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AUTHORS ADDRESS THE RITE OF WRITING AT PENINSULA VOLUNTEERS AUTHORS SALON LUNCHEON

Luncheon raises almost \$65,000 for critical senior services

MAY 4, 2014 – *Menlo Park, CA* The audience at the 23rd Annual Authors Salon were enthralled by stories of the writing process from a panel of four distinguished authors moderated by Paul Goldstein, winner of the Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction.

On the panel were New York Times bestselling historical novelist Margaret George, *Elizabeth I*; emerging author Tracy Guzeman, *The Gravity of Birds*; Susan Shillinglaw, *Carol and John Steinbeck: Portrait of a Marriage*; and Ron Hansen, *She Loves Me Not:*

New and Selected Stories and A Wild Surge of Guilty Passion.



Left to right: Author Salon Chair Ana Hays McCracken, Paul Goldstein, Susan Shillinglaw, Margaret George, Tracy Guzeman, Ron Hansen. Inset: Ann Davidson.

The honorary fifth panelist was Ann Davidson, author of Alzheimer's, A Love Story and A Curious Kind of

Widow: Loving a Man with Advanced Alzheimer's. Mrs. Davidson shared her journey with her husband, a Stanford Medical School Professor of Physiology, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1990 at the age of 59. She expressed her appreciation for the staff and services at Rosener House where her husband was a participant for 15 months.

The Authors Salon raised almost \$65,000 for senior services. The program also included a Fund-A-Need auction that raised in five minutes \$10,000 for the physical therapy program at Rosener House, a leading provider of adult day services in the United States providing respite and peace of mind to families of older adults with memory impairment and other limitations including Alzheimer's disease..

Peninsula Volunteers' Authors Salon has presented bestselling authors for 23 years, many of whom have won national and international awards. Salon authors are selected for their entertaining speaking abilities, as well as for their literary merits.

About Peninsula Volunteers, Inc.

Peninsula Volunteers, Inc., a pioneer in senior services, was the first volunteer organization to receive a HUD grant to develop and build low-income senior housing in the United States. For 66 years, Peninsula Volunteers has created and provided high quality and nurturing programs for the aging on the Peninsula, allowing them to pursue long and useful lives. Each year Peninsula Volunteers delivers over \$5 million in services, including over 130,000 hot meals to seniors and the homebound, and impacts over 4,500 households through its programs: *Meals on Wheels*; *Little House, The Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center*, *Rosener House Adult Day Services*; and *Peninsula Volunteers Properties, Inc.* The latter provides 82% of the affordable senior housing in Menlo Park at Crane Place and Partridge/Kennedy Apartments.

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