



The League Link

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Sandpoint Chapter

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QUOTES, QUOTES, QUOTES...

Nothing is so annoying as to have someone go right on talking when you are interrupting.

Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must be overcome first.

If at first you don't succeed, do it like your mother told you.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.



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SANDPOINT CHAPTER NEWS

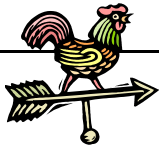
A sunny arrangement of flowers was sent to Irene Dunn by our group. She is still in the convalescent center.

Cassandra and Harvey will be the delegates from our chapter at the State Board Meeting held during the Conference. The Conference is being held at the Coeur d'Alene Inn May 20-22. Our chapter is in charge of 32 centerpieces for the luncheon and banquet. It was decided to have them made by Twin Moose Creations. Some members helped collect items for the Hospitality Bags.

Mike Fontana is the newest member of our chapter.

Contest entries were judged at the May 15th meeting.

As a community service project the VFW is not charging our group for the use of their facilities on the second Tuesday of the month. Tell them "Thank you" if you get a chance.



THE FUTURE OF OUR GROUP

Remember how just a few short months ago we changed the bylaws so that Cassandra could be president of the Sandpoint Chapter of the Idaho Writers' League for one more year? That one more year is going by rapidly.

Cassandra definitely will not serve as president for another year. Charlie and Bette will have served the limit of two years in their offices. Mary has always tirelessly served where needed but can be secretary for only one more year.

Do you wish to continue as a group? Your help is needed. Each member of an organization must take a share of the responsibilities to keep it going.

Do you think that you don't have the ability or time to be an officer? You have the ability, I assure you, and the duties of the offices are not difficult. In the next few issues of the *League Link* I will present the description of the job, and the current holder of that job will write a bit about the satisfactions and challenges of the position.

Bylaw Description of Treasurer

The Treasurer shall provide a report of general expenses to the membership for their approval at the regular quarterly meetings, present an annual financial statement at the October meeting, provide the members of the Executive Board with a list of paid members as necessary, forward a dues check to the Idaho Writers' League State Treasurer each December in the amount specified by the State Executive Board, and be authorized to sign all checks for Chapter business with co-signatures of the President or the Vice-President. Approval from the membership is needed for payment of expenses exceeding \$50.00.

Bette's Description of Treasurer

As treasurer, I accept and deposit checks, write checks, send money or bills to the state treasurer and keep a written and computerized register of all transactions, as well as balance the checkbook monthly. I present reports at the quarterly board meeting and annually in October.

There are four Board Meetings each year, which have been enjoyable for me. I also collect mail at the Kootenai Post Office. Our bank is Mountain West Bank in Ponderay, conveniently on the way to Wal-Mart.

Keeping up on things and being a bit organized are the only prerequisites for the job. The transactions are few enough (never more than ten a month) that a computer accounting program is not necessary.

The hardest part is the requirement that two people sign the checks. The fact that check numbers are not always consecutive by date can be confusing.

I also facilitate the Tuesday meeting at the VFW Hall. When special events come along, all of the officers help where they can. If I can do this job, you can do this job.

MEMBER NEWS

Kathryn did a poetry reading at the Alpine Vista retirement home in early May. She also had a request from her son, who is pastor of the United Methodist church of Benton City, Wa., to write a Mothers' Day poem to put in the church bulletin. She quickly wrote one and e-mailed it to him. He was so happy with it that he read it during the service also. Read it on page 4. Kathryn was interviewed by Mary Berryhill for *The Daily Bee*.

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Dianna's article, "Let's Get Physical With Emotion," a writing how-to, has been accepted by *Writing Etc*. It's an online writing magazine. Her non-fiction article "Giants," is under serious consideration at *Highlights* magazine. It's a fun look at some giants of the natural world. Dianna was also given a scholarship to the 2004 Highlights Foundation Workshop for children's writers in Chautauqua, New York. It's less than two months away now.

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Harvey wrote an article for the North Idaho Arts Alliance (NIAA) which appeared in the arts corner of the May 6th edition of *The Daily Bee*. He mentioned our group and the "Five Minutes of Fame" group and told about some of the authors of the area.

Marylyn was a winner in *Idaho Magazine's* professional category. "The Preacher and the Woodpile" was published in the April 2004 issue.

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Linda will have her poems published on the website of her surrogate family in England.

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Joanna is writing a nonfiction book on relationships.

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Cassandra has sent a piece into a contest sponsored by *Writer's Digest*.

