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Happy New Year.
Our annual holiday
party was a hit. We had
three appetizers to tide
us over until dinner.

After dinner we enjoyed chocolate and carrot cakes for dessert. Then we played the gift exchange game, which was a lot of fun.

January starts off with a dinner at Fitzgerald's in Genoa City on the 11<sup>th</sup>. See the flier on page 5 for details. There is a chapter meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

We have scheduled a first aid/ CPR class for February 22. The EWMA instructor will be coming from Peoria. It will be held in Lindenhurst and will only cost us \$25 per person. See the details in the flier on page 6. So put this on your calendars now as we can all use this class.

We hope to see all of you soon.

Ellary and Holly Kahan

# **G2 WEB PAGE**

# www.ilg2.com

Or ewma-world.org/IL-G2

and click the link

# **G2 PHOTO**

## **ALBUMS**

On EWMA Website under Members Resources > Photo Albums



### **January Birthdays**

- 16 Craig Gilsinger
- 17 Gary Cueno
- 28 Glenn Hansen



#### Got something to say?

This is your newsletter. We accept articles from any member. Send your articles to the editor at ellaryk@gmail.com. MS Word or equivalent format preferred. Text should be in Times New Roman font, single spaced with a one-quarter inch first line indent on all paragraphs except the first. No space between paragraphs. Use .5 in. margins. Any photos should be cropped for publication. All submissions become the property of IL-G2 and may be edited.

## **Upcoming G2 Events**

#### January

- 11 Dinner, Fitzgerald's, Natenberg
- 26 Chapter Meeting

#### February

- 8 Dinner, Donato
- 22 First Aid/CPR Class
- 23 Chapter Meeting

#### March

- 8 Dinner, Muhlenfeld
- 23 Chapter Meeting

#### April

- 5 Dinner, Thomas
- 2w7 Chapter Meeting

#### May

- 3 Brunch Ride
- 10 Dinner Ride, Wanke
- 15 Ice Cream
- 16-17 District Rally
- 18 Chapter Meeting

#### June

- 1-14 Colorado Trip
- 18-23 EWMA Ride In
- 22 Chapter Meeting

#### July

- 5 Brunch Ride
- 12 Dinner Ride, Bierman
- 17 Ice Cream
- 27 Chapter Meeting

#### August

- 2 Brunch Ride
- 9 Dinner Ride, Donato
- 16 Ski Show
- 19 Ice Cream
- 24 Chapter Picnic
- 26-3 Rendezvous

#### September

- 6 Brunch Ride
- 13 Dinner Ride, Cueno
- 16 Ice Cream
- 28 Chapter Meeting

#### October

- 4 Brunch Ride
- 11 Chili Social
- 18 Color Ride
- 26 Chapter Meeting

#### November

- 8 Dinner, Kahan
- 23 Chapter Meeting

#### December

6 - Holiday Party

#### **EWMA Store**

Order from mysticalmoment.biz Our shirt color is royal blue.

Our EWMA logo color is 205 yellow with a white eagle.

The right chest is "Chapter Illinois G2" in 205 yellow.

To order name badges contact
Tony Valicenti.

#### **EWMA**

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Chapter Meetings are held at the Whistle Stop Cafe, 15 E. Grand Ave, Fox Lake, 9 AM breakfast, 9:30 meeting.

# **Ride Coordinator**

ere we are the end of December and into the winter season. It's hard to believe we're here already, the year went by so fast. But we have a lot of good memories from 2024.

In the November newsletter I did a recap of our activities since May first. So feel free to peruse that issue and check out the amazing pictures from our rides. A couple of rides I enjoyed were Mark's dinner ride in the summer and Steve's dinner ride in September. Mark hosted the dinner at a new place for us. I created the ride which included some amazing roads and scenery. The route would have been on the long side if we included all the sites and left from the traditional stating point at Woodman's. I offered to omit one or two of the sites but Mark didn't want to leave anything out. So we left from a location just east of Woodman's so we could fit them all in. Then in September I developed an all new route to The Village Squire where Steve would host us that night. After a great dinner and lively conversation, we still had room for dessert. We didn't really know where to go next. A chocolate and candy store down the street solved the problem. Almost all of us had been past the store many many times but had never even thought to go in. They had a good assortment of ice cream flavors and plenty of candy to top it off. It was a beautiful night so we sat on some benches in a circle and watched the stars poke holes in the sky.

We all had a good time at the annual Holiday Party on December 7. It was held at the Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove again this year. Thanks to Warren and Kathy for putting it together. Ellary's Gift Exchange game was a lot of fun. It was very creative and allowed enough time for each of the gifts to be opened. Even though they were passed around several times I ended up with the gift that I brought that night. I guess that is bound to happen. Barb Harms and I traded gifts and all was well.

I'd like to give a special thanks to all the members of G2 and the staff for making this group what it is today. Whether I'm on the bike or in the car I look forward to seeing friends and having good conversation when we get together. I look forward to more of the same in 2025. Until then enjoy some pics from the Holiday party.

Stay warm, take good care and best wishes for the New Year. See you all next year!

