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## Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting January, 16, 2026

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: December Holidays

Leader: Rose

With unseasonal mild winter weather, though with snow falling on the Alps we settled in at Frutties where we met for our meeting as the Reading Room of the Library is not available to us at present.

Those in attendance were **Rose** (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) and **Zinat**. We received apologies from **Françoise**, **Mer** and **Carolyn**.



### Business:

**Rose** asked the group for ideas on topics for the coming year, and we finalised the dates, topics, and leaders for the various meeting during 2026.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to share our submissions for the Open assignment.

### Reading:

**Zinat** began with an inspirational piece, guiding us to open our hearts and allow the Light of knowledge and goodness to enter. Appreciating everything around us, cleans up the dust of jealousy, resentments, etc. and allows Light into the garden of our hearts. Sharing the fruits of goodness from this growth with

everyone strengthens the divine Light.

**Rose** submitted 'That's Progress'. Anthoy Newley's 'Stop the World, We Want to Get Off' inspired a look at our fast-moving world. At a push of a button, we can pull up information and/or know exactly where we are. This was accentuated when in a restaurant they were handed menus on an I-Pad – printed menus didn't exist. Further, the majority of people are now glued to their phones, no matter where they are. Face-to-face contacts are disappearing and progress has its benefits, but it feels that it moves too fast.

**Marlene** read her essay 'The Measure of Time'. Major events in the world demarked time, and so too has the recent COVID pandemic. It has affected our sense of time to pre- or post-COVID. Further the acceleration of time and fast-moving technology has had an impact on how we perceive time. Logically and scientifically, these are the arguments explaining this distortion, but the esoteric view point is that we are susceptible to different timelines which are at the moment becoming fluid, some merging, even collapsing. It is essential that we understand the distortion of time on all levels to maintain our well-being. The remedy: stay in the present and remember to breathe deeply and evenly.

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The schedule and topics for 2025 is as listed below. Any changes will be advised before the due date.

**The list of dates, topics, and leaders will be sent to all under separate cover.**