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November 2020

November Meeting and Program



Welcome Back Shayla Raquel

Finding Your Antagonist's Saving Grace

If every hero has a major flaw, then every villain has a saving grace. Help your readers relate to your antagonist through these exercises and a fun "Who am I?" game, real-life villain style.

An expert editor, best-selling author, and book marketer, Shayla Raquel works one-on-one with writers every day. A lifelong lover of books, she has been in the publishing industry for ten years and specializes in self-publishing.

Her award-winning blog teaches new and established authors how to write, publish, and market their books. She is the author of the *Pre-Publishing Checklist*, "The Rotting" (in *Shivers in the Night*), *The Suicide Tree*, and #1 bestseller *The 10*Commandments of Author Branding. In her not-so-free time, she acts as organizer for the Yukon Writers' Society, volunteers at the Oklahoma County Jail, and obsesses over squirrels. She lives in Oklahoma with her dogs, Chanel, Wednesday,

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Link to Join the Zoom Meeting

(We will have a 10-15 minute business meeting before the program begins.)

Topic: Nov. 21 Program, Shayla Raquel

Time: Nov 21, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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In Memoriam Suzana Sandoval September 10, 1946 - November 4, 2020

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Suzana (or Suzie as she was known to many of us) was a longtime member of THPW and was our 2020 President-Elect as well as our dear friend. Besides being a wonderful writer, Suzie was a member of Toastmasters. She had a wonderful spirit. She will be missed. https://everloved.com/life-of/suzana-sandoval/obituary/

Support Texas High Plains Writers Through the Panhandle Gives November 23 – December 1

The Texas High Plains Writers is participating in The Panhandle Gives in coordination with the Amarillo Area Foundation. Please support this century-old writers' group by donating:

\$50 pays for refreshments at a bi-monthly meeting/program
\$100 pays for a virtual speaker workshop during COVID-19 pandemic
\$200 pays for a speaker and travel expenses at an in-person program
\$500 contribution to student writing contest scholarship

Or donate as little or as much as you can

Whether or not you donate, please help us spread the word by going to www.thepanhandlegives.org and clicking on "view organizations," type Texas High Plains Writers in the "Search Organization Name" field, click the Search button, scroll down, and click on the View Profile button. To the right of the Donate and Fundraise buttons are the Facebook and Twitter icons.

Click on one or both to help us spread the word. Thanks!

Why should you donate? If you give during The Panhandle Gives, THPW will receive MORE due to the Amplification Fund. The Amarillo Area Foundation has established the "Amplification Fund" comprised of money given from foundations, corporate sponsors, and individual donors. This

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be broken down by percentage per organization. Each organization will receive 100% of what was designated to them PLUS their percentage of the Amplification Fund. Donations must be received between November 23 through December 1 to be eligible for amplification.

There are many ways to give:

- online at <u>www.thepanhandlegives.org</u>
- drop off your donation at any of our sponsoring banks:
- Happy State Bank * FirstBank Southwest * Amarillo National Bank
- Make checks payable to The Panhandle Gives. Include Texas High Plains Writers in the MEMO section of your check.

To keep our communities safer while also increasing the dollar amount of contributions raised, Amarillo Area Foundation is paying all credit card fees for online donations

Meetings are held on the third Saturday in odd-numbered months: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome. There is no fee for members of Texas High Plains Writers to attend our regular bi-monthly meetings. A \$10 fee may apply to nonmembers.

(Note: We must occasionally switch our meeting location, or we may need to change the date to avoid conflicts. So, please check the address and date for each meeting.)

Our meetings/programs follow this schedule:

Check-In and Meet & Greet 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Business Meeting 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Program/Presentation 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Lunch On Your Own 12:15 - 1 p.m.
Critique Session, if Announced 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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