

# Surfwriters Newsletter

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## --The Surfwriters Monthly Speaker Series--

**Anne Hulegard**, an award winning writer, producer and director of film, television and theatre has written several film scripts, including her award winning script *Out Of Mind*, which has been made into a feature film. Her plays that have been produced in Los Angeles include *Rossetti's Circle* and *Greetings from South Philly*.

As an actress, she has appeared in numerous stage, film and theatre productions, as well as over 200 commercials. Locally, she is known for anchoring and producing the *KCOX 12 News*, producing and hosting *Up Close* and hosting the *Hometown Shopping Show*.

Anne was the founder and Artistic Director of the Hermosa Playhouse and has been coaching acting and writing for 16 years. She studied acting with Stella Adler and Uta Hagen and writing at UCLA and Ohio University.

VP Program Chair **Ildy Lee** will introduce our guest speaker, Anne Hulegard.

### Mark your calendar!

Our next meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m.,

**November 18,**

Palos Verdes

Art Center,

5404 W. Crestridge Road,

Rancho Palos Verdes,

90275.

**Anne Hulegard**

will speak at 11:00 a.m.

Guests are welcome!

## -- Anthology in the News --

Last month, members began discussing the **Surfwriters' Anthology** in earnest. Among questions posed and matters to be decided are:

- Shall we include both prose and poetry or create separate volumes for each?
- Will there be images, i.e., photographs and/or sketches?
- What type of publisher shall we seek?
- Should we include only previously unpublished material?
- What is our target publication date?

One member suggested a release date of April 2006 to coincide with **Poetry in the Gallery** - an ambitious goal.

A few members offered to conduct preliminary research:

- New member **Jennifer Marquez** has forwarded information on **Publish America**.
- Others have spoken with **Lili Miura** and **Stephen Smoke** to explore the possibility of working with **MS Custom Books** on the project.

***October Speaker***

In October, members enjoyed hearing **Ruth Herbert**, author, teacher and life story instructor, speak on "**Getting Started with your Memoirs.**"

Ruth suggested as a guiding theme: "What is it like to be you?"

She stated that writing one's life story calms the past and acts as a memory trigger. Sharing helps open a dialogue, potentially a therapeutic activity for all involved.

To the question, "How much truth do you tell?" Ruth answered, "Your truth is your truth; it's your choice. If negative, you may not choose to tell it. If you do, be as gracious and as honest as you can."

Members and guests suggested presenting one's story as historical fiction or creative non-fiction as a way of addressing the issue.

***Members' News***

**Ildy Lee** has completed the first part of her life story trilogy -her parents' life under Nazism- and has sent it off to a major publisher. Good luck, Ildy!

**Bertie Woods** edits a 26-page (!) newsletter, a newsworthy accomplishment.

Look for **Jean Raynes'** novel, **While the Music Plays** (under her pen name Diane Austell), as a book on tape at PV Library. Jean currently is working on a new novel with a contemporary setting.



***Remembrance***

**Rich Twohy** "passed on to his next great adventure on October 31, 2005." Family and friends gathered at Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes Estates on November 11 to remember Rich and wish him well on his journey.

Below is a short remembrance to Rich for **Virginia Twohy and family**, penned by **Wanda VanHoy Smith**:

**RICH**

His name was Richardson  
But he called himself Rich  
Because he was rich in life  
Rich in home, family and wife.  
His name was Richardson  
But we called him Rich.  
Because he made us rich in  
Friendship, help, fun  
Beyond measure  
We all treasure Rich memories.

Wanda VanHoy Smith  
Nov. 2005



**Catching up**

Former newsletter editor **Debbie Paul** says, "Working for *Orange Coast Magazine* has broadened my horizons. There is a tremendous amount of philanthropic work that goes on in Orange County, which makes me proud to do my job as Master Calendar Coordinator.

The reality show 'Making It' came to the office to feature our publisher, Ruth Ko --a very deserving, hardworking and kind lady-- for a January episode. They filmed me proofing the December copy. If I make the cut, don't blink; I'll be on TV a whole two seconds.

In the meantime, part of my job is to make the rounds of luncheons, galas, fashion shows and auctions for which Orange County is so famous. Anybody need a signed hockey puck from the Mighty Ducks?"

Now there's a tough job...!



**Paula Hendrich** sends her love and wants all her Surfwriter friends to know that she and husband, Lin, have moved to a little town called Gig Harbor in the rainy but beautiful state of Washington. Gig Harbor is close to Tacoma, where her daughter lives.

She is working on a short book of devotionals, **Growing Old with Grace**. Says Paula, "I can testify to the first part. --Who knows about the last?"

She sends wishes for success to all her writer friends. Here is Paula's e-mail address -- [lhendrich@aol.com](mailto:lhendrich@aol.com).



**Guests**

**Bruce Juell**, who counts investment banking among his accomplishments, created his own publishing company, **3<sup>rd</sup> Age Press**, to publish his first book, **The Retirement Activities Guide** - 165 Ideas for Finding Fulfillment and Meaning, when golf and grandkids aren't enough). Check out the websites [www.Retirement-Activities.com](http://www.Retirement-Activities.com) and [www.creativeseniors.com](http://www.creativeseniors.com) for a wide range of information.

As Bruce says, "The goal of Creative Seniors is to increase the productivity of retirees." A high-energy 'retiree', Bruce Juell exemplifies that objective.

**Kika**, visiting from Sweden, is traveling around the world, writing about secretaries who work for prominent people.

**Several students from Ruth Herbert's class** joined us to enjoy her informative talk and share personal insights.

**Newsletter Online**

Look for the monthly newsletter online at the Surfwriters' website:

<http://www.palosverdes.com/surfwriters/>

**-- Performance --**

**Rock & Blues Concert**  
**Wayfarers Chapel**

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 15

**Stephen Smoke**

Singer/songwriter/novelist Stephen Smoke will play songs in support of his novel, *Cathedral of the Senses*. Stephen has authored 26 books and recorded two albums.

Donation: \$15. Tickets and information available at the Wayfarers Chapel Visitors Center (310) 377-7919 ext. 6.

## Surfwriters Newsletter



Please send your announcements for future newsletters to [kcjohnson@starnetdial.net](mailto:kcjohnson@starnetdial.net).

Happy writing!

Special thanks to contributors --

- Ildy Lee
- Debbie Paul
- Paula Hendrich
- Marcia Reed
- Wanda VanHoy Smith

See you on November 18.

"KC"

## November 2005

Reminder:  
Is it time for your dues?  
If you're not certain, please check with the Art Center at (310) 541-2479 or e-mail [info@pvarcenter.org](mailto:info@pvarcenter.org)

Looking Ahead:  
Our **December** meeting will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup>, one week earlier than usual, because of the holidays. Club President **Marcia Reed** has offered her home for the meeting. Thank you, Marcia!

