAW AWARDS LUNCHEON for \$40 per person.
2. Include with your check a list of those people covered by the check. Write the names of each person - both members and guests.
3. If you wish to sit with other attendees (who are not included in your check), add a list of those people.
4. Mail your check and additional information to:  
**Marion Gouvis**  
**4 Oakbrook Club Drive**  
**F - 304**  
**Oakbrook, IL 60523**
5. Call Marion Gouvis at **630-279-0573** or email her at **marionmg22@gmail.com** to guarantee the reservation.

## 2011/2012 dues

It's time to pay your dues! Enclosed is the dues form. Please fill out the form and bring it along with your \$40 check (made payable to FAW) to the May meeting. If you cannot attend or prefer to mail your dues, drop the check in an envelope and send it to:

Eileen McNulty  
4450 N. Kostner Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60630 – 4102

Questions? Call Eileen at 773-283-3369.



## 2010/2011 SLATE OF faw OFFICERS

The FAW slate of officers, directors and trustees was voted and approved by the membership at the March luncheon. Congratulations to the following:

President – Corene Anderson  
Vice President – Betty O'Toole  
Secretary – Christine Bern  
Treasurer – Eileen McNulty  
Awards Luncheon – Marion Gouvis  
Bulletin Editor – Vivian Mortensen  
Foundation Fund Trustee – Angeline Higginson  
Juvenile Awards – Colleen Kadlec  
Literary Awards – Roberta Gates  
Luncheon/Social – Ruth Ann Brinkman  
Membership – Karen Baker  
Programs – Lorraine Campione  
Revisions – Edith Riley  
Sustaining Clubs – Jane Derbyshire  
Yearbook & Printing – Pat Adelberg

New Board members will be installed at the May meeting.

We also wish to thank those who are going off the FAW Board. Everyone who serves contributes lots of hard work to make this organization run smoothly.



## CONSIDER JOINING A COMMITTEE

One of the best ways to meet other FAW members is to become more involved in the organization and join a committee. Committee chairmen are now actively recruiting for several committees, especially the award committees. If you are interested, let the appropriate Board members know you are ready to help.

### **LITERARY AWARDS COMMITTEE**

This committee meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Fortnightly building. Books being considered for the literary prizes are passed among the members at the meetings and once everyone has read them, they are rated for their literary quality. Those interested in serving on this committee should call Roberta Gates at 708-447-8471.

### **JUVENILE LITERARY AWARDS COMMITTEE**

This committee also meets monthly. They read and review the eligible children's books. If you are interested in children's literature and would be willing to serve on this committee, call Colleen Kadlec at 708-447-2818.

There are also several other committees that meet less regularly during the FAW year. These include Awards Luncheon (contact Marion Gouvis at 630-279-0573), Luncheon-Social (Ruth Ann Brinkman at 773-271-9604), Programs (Lorraine Campione at 773-275-5118), and Yearbook & Awards Program (Pat Adelberg at 847-588-0911).



## Friends of American writers 2011 annual Literary Awards

The Adult Literary Committee will award:

**Christie Hodgen**  
*Elegies for the Brokenhearted*

and

**Heather Sellers**  
*You Don't Look Like Anyone I Know*

The Juvenile Literary Committee will  
award:

**Rebecca Barnhouse**  
*The Coming of the Dragon*

**Marianne Malone**  
*The Sixty-Eight Rooms*

and

**Kat Falls**  
*The Dark Life*

Congratulations to all the authors! Come to the luncheon, talk to the authors and buy their books!



### Awards Luncheon book sale

Copies of the award-winning books will be available for purchase (and signing) at the Awards Luncheon on April 21<sup>st</sup> both before the luncheon and following the authors' presentations. Books will be available for cash, check or credit card and bags will be provided.

## The CASINO CLUB will host the awards luncheon this year

The Casino Club is located directly behind the John Hancock building at 195 E. Delaware on the south side of the street. Like the Fortnightly, there are a few steps leading into the building but once inside, the facilities are on one level.



