

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

Uma R. Eachempati, M.D.



**SLWG Member Since 2006
2008 SLWG Member of Distinction**

Uma R. Eachempati is a retired Obstetrician and Gynecologist and had practiced for 25 years in South St Louis. Uma came from India in 1969 after medical school and training in OB_GYN and ten years in the Medical service for the State Government in India. Uma is board certified in India, UK and USA. (The power of an education!)

One of Uma's hobbies is being a dancer in classical Indian Dance performed around the country as part of the troupe with Dances of India.

Most of Uma's extended family have written books -- philosophy, history, economics, and science. They have all been in Academics.

Uma's interest in writing started with a collection of letters written by her parents to each other between 1941-1945 during World War II when her father was a Japanese POW in Singapore. (Luckily for Uma, her father came back.) During Uma's practice of medicine, she met innumerable women - unsung heroines and felt their stories needed to be told.

Uma studied at Washington University St Louis and obtained 30 credits as required for an English Major to expose herself to the literary world, followed by a Certificate in Creative writing in 2001. Since then Uma has been concentrating on writing short stories and joined critique groups for improvement. Uma has had a few rejections, but hopes to make a "collection of short stories" for publication. Uma is considering her options for a writing project that will make use of her parents' letters.