

# PROCLAMATION

*Barrington Writers' Workshop 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
June 17, 2023*

***WHEREAS**, in 1977, the Barrington Area Arts Council proposed the idea to develop a writers' workshop in Barrington; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1978 Sandra Berris, as President of the Village Junior League, promoted the writers' workshop and took on a leadership role in the Barrington Writers' Workshop (BWW) as Chairperson, and writers began meeting monthly at a private home, and later relocated to the Barrington United Methodist Church; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1979 eighteen members met once weekly on Tuesdays to read each other's manuscripts and offer critiques, and within a year there were thirty-one members attending weekly meetings; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1984, BWW introduced a slate of speakers visiting on a regular basis, as a result of a grant from the Illinois Arts Council; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1987, a Wednesday evening writers' group was formed, meeting in the Pioneer Press office on James Street; and*

***WHEREAS**, in subsequent years, the Barrington Area Library supported BWW by providing a room for meetings and guest speakers, which ended due to the pandemic; and*

***WHEREAS**, currently, BWW includes over fifty members, with meetings convened online and in-person at the Barrington Masonic Lodge; and*

***WHEREAS**, BWW salutes two of its founding and current members – Jean Tolle and Sandra Berris, as well as the Barrington Cultural Commission for assisting with BWW's celebration of forty-five years of creative community in Barrington.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, do hereby extend a heartfelt congratulations to the **BARRINGTON WRITERS' WORKSHOP** as it celebrates its **45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** in the Village of Barrington.*

*Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023*



*Karen Darch  
Village President*