

# Through the Power of Words

## July 2024 Terri Maue Newsletter



*Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it; it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died defending it. – Unknown*

*Perception is reality. – Lee Atwater*



### Meet My Village – Sin City Writers Group



Sin City Writers Group was the first writing group to welcome me when I moved to Las Vegas 8 years ago. That's our founder and guiding spirit, Toni Pacini, in the red shirt in the back.

Sin City writers have encouraged and guided me from my first meeting. I just wanted to give them a shout-out. Check them out on Facebook and Meetup, if you want to know more, or attend one of their events.

I know for a fact that it takes a village to create a book. This is one of mine.

## Where to Find Me in July

**Saturday July 27, 9 am – noon. Hooo-dunnit?** Join me at Bad Owl Coffee Roasters, 10575 S Eastern Ave, in Henderson.



I'll be offering a discount on *Knife Edge*. Pull a slip from my friendly owl's bag and win 5-10-or 15% off. Now that's a smart buy. 😊

This is a Coffee House Tour event, and I'll be appearing with another local author, Craig E. Higgins. He will be signing his intriguingly titled book, *Artichoke Stars and Chicken Fried Shark*. Here's a tidbit from the description on Amazon: *Fifteen-year-old Mickey Finley's wild imagination is about to become a reality...* All right, I'm curious.

## The Inside Scoop

Last month, I had to admit it; I'm human.

I'd been trying hard to complete all the revisions to *Dark Mirror* by July. Too hard, as it turned out. I'd gotten into the habit of sleeping around six hours a night, often less than that. And it mostly wasn't good sleep, either. It was what my friend calls 'fish-bobber' sleep. That's when you fall into sleep but keep surfacing, not necessarily coming fully awake, but no longer sleeping fully, either. The result was that I often woke feeling tired already.

Still, I persisted, pushing myself until one day, I began to try to write and could not. That night, probably around 3 a.m., I gave up. The next day, I contacted my publisher and explained that I needed more time. She was most gracious, told me to take care of my health, and granted my request.

I wanted badly to finish by July. So many people have told me how much they enjoyed *Knife Edge* and were eager for the next book. I didn't want to make them wait. I still hope we will bring out *Dark Mirror* sometime in 2025.

I thank you for your patience. At 75, I guess I'm slowing down. Slowing down but still moving.

## **The Great Pastry Hunt**

### Pineapple Sunshine Cake w Coconut



Okay, this isn't technically pastry, but when I tasted this cake at our community Father's Day potluck, I had to feature it. On a typically hot Las Vegas day, this dessert was moist and lightly sweet, actually refreshing. Every bite was infused with the bright juiciness of fresh pineapple and augmented by chewy coconut. The tropics in my mouth!

The sunny yellow cake doesn't need the frosting, but unlike some toppings, this one complements the cake without overpowering it. It's whipped, so it's light, and it boasts a surprise ingredient, vanilla pudding. That gives it a richness without weighing it down. The frosting also gets a touch of pineapple. It's crowned with toasted coconut for the perfect finish.

Back to bakeries next month. If you'd like to suggest a bakery, email me at [terri@terrimaue.com](mailto:terri@terrimaue.com)

Thanks for reading! See you in August!