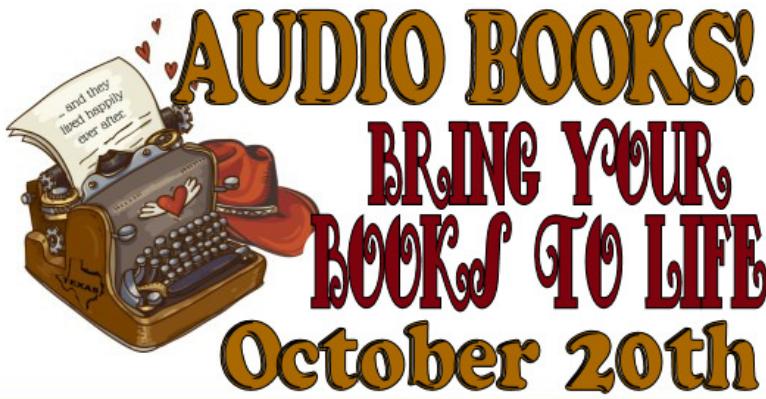


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Meeting Dates:**October 20:** Audiobooks By

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November 17: No meeting**December 15:** Holiday Party**April 6, 2019:** Damon Suede**2018 BOARD****President**

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**AUDIO BOOKS!
Bring Your Books to Life.
By Eros Audio - Kylie Stewart + Eric Rolan**

Bring your books to life by putting them into audio format! Demand for audio books is growing. In this class we will look at the options you will have as a rights holder, different platforms you can utilize as a rights holder, and how to choose the right voices for your books. We will also look at pricing, what to do if you want to read your own book, and a few audio engineering platforms you can use

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Susan Miller,
Carolyn Rae

Hospitality

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Writing Incentives

Kim Miller

35th Anniversary

Jen FitzGerald

right now.

Biography of Kylie Stewart

Kylie Stewart has been writing short stories and books all her life. A native of Hammond, New York, Kylie grew up on the St. Lawrence River dreaming of big things. She has a Master's of Science in Equine Business from Middle Tennessee State University, which is why there are so many horses in her books. After working in the Kentucky Race Horse Industry, she moved back to Tennessee to pursue writing.

Kylie is also an Audio Narrator who has read for over 100 titles and is an APA member.

Kylie was influenced by her Scottish heritage to become an independent British history buff. She has a small library dedicated to Tudor history and is a lover of the Arthurian legends. She also has an intense love of the supernatural, theological, paranormal, and mythological worlds. She is a member of RWA.

Kylie lives in Dallas, TX with her husband and fellow voice actor Eric Rolon, and their two cats, Asuka and Haru.



Cindy will share what she's learned at the GetPublished! mini-meeting at

QUERY. The word alone is enough to send chills up the spine of every author attempting to get traditionally published. What do you need in a good query? Learn from award-winning author, Cindy Dees. 10am October 20 prior to NTRWA's regular meeting.

**Two Step 2019
Conference
Open**

Biography of Cindy Dees -

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author, Cindy Dees started flying airplanes while sitting in her dad's lap at the age of three and got a pilot's license before she got a driver's license. At age fifteen, she dropped out of high school and left the horse farm in Michigan where she grew up to attend the University of Michigan.

Winner of a Golden Heart and Holt Medallion for writing, Cindy is a five-time finalist and two-time winner of the prestigious RITA Award for Romance Fiction, two-time winner of RT Book Review's Best Harlequin Romantic Suspense Novel of the Year, and is a Romantic Times Lifetime Career Achievement nominee.



From the President
Mia London

ASK NOT WHAT...

We are a volunteer organization. There is no denying it. When you think about it, RWA has 120 chapters and they are **all** run by volunteers. We should be proud.

In fact as a country, last year we had 62.6 million volunteers, logged 7.8 billion hours, with an estimated value of \$184 billion!

Fantastic! And know this isn't just from non-profit organizations like the Red Cross or American Heart. No. Entire companies will plan a Saturday to volunteer building houses or feeding the poor, for example. High schools across the country are requiring community-service hours of the students before graduation. Programs like Keep Texas Beautiful are based on neighbors/groups meeting on a regular bases, combing the streets to pick up trash.

I bring this up because, as you know, 2019 is right around the corner, and NT has a few board and committee positions open. One that might be just **perfect** for you. You may be surprised how meaningful it is to be a leader. And bear in mind, you will not be alone. Anyone who has held the position before you will be available to answer questions. You are not alone.

As president, I have thought, more than once, we exemplify the 80/20 rule—80 percent of the work is being done by 20 percent of the membership. This needs to change.

When you give back, you trigger a release of your feel-good chemicals like dopamine and serotonin. In other words, volunteering makes you happier. Who doesn't like that?

Think of how often your organization says "Yes" to you? Yes, we will give away a membership to RWA. Yes, we will institute a mentoring program to help those who want to be published. Yes, we will take on some flake who thinks they can trademark an adjective. And Yes to a camaraderie and a sisterhood of authors. Every month, you get to fill a need and hang with people who also have voices in their heads.

In the indelible words of John F. Kennedy: Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.

If you are already not holding a position, please consider doing it for 2019.

Warmest regards,



Arline Annette Todd was born on January 10, 1936 in Brooklyn, New York to Joseph and Madalaine Aluffo. She lived many places throughout her life, including New York, North Carolina, Alabama, Pennsylvania, California, England, and most recently, Texas, where she resided in the home of her beloved daughter and grandchildren. She died on September 13, 2018 in Grapevine, Texas at the age of 82, surrounded by her family.

