

## September 2020 Client Corner: Reading, Writing and Health Insurance

When one of our Kempville members, Sue Leasure, asked Kemp Financial Management for an insurance referral, I'm sure she was not expecting the result that ensued, nor were we. Sue did indeed get the insurance advice she needed, but she also got a friendship and a series of books that has kept these quarantine times a lot more interesting.

The friendship was revealed to KFM during our last update meeting when we asked Sue "what keeps you entertained?" Sue was quick to respond with a thanks for the help with insurance, but also how much she enjoyed reading Diana Stone's works. Sue was quite surprised that we didn't even know Diana was a writer.

Diana Stone is a health insurance agent, former LAPD officer, and current author. She has a series of books, "Misadventures in the Wine Country" about a character named Jessica who is a strong 31 year-old woman who is starting over after her divorce. She moves to the wine country (Santa Ynez Valley) with her two horses and gets into wild and dangerous situations. She always learns something fun, like making mead, or coffee liqueur; rides into an arson fire and has to gallop to safety. Lots of hairy situations in every book.

Diana likes to say that Jessica is her alter ego. The adventures in her books are as close to reality as she can make them. Diana has owned, trained and shown horses since she was a child. Writing these books also gives her a reason to go to the wine country and Cambria. A reason to explore back roads, and visit quaint places. A reason to meet people who may not become close friends, but will make her day exciting.

Diana paints all her own book covers. She always paints the cover first, the writing comes second. It gives her an incentive to fill it with adventures.



Diana is currently finishing the final chapter of book eleven. All of her books are available in e-book format and paperback through Amazon. One last small world addition, Diana is also the daughter of a long-time Kemp Financial client, Cynthia Fichtner, whom we've known for over 25 years.

Since her friendship with Diana began, Sue has subsequently read all of her books. What she enjoys most is the familiarity of the territory in which the books are written, along with the suspense of each of the stories. Thank you Sue for sharing your friendship with Diana and your joy for reading.