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President's Corner

Mary Smith, President

Under Construction

Between preparations for the recently completed conference in Burley, taking a short, much needed, and well earned vacation, and preparing for the upcoming awards and recognitions banquet on October 16th, Mary is unable to complete her column.

The editor.

There Is Magic In Writing 2003 State Conference

By David E. Hibberd, 2nd Vice President

This year's conference was a big success. Although I don't have the official count, there were over 45 people attending the conference in Burley. To start off the conference and in keeping with the theme of "There is Magic in Writing," Bob Helms, brother of Twin Falls chapter Vice President Linda Helms put on a magic show.

Because we have covered in past issues those people instructing us, I won't take the space here to talk about them again. We did come away with fresh ideas and a rejuvenated spirit.

The treasurer's report from Judith Farrey showed that as of September 24, 2003 the league has \$17,030.83 in various funds. These are held in checking, savings, and two CD accounts. Y-T-D income is \$3,843.80 and Y-T-D expenses are \$3,4733.53. The proposed budget for 2004 shows projected income of \$3,662.00 and projected expenses of \$3,115.00. The league is making some money, and with the decision by the delegates to utilize e-mail for distributing the Leagazette, additional savings are possible.

The board presented to the delegates proposed resolutions to the bylaws. The results of the voting are:

Resolution #1 to change the frequency of the State Conferences was tabled.
Resolution #2 to have the state provide \$500.00 toward the funding of the State Conferences was withdrawn. It was decided that the board has the ability to authorize this upon request from the chapters.

Resolution #3 to suspend the bylaws to allow the 2004 State Conference to be held in May was withdrawn because it was determined that the bylaws could be suspended without a resolution.

Resolution #4 to combine the Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene chapters as the North Region passed.

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October 2003 History Moment

By Dottie Mallie, Historian

"History is bunk," said Henry Ford. Maybe, but it always gets the last laugh. Henry Ford is now history. Despite Ford, the fact is clear. Our ability to record our history, to learn from it and to capitalize on its lessons, sets us apart from the lesser creatures on this earth. It is the hallmark of civilization. I wish I could lay claim to those words, but I snatched them from an editorial in the Coeur d'Alene Press written in 1987.

In that year of 1987 the Coeur d'Alene chapter of the IWL was making its own history with president Marilyn Wagenius in charge. Keeping up the momentum of the workshop program initiated the previous year, the members met the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Jewett House to continue the quest of honing their writing skills by helping each other with their manuscripts. Constructive criticism was the key. Outside speakers also participated with information and tips on preparing their manuscripts for submission to publishers. The regular business meeting with reading of written works was held the third Thursday night of the month at various locations.

The annual high school writing contest was held as usual despite the first ever, "split shift" in school classes. The shift had an impact on the students as well as the public and highlighted the need, even then, for a second high school.

In a contest sponsored by the Idaho Association of American Mothers, Inc. the chapter had several winners. Nadine Boss, was second in Short Story category for "*An Old Fashioned Christmas*"; Marilyn Wagenius won first in Essay Article for "*What Being a Mother Means*", and Rosemary Henrickson took second in poetry for "*Mother Past Ninety*".

Marilyn Wagenius was invited to spend three days at various Vancouver Washington schools, participating in a special writing weekend called *Writers' Festival*.

Her emphasis in her talks to the young people was on the importance of continuing to write.

The chapter voted to send as many entries as possible to the Idaho State Centennial Commission, which was seeking submissions for its book, *The Peoples Of Idaho*. Actually, there were to be ten books ranging in subject matter from historical works, to illustrated art and photography. These ten books were to be published in the years between 1987 and 1999 when the centennial would be celebrated.

The state convention was held in Pocatello that year. The theme was "*Nucleus Of Words, Radiation Of Ideas*." The conference had an ambitious panel of eleven speakers. At the conference, the Coeur d'Alene Chapter boasted nine award winners in the state writing contest.

Beulah Strobel continued to gain attention for her articles on local history that she sold on an almost weekly basis to the Nickels Worth, and the monthly workshops began paying off in an increase in stories, articles, poetry and songs that were successfully published. It was an exciting and highly productive year.

Remember: Whatever your lot in life, build something on it.

What's Your Literary IQ #3

By Larry Telles

How many of the following "great first lines" from literature can you identify? Give yourself a point for the book title and one for the author of the five following examples. The year the book was published is provided as a hint. Ten points is a perfect score. Give it a try!