Arline's appreciation for literature and her passion for writing evolved into a career as a science fiction author, during which she composed and published several short futuristic and romance stories as well as a medical/political thriller novel. She was an active member of the North Texas Romance Writers Association. Her abiding devotion and unconditional love for her family is palpable in her work. The cover of her novel itself dons the image of her beautiful daughter, who Arline described as the 'mother par excellence of [her] four precious grandchildren.' Her tender heart and pervasive generosity will continue to live on in the pages of her work and permeate the lives of those she leaves behind.

Arline's creative expression was evident not only in her writing, but also in her artistic ability. She was a highly skilled artist in a variety of media, but primarily enjoyed painting in her spare time. Her oldest granddaughter recalls the delight



that she and her grandmother shared in sketching together over the years; Arline was always eager to assist with art projects and never failed to deliver. She was adept at puzzles in all forms and games of all kinds, and she never missed an opportunity to play a board game or cards with her friends and family. However, if there was one pastime she loved more than the rest, it was playing bingo. The happiness and excitement she felt was contagious, and perhaps more important than the game itself. There was nothing she loved more than sharing a joyful experience with those whom she loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to The Altrusa International Foundation, a service organization whose promotion of worldwide literacy Arline outwardly acknowledged and appreciated. Donations can be made online at www.altrusa.org/foundation.



Scheduling posts on Facebook

When you have a business page on FB, which you all should, you can schedule posts. The rule of thumb is 3 posts a day. Some days, you may feel that that's a challenge. What if you have a conference and won't get

many breaks? What if you go on vacation?

If you do not continue to post, your reach/impressions tank! It will take you weeks of regular posting to get that back.

This is all you have to do to schedule a post:

1. Write the post as you normally would, include the photo, video, or gif.
2. Beside the "Publish" button, you will see a down arrow. Click that and select Schedule.
3. Then select the time and date you want your post to go live, and hit Schedule.

You can schedule out posts for months! Remember, if something tragic happens and your post isn't appropriate, you can always change the schedule date. Otherwise delete it entirely and use it another time.

Happy posting!



October Member Book Releases!

Congratulations to the following members with new releases arriving in October!



New book release in September? Drop us a message to make sure you're featured in your special month - newsletter@ntrwa.org



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

October 20, 2018 | 9:30am-6:00pm

Fort Worth Bookfest

<http://www.fortworthbookfest.com/>

October 21, 2018 | 2:00pm-5:00pm

Buns and Roses Literacy Tea

<http://www.bunsandroses.org>

November 9-11, 2018

Fresh Fiction's Readers and Ritas

<http://www.freshfiction.com>

March 29, 2019 | 11:00am-4:00pm

Home Run Author Event

<https://www.facebook.com/HomeRunAuthorEvent>

Have an event you want to share? Email us via
newsletter@ntrwa.org so we can add it to the list!

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES of SEPT 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting for the North Texas Romance Writers of America (NTRWA) was held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the La Hacienda Restaurant in Colleyville, Texas. The President and the President-Elect were present. The meeting was called to order at 11:57 p.m.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Audra Lewandowski:

Membership Voted unanimously to pass new bylaws.

There will be a vote next month for a cruise in 2020.

Will be creating a committee of around five people to start a scholarship fund. Let Audra know if you're interested in joining.

A volunteer is needed to run the mentoring program for next year.

The last Get Published Meeting of the year will be in October.

There will be a drawing for a membership to NTRWA and one for an RWA membership at the December Holiday Party.

President Elect: Chrissy Szarek:

Positions open for next year are treasurer, secretary, Hospitality and Pan. Please consider filling one.

The chapter is also in need of a President Elect. for next year. For an incentive, the chapter will purchase a ticket to the National conference in New York City as well as offer a \$300 allowance to help cover travel costs.

Secretary: Robin Nelson reported:

The August 2018 minutes were approved for audit.

Treasurer: Cindy Dees reported: Not Present.
There is \$15,870.11 currently in the account.

Program Director: Linda Bolton reported: Not Present.

Membership Director: Randee Paraskevopoulos
Remember to leave name tags at meetings.
Please contact Randee if you need to change or update the chapter website with new information.

Communications Director: Lizzie Bailey: Not Present.

Contests Director: Lisa Fenley reported:
Contests start in November.
Information already sent to RWA.
Will be needing judges for GE.
We need another publication to advertise the winner of the Carolyn Contest. Let Audra Lewandowski know if you have any Ideas.

Great Expectations Contest: Amanda McMurrey reported:
Category Coordinators are needed for the next year. Please contact Amanda McMurrey if interested. Eight to nine people are needed.

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR REPORTS:

PAN Liaison: Chrissy Szarek reported:
Ten book pin awarded to Audra Lewandowski.

RWA pins for milestones (starting at 5 books published.) Pins are \$10 apiece. Order through RWA. If you make PAN let Chrissy Szarkek know.

PRO Liaison: Randee Paraskevopoulos reported
If you are not a PRO member, please see Randee for application information. PRO pins must be purchased from RWA.

PRO membership allows you on the NT PRO loop, where training and information are provided to our chapter PRO members.

Hospitality: Amanda McMurrey reported: None to Report.

Unfinished Business: None to report.

New Business: None to report.

Next Business Meeting: 10:45 a.m. on October 20, 2018 at La Hacienda.
The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.
Submitted electronically by Robin Nelson.

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