

AZKatz Publishing Newsletter

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14 October 2017, was the second World Wide [Indie Author Day](#), and this year our local Alamogordo, New Mexico [Library](#) participated. Although we joined in late, our Research Librarian, Jean-ann Stump did a wonderful job of organizing the event. Although she had very little time to prepare for the event she did a marvelous job. With the help of Victoria Berry, a lovely presentation room was prepared for the event speakers. In addition, a separate room was provided for participating authors to meet and greet readers.

Throughout the afternoon, library visitors had ample time to stop at author tables to meet participating authors.



Although [Dr. Marlowe](#) is no longer with us, more great reading can be found on his website blog.

During the presentations, Roxanne Richardson, literary trustee to the late Dr. Shaughn Webster Marlowe, paid tribute to his published works including four books spanning topics from humor - *A Chuckle a Day Keeps the Shrink Away*, antebellum historical fiction - *Under the Lion's Paw*, an autobiography - *Secrets of an Old Man's Girlhood*, and a prequel to his memoir about his family history - *The Potato in Clancy's Attic*.

Roxanne noted that Dr. Marlowe had authored a collection of poetry as well as an unfinished book about mortality (*Waking Up Dead*). Showcasing the range and scope of his writing, she chose to read his short and humorous self-obituary followed by an eloquent literary self-portrait about acceptance and diversity. Roxanne honored Dr. Marlowe's presence in Alamogordo, New Mexico as neighbor, advocate for social justice, listener, advisor, and friend.

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Participating Event Authors



Jay Brenner offered her action mystery thriller *Midnight* and two others in the trilogy. As a preview for the soon to be released *Shelly's Flight*, Brenner read from the first chapter of the book. *Shelly's Flight* was a David Morrell Prize for Fiction finalist. The release date is scheduled for 13 November of this year.

In addition to fiction, Brenner also has written *Southeastern Arizona Treasures*, a downloadable hikers guide for tablets or phones. [Find Jay's Books here.](#)



Kristine Kalar, George Frost, Jay Brenner

Richard Stone's said, "Without stories, life becomes a book cover without the pages – nice to look at, but not very fulfilling... At the end of our lives, after we have passed on, all that is left of us is our story. In a peculiar way, these stories are our ticket to immortality."

The Alamogordo Writers of Leisure, otherwise known as A.W.O.L., is a group consisting of a trio of New Mexicans, who for the first time, came together to share some of their individual life adventures. For a year, they feverishly wrote and compiled these stories that describe glimpses into decades of both rural and urban life, from the Great Depression through to the present day.

The goal of this compilation is to take the reader along these journeys, which are laced with humor, drama, and tragedy. Although many of the stories play out within a nostalgic Americana, there are global adventures as well.

Taking Stones' words to heart, Kristine Kalar, George Frost and Jay Brenner, have started down a branch in their life's path that has lead them to writing down their stories, reserving their place for that ticket to immortality. [Find A.W.O.L. here.](#)



Gwynn Morgan, a lifelong southwest resident, finds endless inspiration in the natural beauty, ethnic diversity, colorful history and marvelous variety of the American southwest. She brings a strong flavor of this exciting region into every one of her novels which she calls “romantic adventures.”

Bitten hard and early by the writing bug, she wrote her first verse at age eight and soon afterwards began to try her hand at fiction. Serious pursuit of a writing career was put on hold while she went to college, found employment with the U.S. Government, married and raised a family. Finally after ending a twenty-five year civil service career, she found her niche in writing romance — but romance with a unique Southwest ambience.

In between hours at the keyboard, she enjoys a wide range of creative and outdoor activities such as reading, Celtic-ethnic music, rock-hounding and lapidary, astronomy, nature photography, sewing and crafts, hiking, back-road driving in her fiery red Mazda pickup, the Red Hot Mama, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and a few special friends. [Gwynn Morgan's books](#)

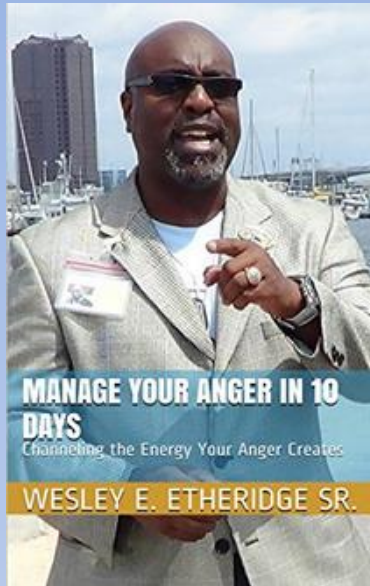


Amy M. Bennett was born and raised in El Paso, Texas, so that automatically makes her a native Texan... but then she's spent most of her life in New Mexico, so she can claim dual citizenship!

[Amy M. Bennett books](#)

End of the Road is the first book in the Black Horse Campground series. For the most part, Black Horse and Bonney County exist in her imagination, but visit the Ruidoso / Lincoln County region of New Mexico and you'll see how she happened to find it. As for Corrie Black and her friends, Amy hopes you enjoy reading about their adventures as much as she enjoyed writing about them... and she hopes there are many more adventures to come!

When she's not writing, she is a cake decorator at Walmart in Alamogordo, New Mexico; slinging vino at Noisy Water Winery in mid-town Ruidoso; and being a wife to Paul (since 1988) and mom to Paul Michael (since 1994) as well as enjoying life in general in Bent, New Mexico.



Find out more about [Wes here](#)

New to our community is Wesley E. Etheridge Sr., USN (Ret.). He is a MTS/ DCAMF Principal Consultant at GCS Facilitators & Consultants, based in Washington D.C.

After 20 years of facilitating and developing coaching strategies, Wes E. Etheridge Sr. has created a curriculum born in the trenches. He is now a leading authority on military veterans and anger management. His *Manage Your Anger in 10 Days*, has been modified for individuals to use on their own.

Etheridge has developed a system using five pillars to reinforce the best of cognitive behavior therapy techniques, which help you learn more about yourself in order to manage the energy anger creates, and channel that into productive energy.



It is my hope that next year's 3rd World Wide Indie event will include more of our local talent. This year's attending authors have proven you don't have to be a *New York Times* best seller to be a talented success!

In the interim, check out these authors, and sample some of their stories. Authors particularly like it when they hear from readers. Positive or negative, it always gives food for thought.

Until next time, share smiles with all you meet, don't pass up opportunities to develop new friends, and most importantly, love one another.