

From the desk of
Bonnie LeFever

2/11/57

Dear Chick:

Welcome to Freelancers!

The delay in your receiving this is not due to any change of heart or mind about your membership, but solely because the meeting at which all business passes from old officers to new was cancelled because of snow, and we've been catching up piece-meal ever since. I was shocked when I saw the date on your letter, and realized how far behind I really am. Please forgive me.

We hope to see you at meetings as often as you can make the trip, and surely at the Conference this summer.

Sincerely

Bonnie LeFever.
Sec. - Treas.

3142 Arcade Bldg
Seattle 1, Wn.

Seattle, Washington
November 7, 1956

Dear Mr. Click Belander:

It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been voted a member of the Seattle Free Lances at their last meeting. We want to extend this warm welcome to you to become one in our ranks of H.W.P.O.E. (Hardest working people on earth.) Hope you enjoy us as much as we know we re going to enjoy you.

In view of the distance you live from Seattle, will it be possible for you to get to the meetings? We get together as you probably know, once a month (mid-summer excepted), first Thursday in the month--and have currently been meeting in the Sunset Room of the Stewart Hotel, 2nd & Stewart, Seattle, a dinner meeting which is usually set for 6:30 PM. Would you be good enough to let me know whether you can attend the meetings or not?

P.S. Dues \$ 2.00
per year. plus
\$ 5.00 initiation fee:
total, \$ 7.00

Cordially,

Thurill Evans

Sec'y + reas. SEATTLE FREE LANCES

804 W. Lk. Sammamish Blvd.
Bellevue, Washington
May 25, 1959

Dear member of the Free Lance Writers:

In checking over our records we find that some of our members have overlooked their \$2.00 annual dues. According to the treasurer's book we find that you have not been credited for dues for ----

1959

Will you please check and see if this is correct? You can mail or bring to our next meeting which will be June 27, our annual picnic. Elizabeth Montgomery has again kindly opened her home to us for this date. You'll be hearing more about this later.

Let's make this a big turn out.

Sincerely,

Marg Nelson
Marg Nelson, Treas.

[Enclosure - Feb. 11, 1957]

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Seven and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars

Initiation fee, \$5.00 dues, 1957, \$2.00

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Seattle Freelancers.

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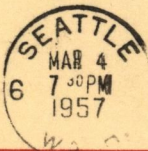
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Freelances meet Thursday night, Mar. 7th,
6:30 P.M., Stewart Hotel. Dinner, \$2.25.

Faye Mitchell, author of "Pitch in His Hair,"
who spent several weeks in Europe last year,
will talk on her experiences behind the Iron
Curtain.

Hope you can make it.

Bonnie LeFever, Sec.



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Click Gelander
1212 N. 32nd Ave
Yakima, Wash.

[1957]

Freelance Society will meet in closed session on Thursday, April 4, Stewart Hotel, at 6:30 P.M. New members will be voted on.

Speaker will be By Fish on "How to Take a Vacation and Get Paid For It." In addition to being an entertaining speaker, By is an authority on his subject, having recently been commissioned to go to Alaska, Hawaii, Europe, and various other places.

For reservation, please call WEst 9264 before Thurs. morning. Thank you.

Bonnie LeFever, Sec.

(No reservation required for out of town members.)

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Click Belander
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Yakima
Wash.

The next regular meeting of the Free Lance Writers
will be held Tues. Mar. 3 6:30 p.m.
in the Stewart Hotel, Seattle.

Our speaker will be Dr. Wm. R. Halliday Seattle
"Exploration of Caves," book on same
slides of Cascade Mts.
Kindly fill out attached card and return or telephone:

MARG NELSON GL. 4-1830

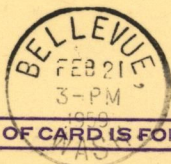
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Marg Nelson
804 W. Lake Sammamish Blvd., S.E.
Bellevue, Washington.

- ☐ I will attend the next meeting of the Free Lancers.
- ☐ I will not be able to attend.

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Yakima, Wash.

