



APRIL 9th, 2025
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The Fortnightly

120 E. Bellevue Place

CHICAGO 60611

1st Course: Coconut Carrot Ginger Soup

*Entrée: Herb Grilled Chicken, Beets & Berry Salad,
Baby Greens, Quinoa, Goat Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette*

Dessert: Mixed Berry Shortcake



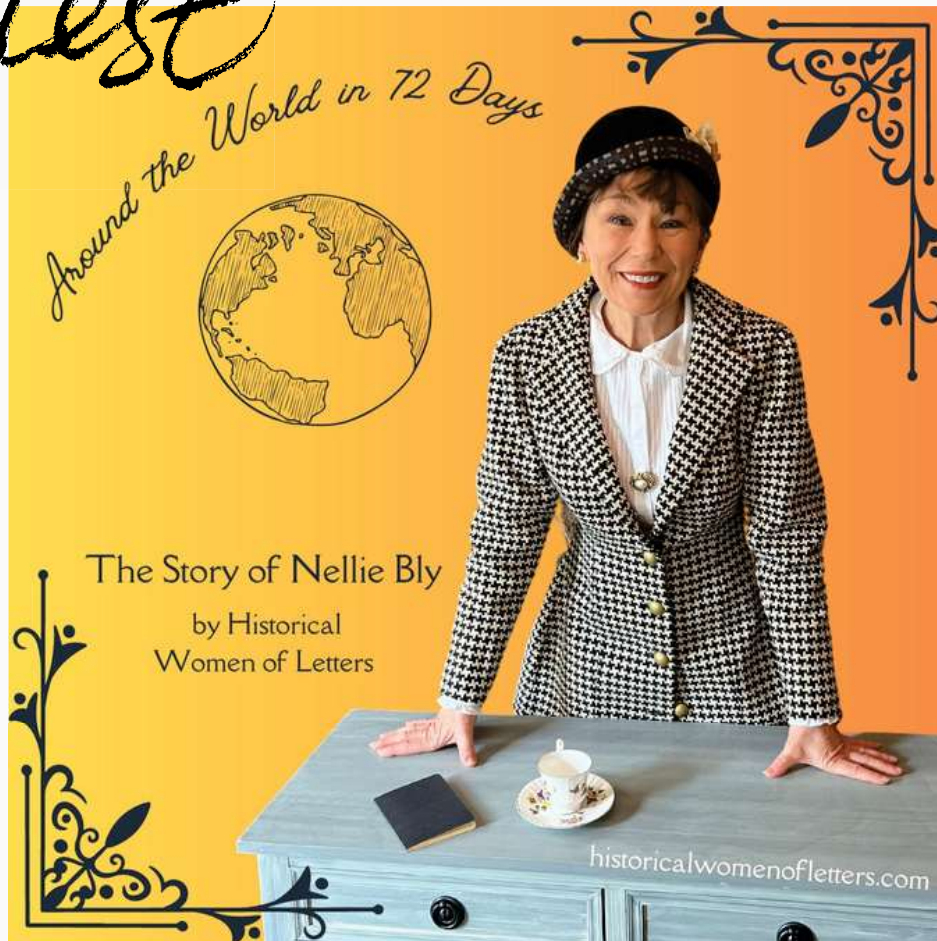
\$50 payable by Zelle to FAW treasurer
or check made payable to FAW

(Must reserve by phone ONLY by April 1, 2025, 6 p.m.)

If you ZELLE, call to rsvp too!

Karen Klatt 312.909.4581 or Kathy Quaid 708.704.2161

Guest



Born Elizabeth Jane Cochran (1864–1922), this pioneer of investigative journalism is better known by her nom de plume, "Nellie Bly". She became famous for her exposé of the New York City Lunatic Asylum on Blackwell's Island. On November 14, 1889, Cochran began a solo trip around the world in emulation of the fictional character Phileas Fogg from the 1873 Jules Verne novel "Around the World in Eighty Days" ... completing her trip on January 25, 1890, in the record breaking time of 72 days, six hours, 11 minutes, & 14 seconds.

Join Nellie Bly in the US Embassy in Paris in February of 1919. The Great War has ended, and Nellie recounts her adventures as a reporter in the US and Mexico and as a war correspondent as she awaits permission to return to the US.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



KAREN BURNETT

Nicole Warren of the Juvenile Protective Association sent this email to thank Angela Gall and FAW for their contribution of the Children's Book Project.

“On behalf of JPA, we would like to sincerely thank you and the Friends of American Writers community for your generosity in donating copies of *Black Is a Rainbow Color* by Angela Joy. Because of your support, 150 students in first through third grade across five classrooms in two of our partner schools received this amazing book to take home!

The students were so excited to receive their book, and the teachers shared with our C2K consultant how meaningful it was to see them engage with a book that celebrates Black history and identity. Your donation made this possible, and we are so grateful! We also appreciate your help in ensuring the books arrived in time for Black History Month.

Thank you again for your generosity. This gift meant so much to the students, and we truly value your partnership and support!”

FAW will have a short presentation to show the photos of the children and the thank you notes at a future meeting. In the meantime, a special thanks to Angela Gall and to all the Members who contributed to the Children's Book Club! If we convert only a small percentage of these children to readers, we can consider that a success.



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.



Visit www.fawchicago.org

We prefer Zelle
but call your RSVP first please!

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)

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CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancelations must be made by 6 p.m. on the date of the reservation deadline. Reservations not canceled by that date must be paid in full. The club uses the numbers called in to order food and keep the food prices down. The FAW must pay for the number of attendees sent to the club on that date. Thank you.



Although the FAW monthly luncheon serves at noon, please come to the historic Fortnightly Building at 11:30 a.m. for coffee & camaraderie.

Dear Membership,

I am informing the general membership about the Fortnightly. The Fortnightly is a private club and NOT a restaurant. Therefore, they are required to follow set state rules for private clubs. The Fortnightly is no longer allowed to pack-up meals and send them home to FAW members who were unable to attend the FAW monthly meeting, despite having paid for the meal. We hope you understand and refrain from calling the Fortnightly to complain.

Should you care to order a vegetarian meal to enjoy at the luncheon, share this information when you call in your RSVP.

Thank you,
Jennifer Zvi
Membership Chair



You're Invited

Sandra Cisneros:
A Life in Words,
A Legacy in Stories

Thursday, May 8, 2025
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Josephinum Academy proudly welcomes alum Sandra Cisneros back home to share her insights and journey as an award-winning writer.

The program also includes a reading from her recently released poetry collection, "Woman Without Shame," and a Q&A session.

Ms. Cisneros' passion for life and story-telling will enlighten and inspire burgeoning writers, professionals and non-writers alike!



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The Adult Literature Committee is happy to announce the two winners for 2024/2025 in alphabetical order. They are:

Green World: A Tragicomic Memoir of Love & Shakespeare by Michelle Ephraim

Number 12 Rue Sainte-Catherine: And Other Stories by Roberta Harding Gates.

*Both authors will be attending the Awards Luncheon on **May 2, 2025** and will give a brief talk. The many entries we received this year were excellent. We will review other books we think you will also enjoy. Hope to see everyone at the Awards Luncheon.*

Carrie Brenner, M.D., F.A.C.S.

