



California State Poetry Society
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Newsbriefs ***2017, No. 4***

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and other holiday greetings from the Board of the California State Poetry Society (CSPS)! We wish you and yours health, wealth and happiness this season and always.

This fourth and last issue for 2017 comes to you in December with Vol. 43 No. 4 of the *California Quarterly (CQ)*, edited by Nancy Cavers Dougherty. Living in Sebastopol, Nancy and her husband were close to the fires in northern California and opened their home to some of the refugees from them.

News from the CSPS

This is the time for renewing your membership in the CSPS for 2018. If you haven't done so already, please do so! ☺ Pay via our website or send it to the address on the enclosed membership form. Our mailing labels show your current membership year.

A slate of CSPS officers is enclosed in this package for your perusal and action. If you have a write-in candidate for any of the offices—and you have their permission—please put their name in the space provided.

One of the poets published in the last issue of the *CQ*, Vol. 43 No. 3, inadvertently had “Joe” for a middle name added by yours truly. Being a resident of Denver, Colorado, it is likely Robert Cooperman doesn't even have cousins named Billy Ray or Bobby Joe. My story is that Excel “helped” me when I was building the spreadsheet of contributors. And I'm stickin' to it! ☺

Another of the poets published in Vol. 43 No. 3, Peter Grandbois, sent his thanks: “Thank you for ... the gorgeous new issue of *CQ*. I'm thrilled with it ... ”

Paulo Staglianò, whose poem we published in *CQ* Vol. 41 No. 3 several years ago, was interviewed recently on Italian television. He spoke about the *CQ* and showed a copy of it onscreen. We do seem to get around!

Longtime CSPS member, monthly contest winner and *CQ* contributor Lillian M. Fisher has had some good news recently. Her book, *Brave Bessie Flying Free*, will be adapted for a movie to be produced by Everett Chambers. It is the story of Bessie Coleman, an American who in 1920 traveled to France to become the first Black woman to earn a pilot's license. The film will be out in upwards of a year. ☺

When you have news you'd like to share with the members of the CSPS, please contact me at the email address below my signature and I'll try to post it on the website or include it in an upcoming *Newsbriefs*.

Contests, Contest Databases and Others

The West Chester University (Pennsylvania) Poetry Conference will be held this coming year (2018) June 6th – 9th. See <http://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/poetry/poetryConference.aspx> or email Ann Mascherino, the Programs manager, at poetry@wcupa.edu.

Pay particular attention to the enclosed brochure listing all the 2018 contests from the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). When you renew your membership in the CSPS for 2018, you're eligible to enter any or all of them! ☺

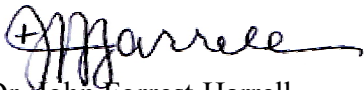
By the way, if you mail your **CQ** or contest submissions and include your email address in them, there is no need to supply a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) for a response from us.

The Mailing

This **CQ** mailing includes the 2017 No. 4 CSPS *Poetry Letter*, a 2018 Membership Form, the 2018 CSPS Monthly Contest Topics and Rules, the 2018 CSPS Publication Guidelines, the October 2017 NFSPS *Strophes*, the 2018 NFSPS Annual Contests brochure, a ballot for the CSPS Executive Board for 2018-2019, and this 2017 No. 4 CSPS *Newsbriefs*.

Praying you *all* are having a *great* holiday season and have *much* success with your writing, and on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Editors, I remain,

Very truly yours,



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