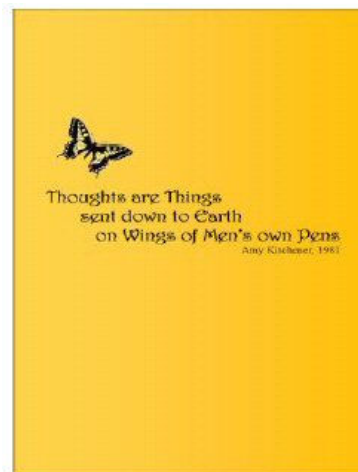


GORGEOUS GOLDEN WORDS!! BOOK DRAWS RAVE REVIEWS

Barbara Callahan Quin (Great Spirit Publishing), designer and publisher of the 2012 GOLDEN WORDS anthology containing winners of the 20th Senior Poets Laureate Poetry Competition has not stopped getting compliments since this radiant book came out. It glows! Congratulations, Barb, and thanks! Details on how to order are under the cover at left. As a gift to readers of The Diplomat, Barb turned the back cover into a poster you may print out free. It contains the seed quote by Amy Kitchener from 1981 from which the Senior Poets Laureate contest eventually grew (right).

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2012 New York Senior Poet Laureate Update VINCENT J. TOMEO'S IDENTITY-THEFT

The costly ongoing attempt by Vincent J. Tomeo to resolve his identity-theft matter is still in the courts. It recently drew public attention in a feature by Paul DeBenedetto on Oct. 19 in the online journal info.comNewYork. Full story was at:

dnainfo.com/newyork/20121019/.../former-queens-teacher-cyber-bullied-for-months-lawsuit-alleges. Highlights are excerpted here.

"Vincent Tomeo, 65, a self-described poet and history teacher . . . says unnamed people harassed him by posting a litany of comments on at least nine different websites . . . 'When I walked into his office to ask him a homework question, he was all flush purple and unresponsive,' one comment on RateMyTeachers.com allegedly said. 'His head was tilted backwards, he was snoring and mumbling, and he even urinated himself.'

"The harassment went on for about six months, Tomeo said, and he even had to contact RateMyTeacher.com to have the comments removed. . . Tomeo said the offenders created a fake account . . . and posted poems in his name. . . according to the complaint filed in Queens Supreme Court. . . in one doctored image, Tomeo is shown 'injecting drugs into his arm' . . . He and his lawyer, Joseph M. Brunner, are planning to subpoena internet service providers to find out the commenters' and posters' identities."



News/Releases by Senior Poets

Carol Leavitt Altieri, Connecticut: Presently I'm trying to publish a book of poetry, *Chronicles of Humans With Nature*, and have sent it off to two publishers and have entered some of the poems in various contests..

Lyla Faircloth Ellzey, Florida: Recently published a collection of short stories *She is Woman--* courageous, compelling and captivating (and sometimes outrageous).

T. Leona Tollison, Ph.D, South Carolina: I have a book, *Beautiful Poems Beautiful Places with a Different Twist*. None are modern poems. On [Xlibris](http://Xlibris.com) and Amazon.com.

Betty Lipton, Florida: I'm having a small chapbook, *On a Wednesday my Childhood Died*, published by Bear House Publishing.

Alexandra Moss Zannis, Indiana: A feature about her life as a singer and her book *Categorically Speaking* was in the *Neighbors Sunday Online Section* Oct. 23, 2012 at www.news-sentinel.com.