



FRIENDS OF AMERICAN WRITERS

December
11th at 11:30 a.m.

The Fortnightly

120 E. Bellevue Place
Chicago 60611

First Course:

**Roasted Apple and Baby Greens Salad
Whipped Goat Cheese, Pumpkin Seeds
Apple Cidar Vinaigrette**

Second Course:

**Pulled Short Rib and
Potato Gnocchi with Shiitake Mushroom and
Parmesan Green Garlic Fonduta.**

Dessert:

**Gingerbread Spice Cake
Peppermint Fudge, Cranberry**

**\$50 payable by Zelle or check made payable to FAW
(reserve by phone by December 3, no later than 6 p.m.)**

Karen Klatt 312.909.4581 or Kathy Quaid 708.704.2161

GUEST Michael Halberstam is an American stage actor and director. He co-founded the Writers Theatre in Glencoe, Illinois, and served as its artistic director until 2021. To celebrate the season, he will again regale us with a holiday-themed reading.



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.

**THANK
YOU!**




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.

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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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)



CHIDERA NWUME

THE FOUNDATION FUND PROUDLY INTRODUCED CHIDERA NWUME, THE 2024 FRIENDS OF AMERICAN WRITERS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, AT THE NOVEMBER LUNCHEON. SHE IS RECEIVING \$3000 FROM THIS FUND TOWARDS HER EDUCATION THIS SEMESTER. SHE IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE MFA WRITING PROGRAM AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO. SHE ALSO IS A GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR AT THE SCHOOL SINCE JANUARY, 2024 AND WORKED AS AN ACQUISITION ASSISTANT EDITOR FOR ALLIUM, THE ONLINE JOURNAL OF POETRY & PROSE, FALL 2024 ISSUE. HER WRITINGS INCLUDE THE PUBLISHED SHORT STORY, "REMEMBER ME," WHICH WAS LONGLISTED FOR THE AFRITONDO SHORT STORY PRIZE IN 2021.

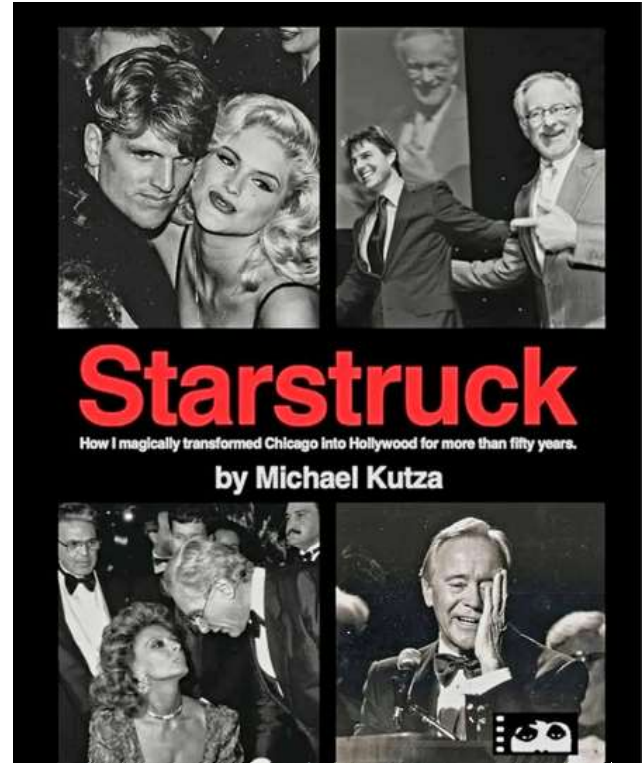
IT IS A BITTERSWEET AWARD THIS YEAR AS COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO IS DROPPING ITS MFA WRITING PROGRAM IN JUNE. THE FOUNDATION FUND HAS AWARDED 7 GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM COLUMBIA WITH SCHOLARSHIPS FROM \$1200 TO \$3000 SINCE 2017. PREVIOUSLY, AWARDS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO WRITING STUDENTS AT NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY AND ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY. THE COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY RESEARCHING NEW VENUES FOR DESERVING STUDENTS.

DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION FUND ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. AS PART OF FRIENDS OF AMERICAN WRITERS, A NOT FOR PROFIT 501-C-(3) ORGANIZATION, ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE COMPLETELY TAX DEDUCTIBLE. A TAX LETTER RECORDING YOUR DONATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN JANUARY, 2025.





Michael Kutza signs his new book, STARSTRUCK at the November FAW luncheon.





Instructions for **BOOK EXCHANGE**. Bring a book wrapped to put under the tree, including a card explaining why you like the book. We will announce by table, and everyone who brings a book can go to the tree and choose one.