### PARKING for THE CASINO CLUB

#### 200 E. Delaware Place – Attendant Parking

- \$17.00 for 2-3 hours (plus tip)
- \$20.00 for 3-6 hours (plus tip)
- \$33.00 for 6-10 hours (plus tip)
- One block east
- Cash only

#### Westin Hotel Garage, 909 N. Michigan (Entrance is on Delaware across from The Casino Club) – Valet Parking

- \$25.00 for 2-4 hours (plus tip)
- Walk across the street
- Cash or credit

#### 900 N. Michigan (Bloomingdale's) – Enter on Rush or Walton Streets – Self park

- \$25 three hours or less
- \$12 three hours or less with a \$10 purchase from any 900 Shop
- Cash or credit
- 2 ½ blocks

#### 100 E. Bellevue Place (Where we park for The Fortnightly) – Valet Parking

- \$14 cash for 7 hours (plus tip)
- 4 ½ blocks

## Best Books of 2010

Laura Scott, a Reader Services Librarian at the Park Ridge Public Library, put together this list of favorite and very accessible reads from the past year.

### Fiction:

#### **ROOM by Emma Donoghue**

The suspenseful story of five-year-old Jack and his mother, who are held captive by the man who abducted her seven years before.

#### **A VISIT FROM THE GOON SQUAD by Jennifer Egan**

Weaving narratives explore the lives of Bennie Salazar, an aging former punk rocker and record executive, and Sasha, the passionate, troubled young woman he employs. National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction Winner

#### **FREEDOM by Jonathan Franzen**

Walter and Patty Berglund's marriage is unraveling as they struggle to find themselves in this epic tale of love and life.

#### **THE COOKBOOK COLLECTOR by Allegra Goodman**

The story of two sisters – one career driven, working for a rising software company, and the other dreamy, working for an antiquarian book seller---and their adventures in love, work and in the world.

#### **BOUND by Antonya Nelson**

Catherine and Oliver, young wife and older entrepreneur husband, contend with changes and secrets in this elegant exploration of the relationships – friendships, marriage, family – that bind us.

#### **THE IMPERFECTIONISTS by Tom Rachman**

A look inside the world of an English language newspaper in Rome and its many players, from the comically overmatched greenhorn to the forsaken foreign correspondent.

#### **MAJOR PETTIGREW'S LAST STAND by Helen Simonsen**

Retired Major Ernest Pettigrew and Pakistani shopkeeper Jasmina Ali form an unlikely alliance when they are drawn together by the loss of their spouses and their shared interests.

#### **THE LONELY POYGAMIST by Brady Udall**

Golden Richards has four wives, 28 children and a struggling construction business in this story full of fascinating characters and infused with humor reminiscent of Richard Russo.

### Nonfiction:

#### **GAME CHANGE by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann**

An excellent comprehensive look at the 2008 presidential election with some intriguing behind the scenes information.

#### **UNBROKEN by Laura Hillenbrand**

The gripping and inspiring story of Lt. Louis Zamperini, who was captured by the Japanese and held as a POW after his plane was shot down in the Pacific during WWII.

#### **HELLHOUND ON HIS TRAIL by Hampton Sides**

Beautifully done history of the assassination of MLK and the massive manhunt for James Earl Ray.

#### **THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS by Rebecca Skloot**

An investigation of the ground-breaking impact that resulted when, in 1951, a poor black tobacco farmer named Henrietta Lacks had cells taken from her without her knowledge.

#### **JUST KIDS by Patti Smith**

A timeless story of her friendship with Robert Mapplethorpe, and also a compelling look at the art and music scene in NYC in the 60's and 70's.



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Check the appropriate category:

- \$40 regular member  
 \$20 nonresident member (must live more than 50 miles from Chicago)  
 \$20 sustaining club (group member rather than individual)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Are your name, address and phone listed correctly in the yearbook?

yes  no

Would you like to receive your monthly newsletters by email?

yes  no

If you prefer to receive your newsletters by mail, how do you wish to have your name appear on the address label?

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