Tim McGuire







# **Holiday Party**









Join us for

Dinner

on

January 11, 6 PM

at

Fitzgerald's
Genoa Junction Restaurant
727 Main Street (Hwy B)
Genoa City, Wis.
262-279-5200
(Cash only)

R.S.V.P

to

Greg Natenberg natenb8@aol.com

Wednesday, Jan. 8

## Join us for a

# First Aid/CPR Class

on

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025 Noon to 4 PM

at

Lake Villa District Library 140 N. Munn Rd. Lindenhust, III.

Fee is \$25 per person Payable to Illinois G2

R.S.V.P.
To Mark Muhlenfeld
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by
Sat., Feb. 8

# The Good Book Guide

ie Again (2014) is the tenth book in Tess Gerritsen's who knows secrets about them— Rizzoli & Isles series, which features Boston medical examiner Dr. Maura Isles and homicide detective Jane Rizzoli as they work together to solve complex crimes. This installment is a thrilling and tightly woven crime procedural that blends elements of mystery, suspense, and medical science.

In Die Again, the story begins with the discovery of a gruesome murder in a remote cabin in the woods. The victim, a woman who had been brutally killed and left for dead, is connected to a series of chilling deaths. The case leads Rizzoli and Isles to a complex investigation that ties back to a botched safari in Africa, where a group of tourists were attacked by poachers, and to a shadowy figure who has resurfaced after years of silence.

The story unfolds through multiple timelines, weaving between the present-day investigation and the events that occurred during the African safari. As Rizzoli and Isles dig deeper into the circumstances of the murders, they uncover a sinister pattern of revenge, and must race against time to catch the killer before more lives are lost.

Die Again is a solid entry in the Rizzoli & Isles series, offering a satisfying mix of suspense, forensics, and character dynamics. While it might not be the most groundbreaking or original installment, it is still a compelling read for fans of the series or anyone who enjoys a good, fast-paced thriller with a medical twist. Tess Gerritsen's mastery of suspense and her ability to create complex, multi-layered mysteries continues to shine through, making this book a worthy addition to her collection of works.

For those who enjoy police procedurals with a strong central duo and a gruesome but engaging mystery, Die Again is sure to deliver.

I Know a Secret (2017) is the twelfth book in Tess Gerritsen's Rizzoli & Isles series, following the dynamic duo of Boston detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Dr. Maura Isles. Known for its taut writing, medical intricacies, and dark, atmospheric tone, this installment delivers a chilling new case that tests the skills and resolve of both characters.

The story begins with a series of chilling events involving a number of seemingly unrelated murders. At the heart of the investigation is a former serial killer, known as "The Surgeon," who had terrorized Boston years ago and was thought to have been stopped. However, his legacy lingers, and now, someone else appears to be mimicking his gruesome methods.

As Rizzoli and Isles investigate, they uncover a disturbing pattern: the victims all have links to a particular event—an earlier case involving a deadly hostage situation and the trauma it left behind. With the old wounds from The Surgeon's reign of terror reopening, the case grows more complex. As they delve deeper, both Rizzoli and Isles struggle with their own personal demons, while also grappling with the terrifying idea that the killer may not only be someone mimicking The Surgeon, but someone

dark secrets that threaten their own safety.

The book unfolds with the typical fast-paced action, medical forensics, and suspenseful twists that readers have come to expect from the series. But it's the emotional stakes—particularly the



psychological toll of revisiting the terror from the past that add a deeper layer of intensity to the story.

This is another solid entry in the *Rizzoli & Isles* series, with Tess Gerritsen delivering a suspenseful, fast-paced thriller. The emotional stakes are high, the tension palpable, and the central characters continue to shine. Fans of the series will enjoy the exploration of the trauma that both Rizzoli and Isles carry from past events, and the book effectively builds suspense as it layers personal stakes on top of the investigation.

Though there are a few moments of predictability and some slight pacing issues, I Know a Secret remains an engaging read for fans of medical thrillers and police procedurals. The darker psychological elements and the lingering shadow of The Surgeon make it a compelling continuation of the series, keeping readers invested in both the case and the characters' personal journeys.

**Listen to Me** by Tess Gerritsen is a suspenseful psychological thriller that blends emotional depth with taut, engaging storytelling. Gerritsen takes a slightly different approach in this novel, focusing more on personal relationships, psychological tension, and mystery.

The story revolves around two main characters: Dr. Sabrina "Brie" Finch, a psychiatrist, and her husband, Jake, a seasoned detective. Their lives are shaken when Brie starts to experience unsettling phenomena: she hears voices, a kind of psychic whispering that seems to be tied to traumatic events from the past. As Brie and Jake delve deeper into the mystery of these occurrences, they become entangled in a case that challenges both their personal and professional lives.

The book explores themes of trauma, perception, memory, and how much of reality can be distorted by psychological wounds. As the narrative unfolds, secrets from the past come to light, pushing the characters to confront not just external threats, but their own emotional and mental vulnerabilities.

Listen to Me is a strong psychological thriller with Tess Gerritsen's signature combination of complex characters, sharp writing, and twisting suspense. It's a compelling read for fans of both psychological and medical thrillers, though the pacing may be uneven for some readers. If you're looking for an atmospheric mystery with an emotional core, Listen to Me is an engaging choice, even if it doesn't break entirely new ground in the genre.

Ellary Kahan.