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Tell us about us a little bit about you. Did you grow up in town?

My wife and I moved here from Manhattan 12 years ago. She grew up nearby and knew of Westfield. We visited the town—it had a movie theater, a bagel shop, and pizzerias, so I was all for it.

What do you like best about the town?

The best thing about Westfield is the people. This is a great, supportive, loving community. Unfortunately, my wife died three years ago from cancer, but the support we have received from friends and even acquaintances has been overwhelming, whether it is giving my children rides to soccer games or even reminding me that Picture Day is coming up.

You are a writer! How did you get into this business?

I'm an aspiring writer. Since elementary school I have wanted to be a writer, and now I am! This book started as a poem more than 25 years ago and has been put on the shelf and dusted off a few times. Self-publishing allowed me to pick the artist, and after looking at the amazing illustrations by Palmer Murphy, I think it was the best decision I made.

Tell us about your new book.

Tonight, Tonight is Halloween celebrates the fun and spookiness of Halloween from the eyes of both children and adults. The book is chock full of rich illustrations with forty illustrations spread throughout 66 pages. Palmer Murphy's illustrations include many fun nuggets, as well a couple of homages to our town's most famous resident, Charles Addams.

How can others learn from your commitment and inspiration? What's most important to success?

My children were there when this book started as a poem. I read it to their classmates during the Halloween season. They have been at my side during this whole process. Hopefully, they have seen that if you set your sights on a goal, with hard work and a little sense of humor you can attain it.

I think defining what success is and allowing for different levels of success is what is most important. No matter how many

books are sold, the endeavor is a success because I learned how to publish a book and followed through with my plan until it was completed.

Anything we missed?

Tonight, Tonight is Halloween will be featured at Addamsfest. I have been invited to read the book aloud in Downtown Westfield at the annual celebration. Also, life-size cutouts of several of the characters from the book will be posted around Foundation Park on South Ave, and some of the characters should also find their way onto the Wicked Windows of Westfield.

TONIGHT, TONIGHT, IS HALLOWEEN
 WRITTEN BY PETER LYONS
 ILLUSTRATED BY PALMER MURPHY

“The Halloween tale I have been waiting forever for!”
 –*Dracula*

“A Home Run!” –*Baseball All-Star*

“Super!!” –*Supersonic Speedy Girl*

“A Real Howl.” –*Werewolf*

“Mysterious and Spooky.” –*Morticia*

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