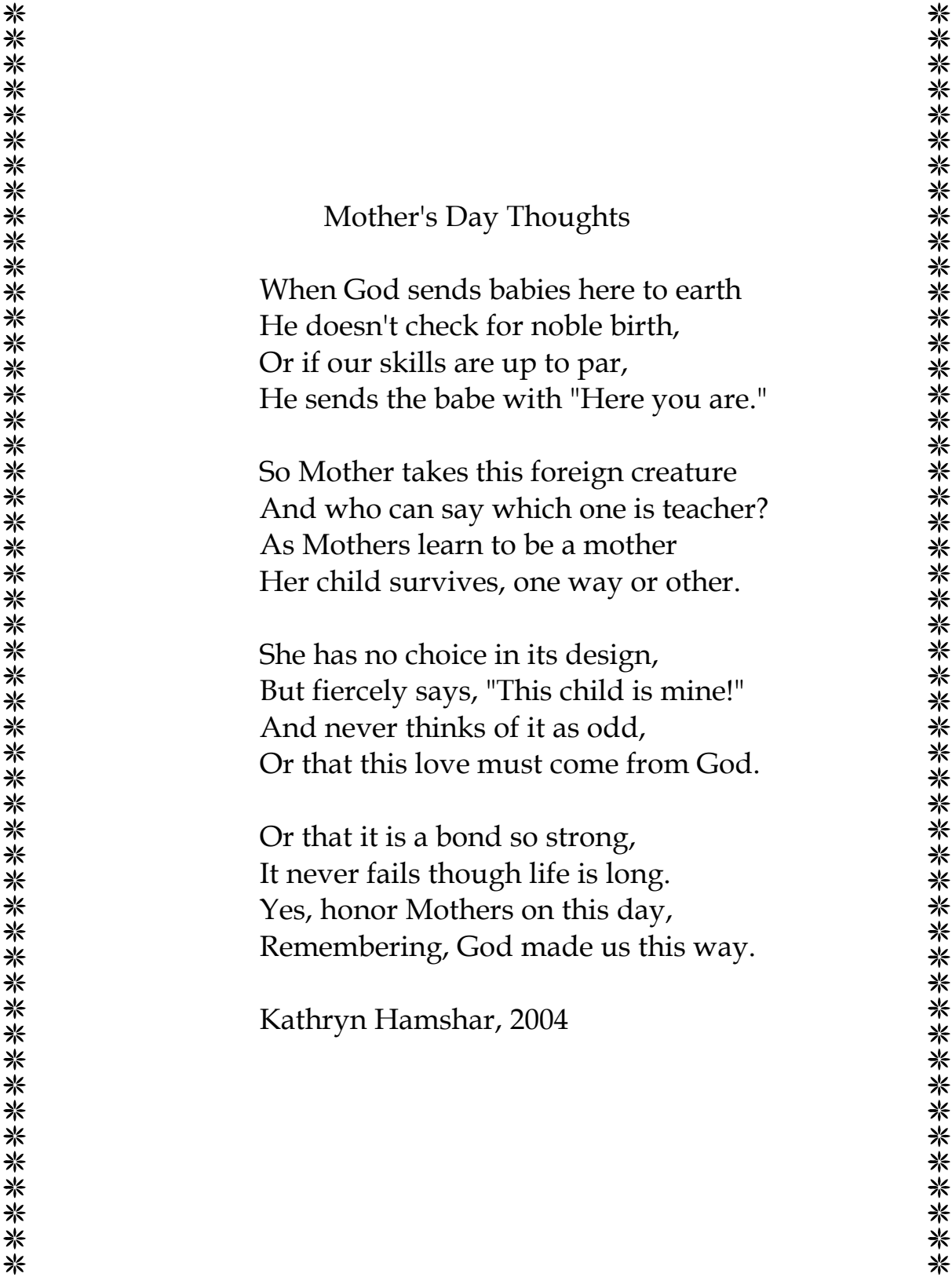
Interesting Web Sites

<http://www.bookmarket.com/101pub.html> Recommended by Isabel.

<http://www.publication.com/aylad/paying.htm> Web site of nonfiction markets recommended by Mona.

www.munsterlit.ie Munster Literature Center short story contest

The 2004 Drexel Online Journal Award for Creative Nonfiction
<http://www.drexel.edu/doj/index.asp#>



Mother's Day Thoughts

When God sends babies here to earth
He doesn't check for noble birth,
Or if our skills are up to par,
He sends the babe with "Here you are."

So Mother takes this foreign creature
And who can say which one is teacher?
As Mothers learn to be a mother
Her child survives, one way or other.

She has no choice in its design,
But fiercely says, "This child is mine!"
And never thinks of it as odd,
Or that this love must come from God.

Or that it is a bond so strong,
It never fails though life is long.
Yes, honor Mothers on this day,
Remembering, God made us this way.

Kathryn Hamshar, 2004