SEATTLE FREE LANCES

SPRING
NEWSLETTER

[19613]

NOW HEAR THIS: Members, old-timers, non-members who may be aspiring to become members:

The APRIL meeting of Free Lances will be an open meeting to which non-members who may be eligible for membership are invited to attend.

Worthwhile speakers will assure you getting your money's worth at this No-host Dinner at the Roosevelt Hotel at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 4. (Social hour at 6 o'clock, when members get together to lie about how well they are doing). The freight is \$3.70, tip included. See bottom of page for making reservations.

Speakers at the April meeting will be:

EILEEN CRIMMIN: "The Feminine Mystique in Article Writing"

IRENE FOSTER: "What's Happened to the Short Story--
And How"

NEWS ITEM: The 23-page listing of Pacific Northwest authors and their books went out to 200 booksellers and librarians in March. About 150 authors and 600 books listed. Cost came to more than we expected, so those feeling like tossing a dollar or more on the drum may mail same to Pat Maloney, Sec.-Treas., 6509 Beach Drive S.W. Seattle.

And laurels to MOLLY CONE, ELIZABETH JULESBERG, ELDORIS PROVAN, LUCILLE McDONALD, and TOM and JEAN CLARKE for big help in getting out listing, plus members who showed up at last meeting to assemble and mail.

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FINANCIAL NOTE: Dues of \$5 are due from some. (If you haven't a "fin"-try charging it on your Firstbank Card. It won't work, but that doesn't mean you can't try). Initiation fee for new members is \$5. Which is a big hoax, for there is no initiation, which is a good thing, because it would be a terrible initiation if there was one.

NEWEST MEMBER: MRS. STRUTHERS (Katherine) BURT, who has two juvenile books out. Back in her days in New York she was a famed as a fiction editor for women's magazines as her husband was as a writer.

BOOK SALES BY MEMBERS: "Too Bad About the Haines Girl", ZOA SHERBURNE, Morrow; "Secret of Grasshopper Hill" and "Secret of the Sun Dial", RAMONA WEEKS, Dodd-Mead; "The Other Side of the Fence". MOLLY CONE, Houghton-Mifflin. Molly has contracted for two more in Crowell's series on foreign lands, and will write on Israel and Greece. TOM CLARKE has signed with Westminster Press for a book on a voyage through the Northwest Passage by an R.C.M.P. craft. He's calling the tome "We Left our Horses and Took to the Sea".... HAZEL HECKMAN'S "Island in the Sound" is out, by University of Washington Press. Just out is ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY JULESBERG'S "Toward Democracy". And she has completed biographies of Hans Christian Andersen and Ben Franklin which Garrard will publish next year.

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AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL, except to put out the welcome mat to all working writers who want to join the ranks of the pros to talk shop and socialize once a month. SEATTLE FREE LANCES, about 35 years old, is the only pro group of writers in the Pacific Northwest, and if you are interested in joining, we'd like to check you out on eligibility.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE APRIL MEETING SHOULD BE PHONED IN BY APRIL 1 -

Before Noon: BILL GRANBERG EM 4-4104⁵
After Noon: PAT MALONEY WE 2-7292

Hope to see all of you on April 4 -

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SEATTLE FREE LANCES

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Hi:

Here I am again with "the word" on Free Lances. We're having Bill Healy and Stan Eckley, both of Doubleday, as speakers in March. Between the two we should get a very clear picture of how a topnotch publisher operates. Dinner will be at the Windjammer again.

Our turnouts have been wonderful and I'm so glad you've liked the meetings so far. For any of you who didn't make it last time---let me brag and say it was certainly fun hearing about the new Seattle mag. What a coincidence to have one of our members, Joyce Waddell, appear with her daughter, who is Peter Bunzel's secretary. Joyce had not come for many years and we're hoping she will now get the habit. Ruth Kraemer was terrific speaking of English magazines.

