

# Through the Power of Words

## October 2023 Terri Maue Newsletter



*“The words you speak become the house you live in.”*

*--attributed variously to Rumi and Hafiz, both Persian poets and mystics*



### Buffalo Seniors



I spoke to a small but delightful group of people at the West Seneca Senior Center. We had a wonderful, informal conversation about writing the book. That's my sister Pat to my right, sitting at the round table. She's a member of the Senior Center and arranged this for me. It was a great way to dip my toe in the water of speaking to total strangers about *Knife Edge*.

### Debut Party at Copper Cat Books

Wow, this was so much fun!



Here I am, feeling a little nervous  
but hiding (?) it well.



Amanda (right) has always been such an  
enthusiastic supporter. I'm glad she could  
celebrate with me.

The scavenger hunt was a big success! People had to find six cards, all relating to  
Knife Edge. Toni found the Emperor Valerian. Nina found Zee's Mini Cooper.





This gentleman, Timothy Connolly, volunteered to play his ukelele for us.

Signing, signing—we sold 20 books that day! Every one that Wendy ordered.



More friends—I felt the love!





My invaluable critique partner, Tonya Todd.



Wendy & I at the end of a very successful day.

Thanks to everyone who made it so!



Check out this window behind me. Is it any wonder I love Copper Cat Books!

1570 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Suite 170, Henderson

Visit it soon!

## Summerlin Book Festival

I had a blast at the Summerlin Book Festival. I learned that I can talk about my book for hours! To complete strangers! Here's my table display.



And here I am talking with some of the folks who attended.



Now that I'm a pro at this 😊, please join me

**Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**, my first Coffee House Tour signing at Shasta's Sweet Treats, 290 E Horizon Dr, Henderson.

**Thursday, November 2**, I will be a guest blogger on Lynn Slaughter's blog: <https://lynnslaughter.com/> Among other topics, I'll be discussing my character choices for *Knife Edge*, how my earlier careers in public relations and academia influenced my writing, and what's next for Zee, Rico, and me.

**Saturday, November 11, noon-2 p.m.**, I'm presenting a workshop, *Monsters in the Closet* (about the unexpected after-effects of a dream come true—hint: not all

of them were fun), for Sin City Writers Group, at Skinny Dugan's, 4127 West Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas.

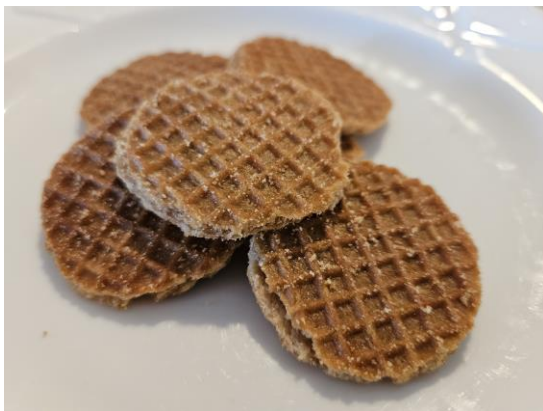
**NOTE to folks who want my book:** If you are coming to an event, I encourage you to buy *Knife Edge* ahead of time, rather than wait to buy it from me. Books I sell personally do not count for my sales numbers, and I want to sell enough books so that my publisher will be happy to produce book two! That said, I will always have books with me at signings, and I am totally happy to sign a book you bring to an event! Thank you!

## The Inside Scoop

Just a quick note: The manuscript for book two, tentatively titled *Dark Mirror*, is due to the editor November 15. I've finished the (lord-knows-what-number) draft, but now need to go back through and incorporate all the ideas that have come to me along the way. See, what happens is, I'm writing a scene in chapter 22, and I realize that this will work much better if I add a piece of information in chapter 3. But I don't want to stop the momentum, so I go to my outline and add a note to capture the idea. Yes, that's how we devious authors write! And yes, all that outlining I had to do in school is paying off.

## The Great Pastry Hunt: Update

Stroopwafles



All right, I confess this may be cheating a bit, but I saw a package of these intriguing cookies while out shopping, and I had to try them. This brand is Daelmans, described as the authentic Dutch stroopwafel.

Each cookie is comprised of two thin, lightly sweet, toasted waffles filled with caramel, cinnamon, and bourbon vanilla. They're slightly chewy, which allows the flavors to linger on the tongue—and possibly helps me not to eat so many!

Hunting for the best pastry to feature in book 2 has been a lot of fun. I'm going to change the focus of the hunt soon, but there's still time to send your pastry recommendation to me at [terri@terrimaue.com](mailto:terri@terrimaue.com).

Thanks for reading! See you in November!