1. I had this story from one who had no business to tell it to me, or to any other. (1912).
2. Miss Brooke had that kind of beauty which seems to be thrown into relief by poor dress. (1872).
3. Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show. (1850).
4. All children, except one, grow up. (1911).
5. It was Wang Lung's marriage day. (1931).

What is your score?

10 – 09 points: Genius!
08 – 07 points: Very good, you have done your homework.
06 – 05 points: You're just average. You will do better next time.
04 – 03 points: Get a library card.
02 – 01 points: Can you read?

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Birthdays:

Alan Brown	10/12
Diane Mizell	10/12
Nikki Arana	10/13
Judith Farrey	10/19
Mary Smith	10/25
Jane Aune	10/31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have an October birthday and we didn't list you, please contact us and let us know.

60th Anniversary Awards and Recognitions Banquet
Thursday, October 16, 2003
6:30 to 9:30 P M
Jewitt House

2003 is the 60th anniversary since the founding of the Coeur d'Alene chapter of the Idaho Writers' League. Throughout the year we have conducted many activities to celebrate this important time in our history. Chapter leaders and members have donated their time and talents to furthering the mission of the Idaho Writers' League.

We have chosen our October evening meeting as a time to recognize the many heroes of the Coeur d'Alene chapter who have gone above and beyond to bring about the successes we have enjoyed this year. We will meet at the historical Jewitt House, with whom the CdA chapter has a long history.

In 1943, poet Jessie Cameron Alison founded the Coeur d'Alene chapter. We wish to honor her memory by issuing an award named for her. The first of many Jessie Cameron Alison Awards will be presented on October 16th to honor someone who has made significant contributions to the art of writing. Jessie has two granddaughters who have indicated that they would like to join us on this special occasion. In addition to this, our chapter members who received awards for their entries in the state writing competition will be presented with their certificates and checks. Our chapter members received many awards at this year's state conference held in Burley.

Catered Buffet

\$10.00 per person

We need to know how many members will attend.

Contact Mary Smith at cda@idahowritersleague.com

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 8th 9:00AM to Noon

Monthly day meeting of the Coeur d'Alene Chapter

Held at the Jewett House, We will participate in a "Writing to Win" workshop from Gary Provost. See page 7 for more information.

Thursday, October 16th 6:30PM to 9:30PM

Monthly evening meeting of The Coeur d'Alene Chapter

The night meeting will be held at the Jewett House, site of our regular daytime meetings. See page 3 for details.

Friday, October 17th 6:30PM to 8:00 PM

Open mike readings at Borders on Hwy 95.

All chapter members are invited to bring their work to read. We apologize for not coordinating things better. Borders has been contacted

Refreshments:

Our thanks to Barbara Rostad and Jennifer Hearne for the August evening meeting refreshments.

Oct. 8th	No information
Oct. 16th	Special Anniversary Recognition Night

We ask our members to provide refreshments for our regular meetings. It would ease the demands on those bringing refreshments if we could get two volunteers for each meeting. Please remember to get a replacement if you are unable to fulfill your commitment. Last month's night meeting had no refreshments. We appreciate your help.

To volunteer please contact Barbara Rostad at 208 777-1030 or by email at lilac9950@surfbest.net.

and we are on their schedule.

Suggested Writing.

We encourage you to write each month. During the months of the IWL annual writing contest the suggested writing corresponds with the writing contest categories. The rest of the year, we suggest different topics for the members. Upcoming topics are:

October:

Juvenile Fiction (1500 words max)

Member Profiles:

Each month we will profile members of our chapter. We have requested that ALL chapter members submit a bio about themselves. A profile of 250-500 words is requested. Tell us about yourself, family life, work life, writing life, etc. Let us get to know you better. With Larry's profile in this issue that brings a total of **eight** out of **seventy-five** members that have submitted profiles. That is barely one out of ten members providing us with profiles about themselves. I can hear all you long-time members saying "I don't need to do that. Everybody knows me." **Wrong!** I'm sure that our newest members, Brooklyn A. Turner and Betty Hildesheim don't know us. It would be nice to include our member profiles on the history CD that Dottie Maley is producing, so send your profiles in.

Larry Godwin

I got into writing because it was fun. In high school I wrote sonnets to my sweetheart in attempts to seduce her, and a few adventure stories infused with love and danger. Career-wise I entered academia and authored eleven articles in referred accounting journals in failed attempts to get tenure at Oregon State University and the University of Montana. From California I edited and published a wine newsletter for five years, which didn't make much money but filled my life with purpose and passion.

