

## **SLWG Spotlight: *We're pleased to present...***

### **Marianne Blake**



**Short Fiction Writer, Business Writer, Journaler,  
Registered Nurse, Health Care Administrator, Animal Lover,  
SLWG Member of Distinction 2005, 2006, & 2007,  
SLWG Member since 2005**

**MARIANNE BLAKE** joined St Louis Writers Guild some 15 years ago during a period when the organization was struggling to grow membership and its only activity was a dinner meeting at a local restaurant that featured a speaker. After about a year, she dropped out. Then, two and half years ago, she received a letter one day from Robin Theiss inviting her to consider joining SLWG again. She attended a few workshops and found the "new Guild" to be a dynamic organization with many activities to support, educate, and network with writers. She rejoined and has been an enthusiastic and valuable contributing member ever since. For the past two years, she has served as Membership Chair and has also volunteered to assist the board with many programs and special projects.

Marianne is a St. Louis native. She grew up in Webster Groves. She earned her bachelor's degree as a RN and went on to earn a master's in Health Facilities Management. She has held several Nursing Management positions during her career.

For the last six years, she has worked in Human Resources at Barnes-Jewish Hospital doing recruitment for food and nutrition, working with international healthcare professionals to guide them through the immigration process, and coaching employees in finding suitable jobs. In addition to her work for SLWG, Marianne serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Mid America Transplant Services which procures organs for donation in St Louis and throughout the US.

An animal lover, she resides with a dog, cat and four talking parrots. It's never a dull moment in the Blake household! Her favorite hobby is reading and she is a big fan of mystery and medical thriller books. Currently, she is reading John Lutz and James Patterson books.

Marianne enjoys writing short stories and does plenty of business writing and journaling, too.