



**FRIENDS OF  
AMERICAN  
WRITERS**

**November**  
**13th, 2024 at NOON**

**The Fortnightly**

**120 E. Bellevue Place  
Chicago 60611**

**\$50 payable by Zelle or check made payable to FAW  
(reserve by phone by November 5th, no later than 6 p.m.)  
Karen Klatt 312.909.4581 or Kathy Quaid 708.704.2161**

*Guest*

**Michael Kutza**, founder and longtime artistic director of the Chicago International Film Festival, writes about his experience in "Starstruck: How I Magically Transformed Chicago into Hollywood for More Than 50 Years." His provocative sexy, colorful and irreverent memoir details the wild ride that made Chicago an essential cinematic destination. Published by Bear Manor Media, the tome traces Kutza's journey as the child of doctors growing up on Chicago's West Side who decided in his early 20s that his town desperately needed a truly international film event to call its own. With assistance from silent screen star Colleen Moore and the legendary director King Vidor, he launched the festival in 1965 that predated Sundance, Tribeca, and Toronto's festivals.



# MENU

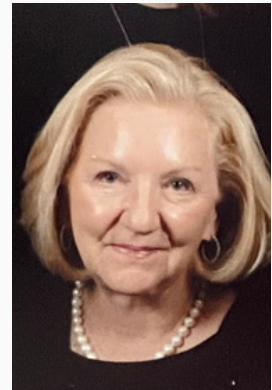
**First Course: Cauliflower Velouté with Turmeric Oil and Soft Herbs**

**Entrée: Sauteed Chicken Breast, Rosemary Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Ginger Cranberry,  
Haricot Vert and Tomato Emulsion**

**Dessert: Apple Pomegranate Crumble**



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**Karen Burnett**

Our new 2024/2025 season is getting off to a great start. We had over 60 members and guests at each of our September and October luncheons. Our mission is to “encourage new and talented writers associated with the Midwest and to promote the arts, especially literature, among our members.” We present awards for emerging authors by supporting the Patrons Fund, awarding a scholarship for a Master of Fine Arts through the Foundation Fund and provide a lovely program and luncheon monthly at the Fortnightly Club. One of our goals for this year is to grow our organization. We encourage each of our members to identify a colleague, friend or family to join with us to support these goals. Thank you to all who generously support FAW.

## Seating Arrangements

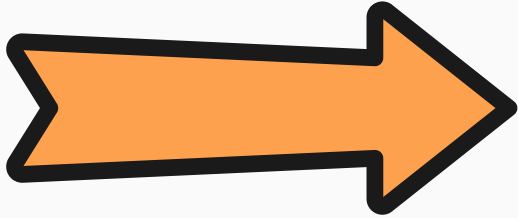
Please mention any special seating arrangements when you make your reservation.

- Guests
- Seated with a friend or group
- Disability seating

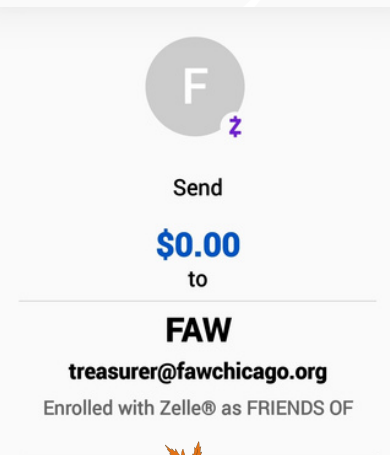
Every effort will be made to honor your request.

Do you have trouble climbing stairs? For a stair-less entrance to the Fortnightly call in-advance (312-944-1330) and staff will give you instructions. Would you like to make your reservation online? Visit the Member Reservation App.

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# Zelle



### FAW 2024/25 Meetings:

- September 11th
- October 9th
- November 13th
- December 11th
- January 8th
- February 12th
- March 5th (first Wednesday)
- April 9th
- May 2nd (Friday)



## READERS & REVIEWERS 2024-2025

This year's Readers & Reviewers meetings will be in conjunction with the November and March luncheons.

- **November 13, 2024: Foster** by Claire Keegan.

Joan Gordon, who will lead the discussion, described the book as follows:

**Foster** by Claire Keegan is a slim volume about the fate of a young girl in Ireland who is fostered out with relatives for the summer, where she slowly blooms under their care, written in spare and sensitive prose.

Please plan to join FAW at 11:00 a.m., immediately before the luncheon. It is a fun way to meet and engage with other FAW members.

**The November Board Meeting is cancelled due to the Readers and Reviewers program hosted by Joan Gordon.**



# HELP FAW GROW

## The Sustaining Members Concept

Everyone could welcome members to FAW with a couple of different options:

- 1) As a guest of a member
- 2) As a member for \$50 a year and \$50 at the luncheon
- 3) As a group ( known as a sustaining membership) with a limit of 2-3 times a year at the luncheon and \$50 a year for the Group Membership idea

Everyone should reach out to neighbors, friends, family & other organizations.



**FAW guest Maureen Collins visits with Ms. Stevenson**

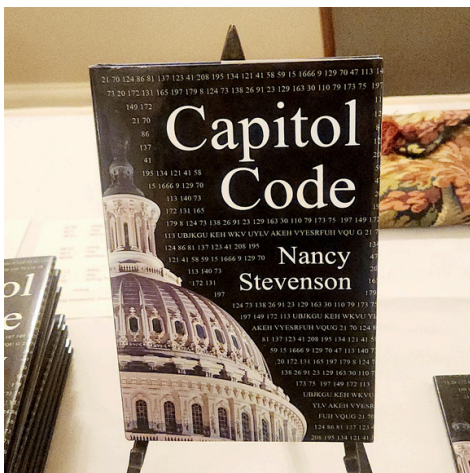


**Nancy Stevenson**  
[www.NancyWriter.com](http://www.NancyWriter.com)

Some say, "Write what you know."  
Others, "Write what you don't know."  
My hope is that we can do both.



**FAW welcomed Nancy Stevenson in October. (Adlai Stevenon the III's spouse)**





**Dr. Carrie Brenner**  
"I'm proud to be part of DFW and support its mission."



**Beth Bodie Gross**  
Revisions



**Helene Madsen**  
"Happy to be a part of FAW."

hello

nice to meet you!

next month

Book exchange and Holiday raffle

