

## Frequently Asked Questions 2023-2024

### **Q) How are the authors selected?**

- The Author Selection Committee reads 20+ books that are recommended by members of the committee, members at large, and our literary agent,
- The Author Selection Committee narrows the selection to 12 books, and then a group of 20-60+ members read and rank the books. This ranking gives us our top 6-8 choices.
- These choices are sent to our literary agent, who goes to work to secure the authors. The agent has to stay within our budget and find authors who are available to come to Phoenix/Tucson for four luncheons.

### **Q) What does it cost to bring in the featured authors?**

- Our annual author budget for the 2023/2024 season is \$140,000. It includes the authors' fees, hotel accommodations, local transportation, airline transportation, and miscellaneous expenses.

### **Q) How do I arrange to sit at the Author's Table?**

- If you are interested in sitting at the **Author's Table**, we encourage you to ask by sending your request to Megan at [info@literarysoc.com](mailto:info@literarysoc.com).

### **Q) How can I get more involved with the Literary Society?**

- Members are encouraged to share a particular passion or expertise by joining a Literary Society committee:

**Author Advisory**

**Finance**

**Grants**

**Events**

**Membership**

**Development & Communications**

- If you are interested in joining a committee, please email us at [info@literarysoc.com](mailto:info@literarysoc.com), and a board member will contact you.
- If you are at a luncheon, please share your interest with a Board Member or speak to someone at the registration table.

### **Q) What determines the price of lunch?**

- The Literary Society charges its members the per plate cost (food, tax, tip, wait staff) dictated by our venues. No profit is made on the luncheon fees. In fact, there are certain luncheon expenses that are not included, such as venue charges, microphone charges, and valet parking availability. The Literary Society absorbs these costs in our budget.

***Q) Can I attend a luncheon that is on a different LSSW day than the day I designated when I renewed/joined?***

- If there is availability, we can accommodate requests to attend a luncheon that is on a different day.
- Direct your request via email to Megan at [info@literarysoc.com](mailto:info@literarysoc.com)

***Q) How many guests can I bring per luncheon?***

- **Based on availability**, each member can bring one (1) guest per luncheon, a total of five (5) per author season. Members are not allowed to bring the same guest twice.
- A guest is only allowed to attend once per season, regardless of his/her host.

***Q) May my guest attend a different luncheon than the one I attend?***

- Yes, contact Megan at [info@literarysoc.com](mailto:info@literarysoc.com). We will try to accommodate your request based on availability.

***Q) Are there other ways to further enjoy the luncheons or have access to the authors?***

- **Host a small Private Event** with an author (maximum of 25 guests) and invite friends or business associates to share the experience. Included in your donation to host an author (most of which may be tax-deductible) will be 10 signed copies of the author's book and recognition as the author host on the Literary Society website, at the luncheons, and in our newsletter. Cost: \$5,000
- **Become a Sponsor** and receive complimentary memberships, access to private author events, recognition from the podium, in our newsletters, and on our website, among many other benefits. There are several levels of sponsorship, and we encourage you to contact Carrie at [info@literarysoc.com](mailto:info@literarysoc.com) and/or visit our website for more information.

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