This reminds me, speaking of the new mailing list---Irene Foster's name was omitted---she got lost in the shuffle of my revision work. So please add her name. She lives at 2021 25th Ave. E. and her phone number is Ea 4-8480. Marg Nelson's phone number is now Sh 7-0375 and Mary Lou Sherer's is Sh 7-1595. Despite the fact that I put my address on the list as Woodinville we're still in the builder's house in Kirkland, but we have hopes of moving into our new place in the next few weeks. When we do and I learn our new number I'll give it to you. If any of you have addresses of former members who are not on our mailing list, let Molly and me know. Then I hope everyone stops moving or having phones changed until I go out of office!

Alan Nourse brought me up to date on his doings---he wrote from Fairfax, Vermont, saying he was sorry not to join us at the Windjammer but it would be quite a long trip. He said, "I have finished work at Time, Inc., on the book called THE BODY." This is not a bio of Marilyn Monroe, but a book in the LIFE Science Library series. Alan said, "the history of the weird and wonderful way a writer works with that outfit would make a fine program for the group some evening, except that it would make everybody want to sit down and cry." Personally, I'm willing to shed a few tears! I'll read you the rest of the letter at the Windjammer.

The second sheet of this letter contains an explanation of how members are recruited. With so many new members we felt it might be helpful. Ruth Kraemer dictated it to me and Frank Pierce okayed it; it ought to be right, so help me!

All for this time---anyone with news, let me know. Don't forget Gladys Nelson is our publicity chairman. Call Molly, La 3-8849 for reservations, or call me at Va 2-0960.

Tuesday, March 3, 1964
The Windjammer
Cocktails 6:00
Dinner 6:30
\$3.50

According to the by-laws of the Seattle Free Lances the membership committee must consist of three or five members and of men and women, unevenly divided. A member wishing to sponsor a writer must find out if he or she is eligible and bring the prospective member to a meeting as a guest, introducing him and telling what he does. No mention is made to the guest of having him join.

After this dinner meeting the member writes a letter telling the membership committee of the person's qualifications and gets magazines or at least one book for presentation of credentials. Acceptance of a book in writing by a publisher (not vanity publishers) can be used. Three short stories or three articles in a single year accepted by a national magazine is required for a non-book writer.

Members are voted in at the two closed meetings each year, April and November.

It has been suggested and the membership committee (Frank Pierce, Jim Stevens and Ruth Kraemer) agree that a change should be made if the members of Free Lances concur. It is felt the next to last sentence should read "One short story or one article to a national magazine and evidence that the writer is a professional is required for a non-book writer; this last being at the discretion of the committee." This change will be put to a vote in April.

This means that March is the last chance you will have to bring guests who are prospective members in order to have them voted on in April---no closed meeting for membership voting until November after that.

16505 152nd Pl. N. E.
Woodinville, Wash.
March 30, 1964

Hi:

Here I am again, and the address is legitimate this time---we're really in the new house. The phone number for your roster is HU 6-5923. I'm late writing this letter chiefly because until tonight I could not get myself well enough organized to sit down to the typewriter! Boxes, boxes, boxes! It's a wonder if I don't have nightmares for months, with me doing nothing but unpack boxes. The movers tipped my files so that folders slipped down behind the drawers and papers slid out of the folders --- well, you get the picture! Anyway, the house is a real dream, a perfect one, so come out to see us!

As for news---in a telephone call from Elizabeth Montgomery my breath was fairly taken away. Her book on DeSoto, published by Girard is just off the press; her 4th book in 6 months. She is now doing one on Lewis and Clarke and in August one comes out on Alexander Graham Bell. She said she's on the last of her "story behind" books for Dodd Mead (high school age); that a single chapter of one of these Great Documents series is as much as a whole book of the others. In the bargain her elderly aunt has kept her tied up because she broke a hip and for this reason Elizabeth has missed some of the meetings. She just received \$100 for reprint rights to a chapter out of a book called Sally Does It that she wrote 24 years ago.

The word from Zoa Sherburne is that Ballerina On Skates just sold to Berkeley Press with a \$1,000 advance for 150,000 copies! Zoa is going to be our speaker for April, the closed meeting, telling us what can happen to a book after publication. I wish something like a \$1,000 advance would happen to me after publication!

