



ROMANCE ALIVE

A networking newsletter for Western Pennsylvania Writers of Romance.

September issue

Hello! I was delighted by the response I received after the first issue of ROMANCE ALIVE hit the mailboxes! Our mailing list has expanded to nearly fifty names! I think we're really on our way to establishing a network of local writers.

This issue features local news, a report from one of our members on the RWA conference in Atlanta, and some news about upcoming local conferences. Best of all, we're listing the names and addresses of those members who have sent us the five dollar subscription fee, so that you can start communicating with each other on your own.

I've heard from many people who are interested in getting together, but no one can agree on a time and place. We have received information about the writers conference in Johnstown which is FREE! Nancy Martin has managed to secure a room so that we can all get together on an informal basis during the conference on Saturday. Let's plan on having a real meeting (yes, where everyone sits down and listens and talks and makes constructive suggestions) at 11 am on Saturday, October 5th. Peg Haight will be our local conference coordinator, so call her later this month for times, places and car pooling information.

Call

If you want information directly from the college, write to the Department of Continuing Education, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown, Pa.

See you there — Keep writing! Susan

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Dear Writers:

Welcome to the the Spring issue of RA, now the official newsletter of Pa RWA. Within you will find information on the May Writer's Conference, to be held May 7 at the University of Pittsburgh, Oakland campus. In early April you should be receiving a registration brochure. If not, contact Margie Fusco. Included in this issue are many tips on getting the most out of your conference experience, everything from wearing comfortable shoes to bringing business cards. Please make every effort to promote the conference by sending out to your local papers the press release suggested within.

Also inside, you will find a letter from our newly elected president, Susan Anderson, filled with current chapter happenings. The list of Pa RWA's charter members, including newly elected officers, along with names, addresses and telephone numbers is in this issue. Be sure to save it.

Recently, the officers met at Ebensburg and decided on Pennwriters as the official name for Pa RWA. This was in an effort to recognize that our members write in many genres. We're now in the process of incorporating.

As with every issue, we've crammed every square inch with writing tips, book news and a new addition, an author's corner. Featured this issue is Vicki Thompson, our Secretary.

As always, feel free to submit articles for RA to Fran Himes at any time. We only ask that you type them single space and in the form in which you want them to appear. Also, any market sales or personal news will be happily included. We're here to keep our members posted on any writing progress you have been making over the months.

See you in Pittsburgh,

Margie
Fran

President's Column



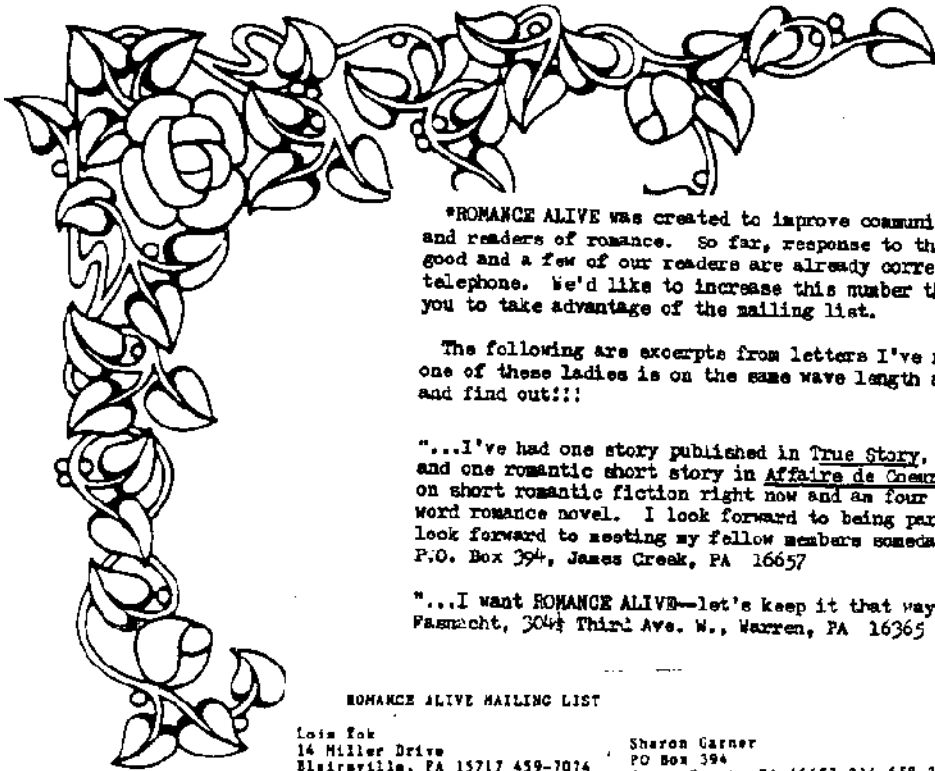
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I'm very excited as I sit down to write this column--and for good reason. The newly formed Pennsylvania Chapter of RWA can now boast a membership of thirty two people. I think this is marvelous! Every week there are more letters pouring in from people across the state who are interested in joining our chapter. I want to take this space to thank those who've offered their assistance and have given ideas on new projects. I'll be pooling these letters in the near future and organizing some projects. We'll keep you posted. In the meantime, we've many things on the agenda. The biggest being the Paperback Writer Conference set for May 7, at Pitt. This issue of Romance Alive is filled with details on the conference. Please, get the word out to your friends. Bring a car full of people with you! Another exciting project on the boards is a critiquing exchange. Liana Garwig is organizing this promising venture. Take a look at her letter in this issue and get involved. Every member of the PA RWA can benefit from this exchange.

I'm thrilled to be a part of our new network and I look forward to hearing from you. Please, if you have suggestions or comments, write and let me know. This chapter is for YOU. Welcome aboard!





*ROMANCE ALIVE was created to improve communications between writers and readers of romance. So far, response to the newsletter has been good and a few of our readers are already corresponding via mail and telephone. We'd like to increase this number though, and encourage you to take advantage of the mailing list.

The following are excerpts from letters I've received. Perhaps one of these ladies is on the same wave length as you. Get in touch and find out!!!

"...I've had one story published in True Story, two in Modern Romances, and one romantic short story in Affaire de Coeur. I'm concentrating on short romantic fiction right now and am four chapters into a 55,000 word romance novel. I look forward to being part of the network and look forward to meeting my fellow members someday." Sharon K. Garner, P.O. Box 394, James Creek, PA 16657

"...I want ROMANCE ALIVE--let's keep it that way--alive!" Batty B. Fasmacht, 304 1/2 Third Ave. W., Warren, PA 16365

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