



Mystery Writers of America

New York Chapter

New Year, New Board

Dear Fellow MWA-NY Chapter Members,

Welcome to another year in our fair chapter. As your new president, I have big shoes to fill. I hope to continue the fantastic work Richie did. Luckily, he remains on the board to help, or I would be lost! Our full board for the coming year is:

Laura K. Curtis
Scott Adlerberg
Joseph Goodrich
Ken Isaacson*
Jeff Markowitz
Richie Narvaez*
Erica Obey*
Andrew Peck*
Mistina Picciano
Triss Stein
Tom Straw*

Our treasurer, **Sheila York**, assures me that we are in good shape financially, so if there are programs you think we need to test, places we should be present that we are not, [please speak up](#). We are always looking for new opportunities to help our members, so never hesitate to bring up anything you think would be useful!

I am a goal-oriented person, and my goals for this year are fairly straightforward: to

keep growing the chapter, to help our members negotiate the ever-changing world of publishing, and to expand our reach beyond New York City even further.

Cheers,

Laura K. Curtis
President, MWA-NY

** Newly elected board members*

A Recap of the Revels

Wednesday, December 2, marked the occasion of MWA-NY's Winter Revels, the annual celebration of good will and peace on earth and another successful year of murder and mayhem on the page.

Over 140 mystery writers and their friends and loved ones gathered at the Salmagundi Club on Manhattan's 5th Avenue to eat, drink, and converse on an unseasonably warm evening. The record-breaking crowd was due to the choice of 2015's Honorary Santa - the one, the only (and very tall) **Lee Child**. The best-selling author of the Jack Reacher series spoke briefly but eloquently about the mystery community and its family feeling. Child was right. The evening felt like a family reunion, with old and new members of the chapter mingling, laughing, recounting old times, and plotting new adventures.

But more than reveling occurred. Outgoing MWA-NY President **Richie Narvaez** made his farewells and introduced new chapter President **Laura K. Curtis**. Richie also received the coveted Silver Moose pin for his contributions to the chapter, as did MWA-NY stalwart **Clare Toohey**.

This year's festivities offered revelers not only a splendid time, but also gift bags stuffed with books by chapter members, mystery magazines, and a few handy-dandy extras, such as a thumb drive, a baseball cap, and a pocket-sized notebook - all bearing the visage of MWA's patron saint, Edgar Allan Poe.

The Winter Revels were masterminded by **Suzanne Solomon** and **Joseph Goodrich**, co-chairs of the Programming Committee, with the invaluable help of

Head Elf **Gerald Bartell**. These three were aided and abetted by **Patricia King**, **Mistina Picciano**, **Richie** and **Denise Narvaez**, and **Gloria Sampson Knight**. Thanks to all, and see you at the next Revels!

Upcoming Events

MWA-NY Dinner Meeting: Thrills, Chills, & Sex in LGBT Crime Fiction

Feb. 3, Wed., 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Featured guests: **Ann Aptaker** (moderator), **Catherine Maiorisi**, **Andrew J. Peters**, and **R.G. Emanuelle**

Topics will include mainstream versus niche audiences and the ways in which gay and lesbian characters are represented in genre fiction.

Salmagundi Club
47 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10003

Cost: \$42

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

For a full list of upcoming events, [click here](#).



Special thanks to **Marc Bilgrey** for sharing his artistic talents with *The Noose*.

Crime Fiction Classes
- at a Discount

Good Noose

MWA-NY has again partnered with the Center for Fiction's Crime Fiction Academy to offer a 10% discount on spring courses.

- A two-part, 12-week novel-writing workshop with **Jason Starr** (starting Feb. 1) and **Alison Gaylin** (starting March 21). [Click here for details.](#)
- A short story workshop on Saturdays with **S.J. Rozan** (starting March 2). [Click here for details.](#)

Students also get access to the CFA's Master Class events throughout the season and get a chance to meet one on one with genre authors in an intimate setting. This spring will feature **Richard Price** and **Sara Paretsky**.

To register, [contact CFA's Sara Batkie.](#)

Short Fiction

- **Kevin Egan**, "The Wizard of 60 Centre Street," *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*, January/February 2016
- **Terrie Farley Moran**, "Inquiry and Assistance," *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*, January/February 2016

Books

- **Scott Adlerberg**, *Graveyard Love*, Broken River Books, February 2016

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