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GOLDEN CROWN LITERARY SOCIETY, INC

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

MISSION OF THE GOLDEN CROWN LITERARY SOCIETY



The Golden Crown Literary Society (GCLS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is education, promotion, and recognition of lesbian fiction and creative non-fiction. Our goals are to:

- 1) Provide learning opportunities, encouragement, and assistance to new and established writers in developing their craft;
- 2) Provide opportunities to promote lesbian literature including events that bring readers and writers together;
- 3) Recognize and reward quality lesbian literary works;



A Message From The Executive Director



Mary Phillips
Executive Director

Another amazing year! 2017 has been a year of change and moving forward. We have continued to grow and provide quality educational programs. It has been my pleasure to serve as executive director with such a dedicated board of directors, and an engaged and inclusive membership.

GCLS is always in a whirlwind of change because we believe growth is essential to maintain our excellence. One of our biggest changes this year comes to the awards process. Virginia Dodge Fielder and her crew of over 70 volunteers have delved deeply into the process. Many updates and changes are happening. The purpose of this review is to improve the awards process with more refined evaluation instruments.

A goal we are striving to achieve is to become a model of inclusivity and diversity. To assist in reaching this objective, Cheryl Head was appointed Director of Inclusion. Cheryl has consulted with lesbian writers and readers of color and various age groups to determine what is needed to promote more diverse writing, and to work toward creating a literary community that is welcoming to all.

The Writing Academy has become a thriving and self-sustaining program. The annual conference continues to grow in numbers and quality. 2017 was a banner year with the highest attendance ever at 360 registered attendees!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CON'T)

The organization will be reviewing and updating the strategic plan in early 2018 and charting new directions. Under the leadership of our new Director of Business Development and the Director of Inclusion we will be able to expand our outreach to the community locally, nationally, and internationally. In 2017, we hosted or sponsored 3 regional events.

None of the achievements we have attained would have been impossible without the support of our membership and donors. Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Phillips
President & Executive Director

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The GCLS Goldie Awards underwent extensive review.
- ◆ A new full scholarship program for the Writing Academy – Bridge Builder Scholarship.
- ◆ Added a Director of Inclusion to assist the organization to become a model of inclusivity and diversity within the community.
- ◆ Added a Director of Business Development to help expand our outreach to the community locally, nationally, and internationally.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS – EDUCATION



Beth Burnett, Director of Education

In 2017, the GCLS writing academy staff reached out to authors and publishers, to create new, and nurture existing professional relationships. Because of this, the Writing Academy now has a bank of award-winning, well-established authors willing to volunteer their time to help mentor students into creating the best version of their novels. This is important as we continue to raise the bar of excellence in lesbian literature.

Accomplishments:

- The 2017 graduating class as well as past graduates will have their stories published by Brisk Press in an anthology available in 2018.
- A new scholarship – Bridge Builder - has been provided for the Writing Academy specifically for women of color.
- The Sandra Moran Scholarship continues to grow with double the applicants in 2017.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS - EVENTS

Women's Week, Provincetown, Massachusetts

- Hosted a "Meet and Greet"
- Author readings and chats

Camp Rehoboth Women's FEST, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware –

- Hosted author readings and chats
- Participated in vendor expo

Left Coast Lesbian Conference (LCLC), Palm Springs, California –

- Hosted a vendor table
- Shared the GCLS mission



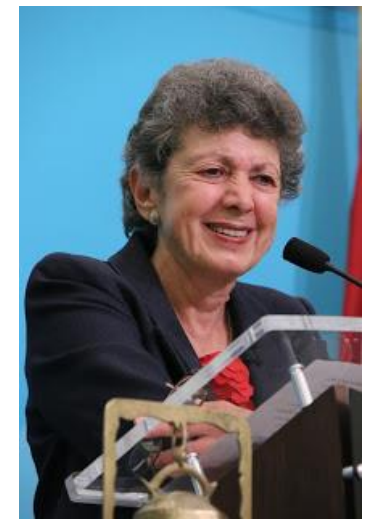
2017 HIGHLIGHTS – ANNUAL CONFERENCE



- **Leslea Newman**– Keynote Speaker
- “Heather Has Two Mommies” by **Leslea Newman**– 2017 Lee Lynch Classic Award Winner
- **Lillian Faderman**– 2017 Recipient of the Trailblazer Award
- 5 Master Classes; 30 panels and presentations
- Reader engagement activities
 - Karaoke
 - author readings and chats
- Golden Crown Literary Awards in 14 categories
- Awards presented in 5 special categories: Lee Lynch Classic Award, Trailblazer Award, Directors Award, Ann Bannon Popular Choice Award, Tee Corrinne Award for Outstanding Cover Design



Leslea Newman



Lillian Faderman

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Income Statement		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Revenue	\$ 164,594	167,609
Expenses	\$ 150,621	159,682
Professional Fees/Payment to Contractors	\$ 3,578	5,572
Occupancy / Rent/ Utilities/Maintenance	\$ -	-
Printing, Publications, Postage	\$ 822	1,497
Other Expenses (including Conference)	\$ 140,471	145,328
Writing Academy, Operations)	\$ 5,750	7,285
Total Expenses	\$ 150,621	159,682

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