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Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting*** June 16, 2023

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: Age is a State of Mind

Leader: Zinat

With strong winds and unpredictable weather, we met at Frutties, Planet Charmilles, as the Reading Room in the Library was not available to us. We ordered our tea and settled down in comfort for our meeting. Our meetings will be held at Frutties until further notice.

In attendance was **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) **Françoise** and **Carol**. **Zinat** was absent.



Business:

Rose welcomed a new member, **Carol Waites**, to the group. She will be a valued addition who already contributed to our meeting.

The Library is installing a lift which would be very welcome for those who have difficulty climbing the stairs.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to reading our pieces on a double bill: 'Eulogy' and 'Imaginary Town'.

Reading:

Marlene kicked off our meeting with two poems. The eulogy described the life led by the person. The second poem entitled 'Utopia' gave an idyllic rendition of a town where, surrounded by

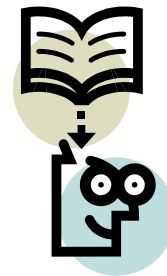
nature and harmony, help and support are at hand without being intrusive.

Françoise's tombstone spoke of finally conquering insomnia and dreams. Her 'The Town' in Armenia with ramparts which spoke of lost lives, also had homes huddled together with views of the sea and snowy mountains. Blue and green window frames off set flowers, and statue filled parks were the places where we forgot grief and sadness.

Rose read her 'RIP' where Marion visited her old town which never changed. On her way to pay respect to her parents she came across the tombstone of 12-year-old Jennifer. A cold feeling touched her when suddenly a man's voice said, 'don't touch it'. Back at the hotel she dreamt of Jennifer and a fair-haired man. Ready to go home the fair-haired man appeared and when she reached home, the same man with a young girl stood near her garden gate. She felt the town had become weird.

Carol read her piece combining the two topics about her two companions, one an Anglo-Saxon and the other a Latino. Her 1st husband, Roy, she met at the 200th anniversary of Australia and the 2nd, Alberto, soon after meeting Roy when he was looking for an appartement with his 2 sons. With Roy she moved to Geneva and had 2 sons. After

9 years Roy died of cancer and out of the blue Alberto phoned and they bonded. They married in 2014 and made their home in Geneva and travelled extensively. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2022.



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 **2023**:

Secretary: Marlene Jeanrenaud

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Leader: Rose Yarom

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- Jun 16 Age, a state of mind – Zinat
- Jul 21 Crossing Boundaries - Françoise
- Aug 18 The Roads not taken – Marlene
- Sep 15 A Biography – Françoise
- Oct 20 A Children's Story - Marlene
- Nov 17 A Book Review - Rose