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LIBRARY IN ENGLISH

Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting November 19, 2021

at 10:30

at:

Temporary lieu: Frutties Planet Charmilles

The L.I.E. premises

3, rue de Monthoux

Assignment: Humour

Leader: Marlene

We researched the area where vaccinated and nonvaccinated members could gather, though finding a terrace which provided reasonable conditions to meet and read our submission, proved difficult. Therefore, due to these strict requirements attendance was reduced to **Rose**, (leader) and **Marlene** (secretary). After registering our COVID sanitary certificates, we met at Frutties to share our writing on the optional assignments.

The Reading Room of the Library is not yet available as the Library is closed on Fridays. Until further notice the meetings will be held at Frutties.



Business:

Rose confirmed the Library's opening hours for returns and lending: 12:30 to 16:00. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Saturdays, and Sundays, 11:30 to 13:00. All visitors should use the main entrance, wear masks, and use hand sanitiser.

The November book sale is scheduled for the 5th to 7th upstairs at the Library. The hours are: 5th & 6th 10:00 – 16:00 and the 7th 11:30 – 16:00.

As there was no further business to attend to, we discussed the pros and cons of self-publishing: options, e-books, hard copies, price, manuscript layout, editing, and available marketing. We then proceeded to reading our selected pieces on 'Fear' and 'Ebb & Flow of Life'.

Reading:

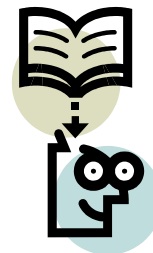
Marlene wrote an analytical piece on how a leader had to face her fears to protect her people. Highlighting insecurity and feelings of inadequacy being only a form of fear which is hidden in our everyday emotions, thoughts, and actions. However, facing fear with determination and accepting that it is behind everything, helps us to cope.

Her second piece on the ebb and flow of life described a day out by two old friends. The outing by car to Valais, began with the two happily reminiscing and enjoying the ride. When the weather changed into an unexpected and heavy snowstorm, it turned into an anxious and perilous journey.

Rose's piece recounted the fear of a woman attacked by a serial stalker who was released from prison early. Confident and vivacious before, she was reduced to a panic-stricken person who jumped at every sound. A friend advised she join a support group. This turned her life around and she finally became a counsellor for other victims.

On the ebb and flow of life, her piece was entitled 'My Journey'. Fascinated by maps from an early age, she treasured *Pears' Encyclopaedia* which her parents had bought at a second-hand bookstore. Throughout her life, she had often poured over the

maps and descriptions of the countries contained therein. During her married life they travelled far and wide experiencing what she had only read about before. They lived the high life. However, bad luck hit, and they were forced to file for bankruptcy, then her husband died. After 10 years she managed to rebuild her life, though the *Pears' Encyclopaedia* remained a constant. Now she shared and saw those maps through the eyes of her grandchildren.

**Future Dates & Assignments:**

You will be advised of any date changes from those listed below before the end of the year. We list the leaders and proposed optional assignments for **2021**:

Nov 19: Humour - Marlene

Dec: No meeting

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