The April meeting will be at the Norselander in deference to those members who have been unable to make it out to the Windjammer. Then in May we return to the Windjammer to hear Charlotte Paul speak about her job on the parole board. It was nice to hear so many favorable comments on the Windjammer and I appreciate them. Remember this April meeting is the one at which we vote in new members.

In cleaning out my files and some desk drawers I came across an old Freelance membership list. Judging from my own address on it I think it is for 1948, and I wondered where some of the old members are hiding. I'll bring it along to show you.

Frank Pierce phoned to say the Saturday Evening Post had a story in by a former Freelancer, Ron Hubbard, titled Have You Ever Been A Boo Hoo? Frank and Jim Stevens had been reminiscing about the days when Ron belonged to the group, with a red beard and a different wife. Frank thinks he's had three divorces and is now happily married for the 4th time. Perhaps the Boo Hoo has something to do with his present state of marital happiness---it seems he's founded a new religion. In talking to Frank just tonight I learned of the death of Robert Ormond Case, who was a good friend of Frank's. Frank received a letter from him a few days before he died on Good Friday. Frank recalled a trip the two of them made, going almost to Siberia together. On another trip

they went to Reno where Case introduced Frank to Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. and they went to a party at his house. Sometime during the party a girl passed out (Vivian, you must have missed a good party) and Vanderbilt asked Frank, "Why do they always pass out in my car?" Frank said he told him, "We both know."

With which little anecdote I'll leave you. Come Tuesday night April 7 to the Norselander---Frank will bring the copy of The Post and probably we can get him to tell us a few more tales! And that also reminds me---the May meeting will be on the first Wednesday night instead of the first Tuesday, so this will accommodate those members who never can come on a Tuesday.

As they used to say back in Kentucky, "Y' all come now, y' hear?"

Tuesday, April 7, 1964
The Norselander
Cocktails 6:00
Dinner 6:30
\$3.00

Peg

P.S. Your dues are due! (\$2)

16505 152nd Pl. N. E.
Woodinville, Washington

September 27, 1964

Hi:

It looks like I'm off for the home stretch -- October, November and December -- then a new regime for Freelances! Our first meeting for the Fall will be at the Windjammer, Tuesday night, October 6th. The usual time -- 6 o'clock cocktails; 6:30 dinner.

Two speakers are lined up again -- Miss Helen Skahill, head of the juvenile department of the Seattle Public Library, and Leroy Soper, buyer for the University Book Store. It should be interesting to hear the reasons why two such different mediums purchase or refuse to purchase books! Miss Skahill also plans on explaining the methods used in making national book awards and what subjects she feels are needed today.

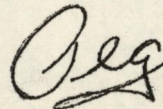
Molly is just back from N. Y. Helen Ross returned just before our picnic at Lucile's. They should both have a few things to tell us in the cocktail bar before dinner. So do call either Molly at LA 3-8849, or call me at HU 6-5923 for a reservation.

The news about Ken Boyle's stroke was a shock -- I hope that by the time this reaches you he has improved. Ken promised to be our speaker in December when I saw him in Frederick's a week ago.

Beth Eberhart phoned to say that she and her husband have given up writing and are both painting these days. She asked to be taken off the mailing list, but said that they would like to come to a meeting and have dinner with us sometime. She said to tell you all 'hello'.

I received word the day of Lucile's picnic that I'd sold another teen-aged novel -- this one is called "Faraway Farm." Muriel Guberlet is at work on a biography. Come tell us what you're doing!

See you at the Windjammer.



Peg Strachan Alexander
President, Seattle Free Lance Writers

Tuesday
October 6
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Cocktails - 6:00
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Seattle Free Lances have missed seeing you at recent meetings, and wonder whether you would like to have your name included in a new roster which is to be prepared. If so, will you please contact one of the following by August 1st:

Irene Foster EA 4-8480
942 Harvard Ave., East, Seattle 98102

Helen Orlob WEst 5-1508
10477 Maplewood Place, Seattle 98146



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