In my forties I discovered writing could be therapeutic and approached it with the covert purpose of solving my deep-rooted psychological problems. In my short stories, my characters took on the attributes of the important people in my life (including myself). I did (and still do) a lot of journaling about my personal issues and two of my efforts turned into books. The more meaningful one revolved around processing the neglect I suffered as a child and how it affected my life as an adult. I succeeded in finding a publisher and *Surviving Our Parents' Mistakes* was released into national distribution in 1999. Through it I've hoped to change other peoples' lives, hopefully for the better. (I'd be pleased to send anyone who wants it a copy.)

Now at age sixty-one in my second marriage, I'm delighted our eleven-year-old Jenny has developed a keen writing interest. She's penned fourteen stories and ten poems which show promise. My wife Cathy gives both of us encouragement and editorial advice.

Six months ago I discovered the Idaho Writers League, which has no counterpart in Montana where I live, and am grateful for the opportunity to belong to the CDA chapter. The *Lakegazette* has been a source of inspiration and I welcome the camaraderie with caring, real people who happen to be authors. Thank you.

The following was contributed by Robin Heflin.

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Recognitions

Noah Buntain received back his story "The Box" from the magazine *Weird Tales* earlier in September approximately four months after submitting it. Scrawled at the bottom of the form letter, in red ink, were the words "Too long for idea." This is the fourth rejection for this story.

Larry Telles has a young adult book, "The Hooded Rider of Whispering Pines," set in North Idaho in 1935. It was submitted to Commonwealth Publisher's in Canada some years ago. They sat on it for some time before going belly-up. He was able to get all of his material back from Commonwealth for a small fee of \$350 U.S. dollars. After sending the money, he got his manuscript, floppy disk and about 40+ galleys in the mail. He only retrieved it from the drawer it sat in after attending our Elizabeth Lyons workshop. He revised the first three chapters and gave a copy to agent David Hyatt at the Writers Fair in May. A letter from his office arrived a month later indicating that they would like to see it when Larry is finished with the complete revision. Between finishing the revision and sending it to Hyatt, he has an appointment with Editor Karen Dunlap who spoke to the chapter last spring about editing.

Nikki Arana is working on her book, "*Regalo Grande*" with literary agent Natasha Kern. They will be going over several ideas, including the production of a CD of classical guitar music to go with my book. Her rewrite is on chapter 12 of 20 chapters. Natasha has asked her to be finished at the end of October. She will be in Mexico most of November doing research for her next book.

She is also working with Carol Craig of Editing International, LLC. She made that contact through Elizabeth Lyon, who she met at one of our meetings.

2003 Assigned Title/Theme Contest Winners

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Light Verse:

1st Place:	Nancy Martin	Mt. Home
2nd Place:	Barbara Rostad	Coeur d'Alene
3rd Place:	Ann Vycatal	At-Large-Member
1st Honorable Mention:	Michael Pitt	Coeur d'Alene
2nd Honorable Mention:	Eve Dickinson	Caldwell

Serious Verse:

1st Place:	LaDean Messenger	Pocatello
2nd Place:	Alice Dunn	Pocatello
3rd Place:	Sandra Lundquist	Idaho Falls
1st Honorable Mention:	Katherine Hamshar	Sandpoint
2nd Honorable Mention:	Katherine Hamshar	Sandpoint
3rd Honorable Mention:	Deloris Henscheid	Idaho Falls

Short Humor:

1st Place:	David E. Hibberd	Coeur d'Alene
2nd Place:	Nancy Whitewater	Caldwell
3rd Place:	Debu Majumadar	Idaho Falls

Non-Fiction:

1st Place:	Sydney Duncombe	Idaho Falls
2nd Place:	Robin Heflin	Coeur d'Alene

Essay Title:

1st Place:	Bruce Bash	Idaho Falls
2nd Place:	Richard Hagerman	Twin Falls

Essay Theme:

1st Place:	Mary Haley	Idaho Falls
2nd Place:	Dixielee Tripp	Pocatello

LITERARY IQ ANSWERS:

1. "Tarzan of the Apes" Edgar Rice Burroughs.
2. "Middlemarch" George Eliot.
3. "David Copperfield" Herman Melville.
4. "Peter Pan" J.M. Barrie
5. "The Good Earth" Pearl S. Buck

From the Editor

By David E. Hibberd Co-Editor

The Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission recently sought nominations for the Mayor's Awards in the Arts. Judith Farrey contacted me and I helped her prepare a nomination for Mary Smith and Patti Dickinson.

Judith had the following to say in her nomination letter. "Thanks to Mary and Patti's recruitment efforts and our monthly workshops, our chapter has increased from 25 to 75 excited and exciting writers who individually and collectively continue to add to Coeur d'Alene's reputation as a center of literary publication and merit."

Our nomination came at the last min-

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Adult Title:

1st Place: Robin Heflin Coeur d'Alene
2nd Place: Ann Vycatal At-Large-Member

Adult Theme:

1st Place: Colleen Skaggs Caldwell
2nd Place: Debu Majumadar Idaho Falls
3rd Place: Sydney Duncombe Idaho Falls
1st Honorable Mention: Helen Campbell Sandpoint

Juvenile:

1st Place: Joanna Fuchs Sandpoint
2nd Place: Deloris Henscheid Idaho Falls
3rd Place: Eve Dickinson Caldwell
1st Honorable Mention: Bruce Bash Idaho Falls

Science Fiction Title:

1st Place: Adelaide McLeod At-Large-Member

Science Fiction Theme:

1st Place: Mary Haley Idaho Falls

Novel Contest:

1st Place: Patti Dickinson Coeur d'Alene
2nd Place: Bill Kersting Coeur d'Alene
3rd Place: Wallace Swenson Idaho Falls
1st Honorable Mention: Sydney Duncombe Idaho Falls
1st Honorable Mention: Mary Haley Idaho Falls
2nd Honorable Mention: Cindy Neumann Pocatello
3rd Honorable Mention: Harriet Piper Caldwell

Open Title Contest:

Light Verse:

1st Place: Marilyn Wagenius Coeur d'Alene
2nd Place: Dixielee Tripp Pocatello
3rd Place: Katherine Hamshar Sandpoint
1st Honorable Mention: Deloris Henscheid Idaho Falls
2nd Honorable Mention: Barbara Rostad Coeur d'Alene
3rd Honorable Mention: Bruce Bash Idaho Falls

Serious Verse:

1st Place: Dixielee Tripp Pocatello
2nd Place: Barbara Rostad Coeur d'Alene
3rd Place: Alice Dunn Pocatello
1st Honorable Mention: Ann Vycatal At-Large-Member
2nd Honorable Mention: Katherine Hamshar Sandpoint
3rd Honorable Mention: Deloris Henscheid Idaho Falls

Short Humor:

1st Place: Earline Reid I Idaho Falls
2nd Place: Sandra Lundquist Idaho Falls
3rd Place: Marilyn Wagenius Coeur d'Alene
1st Honorable Mention: Debu Majumadar Idaho Falls
2nd Honorable Mention: LaDean Messenger Pocatello
3rd Honorable Mention: Marilyn Wagenius Coeur d'Alene

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ute and this may be part of the reason why Mary and Patti were not selected for this award. We feel that Patti and Mary are certainly deserving of this nomination.

Of a related note, chapter member Louise Shaddock is the Special Guest Speaker at the awards banquet being held to present the Mayor's Awards in the Arts.

During the past two years, Mary and Patti have worked hard to help advance the Coeur d'Alene chapter. Our membership has tripled during that time. They have established our annual writer's fairs and are hard at work preparing for next year's State Conference/Writer's Fair.

A look at page eight shows the people they have brought in to help direct the affairs of the chapter.

While Mary and Patti are going to continue their preparations for the Conference/Fair, they need to step down from their current positions.

Now is the time for new leaders to come forward. The chapter needs a new President and 1st Vice President. If you feel that you can help the chapter continue on, contact Bill Kersting at foginc@adelphia.net.

On page eight is the mission statement of the IWL. An unwritten goal of the Coeur d'Alene chapter is to see our members become published authors. Our Kaleidoscope project enabled some previously unpublished writers to receive their first publishing credits.

Another means of accomplishing this is through our newsletter. Share with us your ideas on writing, How has membership in the IWL helped you as a writer? What would you like to learn as a writer? What successes have you experienced?

Send us your articles on writing and chalk up another item to your published writings list.

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Resolution #5 to recognize the website, <http://www.idahowritersleague.com> as the official league website passed.

Resolution #6 to use e-mail as a means of distributing the Leagazette to those wanting it that way passed.

Resolution #7 to no longer provide a plaque for the winner of the novel contest passed.

It was voted that the Rotation Committee's recommendation for the 2004 rotation be accepted and that the schedule for later years be revamped.

At the General Membership meeting, Brian Cornett of the Idaho Falls chapter was voted in as League President for 2004. David Hibberd of the Coeur d'Alene chapter was voted in as 1st Vice President. Linda Helms of the Twin Falls chapter was voted in as 2nd Vice President. Mary Smith of the Coeur d'Alene chapter was voted in as Treasurer.

The 2003 Poet of the Year is Deloris Henscheid of the Idaho Falls chapter.

The 2003 Writer of the Year is Sandy Smith of the Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene chapters.

The 2003 Vardis Fisher Award winner is Earline Reid of the Idaho Falls chapter.

The 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award winner is At-Large-Member Saxon White.

The assigned themes for the 2004 writing contest are "Mystery Writer" and "Writing with your heart." The assigned titles are "Have You Been Through the Silver Valley?" and "Know Thyself."

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Non-Fiction:

1st Place:	Marion Bogert	Caldwell
2nd Place:	Larry Godwin	Coeur d'Alene
3rd Place:	Debu Majumadar	Idaho Falls
1st Honorable Mention:	David E. Hibberd	Coeur d'Alene
2nd Honorable Mention:	Earline Reid	Idaho Falls
3rd Honorable Mention:	Ann Vycatal	At-Large-Member

Essay:

1st Place:	Janice Urie	Twin Falls
2nd Place:	Sandra Lundquist	Idaho Falls
3rd Place:	Robin Heflin	Coeur d'Alene
1st Honorable Mention:	David E. Hibberd	Coeur d'Alene
2nd Honorable Mention:	Patty May	Coeur d'Alene
3rd Honorable Mention:	Richard Hagerman	Twin Falls

Adult:

1st Place:	Kathleen Davidson	Bear Lake
2nd Place:	Nancy Martin	Mt. Home
3rd Place:	Betty Anderson	Sandpoint
1st Honorable Mention:	Sydney Duncombe	Idaho Falls
2nd Honorable Mention:	Angela Abdrhalden	Caldwell
3rd Honorable Mention:	Debu Majumadar	Idaho Falls

Juvenile:

1st Place:	Patty May	Coeur d'Alene
2nd Place:	Barbara Rostad	Coeur d'Alene
3rd Place:	Debu Majumadar	Idaho Falls
1st Honorable Mention:	Dixielee Tripp	Pocatello
2nd Honorable Mention:	Nikki Arana	Coeur d'Alene
3rd Honorable Mention:	Bruce Bash	Idaho Falls

Science Fiction:

1st Place:	Larry Godwin	Coeur d'Alene
2nd Place:	Mary Haley	Idaho Falls

Idaho Falls Chapter 28 awards	Coeur d'Alene Chapter 21 awards
Pocatello Chapter 9 awards	Caldwell Chapter 7 awards
Sandpoint Chapter 7 awards	At-Large-Members 5 awards
Twin Falls Chapter 3 awards	Mountain Home Chapter 2 awards
Bear Lake 1 award	Total 83 awards

October Day Meeting

"When you write, don't think about how smart you are; think about how smart the readers are. Write to communicate with readers, not to impress them."

"An important step in establishing your authority as a writer is allowing the reader to identify with you, to like you as a friendly, benevolent, sharing communicator."

"If you have published none of your writing or very little, you can be certain of this. Somebody like you, somebody new to the writing fame, somebody who is dazzled by hope and uncertainty and a glut of questions about writing, will get his or her work published in the coming months. It might as well be you."

The above quotes are from the instructor we have engaged. He is an author of articles, a column for Writer's Digest magazine, fiction and non-fiction, mystery, true crime, young adult, picture books, and is in great demand as a seminar and conference speaker. Gary Provost has been considered one of the best manuscript doctors in the nation and we have transported his video workshop "Writing to Win" for our October Wednesday day meeting.

Please bring paper, pen/pencil and plan to work at learning the craft of writing. This workshop was well received by our evening group in August. This will be at the Jewitt House on October 8th at 9:00 AM.

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Who is the Idaho Writers' League?

Purpose of the organization:

The Idaho Writers' League is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes for the promotion of social welfare including:

- A. To promote and maintain a high standard of literary output and to recognize accomplishments of Idaho writers.
- B. To stimulate public respect and support for the art and profession of writing.
- C. To provide a unified organization for writers and those with serious interest in writing and literary skills.
- D. To encourage new writing talent, to exchange ideas through the League publication, and local and state meetings.
- E. To stimulate writing by means of contests and recognition awards.
- F. To encourage regional activity among neighboring chapters.