

WRITING PURSUITS

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November 15 meeting, noon, Idaho Joe's Restaurant, Lynwood Shopping Center, Twin Falls.
NOVEMBER 15 MEETING: Bob Sojka will be the speaker. His topic is critiquing. He was a
presenter at the Conference. Officers for 2004 will be elected. The 2004 officers nominated were
Pres: Linda Helms, VP: Jay Goemmer, Sec/Tres: Jack Lintelmann. Cindy Snyder's name was
also mentioned for an office. Nominations will be open for other names until the November
meeting. Due to other IWL obligations and work and personal obligations, Linda has declined
this office at this time. We will discuss nominations and vote for officers at the November
meeting. The State IWL officers are also asking for members' birthdays.

2004 IWL Conference: May 21 and 22 in Coeur d'Alene. Contest entries: Titles-"Have You Been
Through The Silver Valley", and "Know Thyself". Themes-"Mystery Writing" and "Writing
With Your Heart". Deadlines for 2004 differ from usual because the conference is earlier in the
year: From October 1 to March 1 postmarks. The specifics such as word count, receivers, etc.,
are on the website under "Annual IWL Writing Contest". We will have copies of the specifics at
the October and November meetings for those who wish.

Twin Falls Chapter is the receiver for the Assigned title/theme contest. Be thinking of names for
judges; they will be paid for their services. Usually the judges are teachers, librarians, newspaper
editors, and others knowledgeable regarding grammar, punctuation, and the eight topics: Adult
fiction, science fiction/fantasy, juvenile fiction, short humor, non-fiction, essay, serious verse,
light verse. A person may enter each category, but must choose one theme and one title to write
for each category. They can be mixed: such as Adult Fiction: "Know Thyself" and "Mystery
Writing"; but cannot write Adult Fiction with both Titles. Ask for clarification, if needed.

ANNUAL DUES NEED TO BE SENT IN RIGHT AFTER THE NOVEMBER 15 MEETING.
We spoke with the State Treasurer regarding this, as our meeting is the day they are due. She
said that it would fine to send them in right after the meeting. The yearly (January 1 through
December 31) dues are \$25, \$10 staying in our own fund, \$15 going to the IWL state fund to
cover costs of prizes, web page, hosting, printing of the Leagazette, etc. We need your name,
mailing address, telephone number and email address. Membership entitles members to enter the
IWL state writing contests and receive the state newsletter the Leagazette and to hold office in
the local and state organization. Paid members also have accessibility to the Internet roster of all

Idaho IWL members and they receive a discount on the price of the conference. If you wish to pay dues and cannot attend, please mail them to Linda at the address above. Persons do not need to be an IWL member to attend our local meetings, but the funds help pay for speakers and for the mailing of this newsletter.

OCTOBER 18 MEETING: Present: Jay Goemmer, Colette Goemmer, Linda Helms, Art Selin, Dick Hagerman, Jack Lintelmann, Donna Scott, Jeanette Chambers, Win Mobley, Carol Spelius, Rex Rathbun, I.E. Williams, Mary Inman, Neva Tanner. Publications: Win Mobley: The Journey Series Book is ready for sale (available at Barnes & Noble, the Christian Book store or from Win. She also has a children's book at the editor. Win has a book signing in Jerome On November 15, at the Christian Book store on the 22nd, November 8, Ontario, Oregon. First week of December in Burley. Jeannette writes for the Times News from Dietrich. Linda put a note in the St. Benedict's Employee newspaper about the Conference and then about her voted as State 2nd VP. Also, an ad about Linda providing transcription services to type family histories, memories, and even obituaries. Announcement: Art sold the first publication of Americana Encyclopedia published around 1830. We discussed items from the 2003 Conference. Donna Scott told about a book she and Zoe Ann Shaub are co-writing for the Twin Falls Centennial Commission. They are in need of stories and oral histories (transcribed) of the depression years, WW II Era, and time until now: 8 x 11 one to two page stories, and pictures that can be reproduced may be requested. The deadline is March 2004. Donna has a list of people who need to be interviewed. Please contact her at 536-2788 or mail your stories to 3217 B South 1300 E, Wendell, Id 83355 or email WRRANCH@LTLINK.COM The Magic Valley Arts Council would like our group to pay the yearly dues for their organization. We will speak with them to see what they can help us with during the coming year. The conference account has approximately \$2,364. There will be some interest added. When all the checks have cleared, we will transfer that money to our regular account. The regular account is around \$800. We critiqued E.I. Williams poetry.

DECEMBER 13 MEETING: This has routinely been our Christmas potluck and gift exchange, which has been held in the last few years at different members' homes. We will discuss this at the November meeting. (The date has been changed because the 20th is too close to Christmas.)

Writer's Digest Short Short Story Competition: Brief fiction, less than 1500 words. Deadline is December 1, 2003. Entry fee is \$10. Copies of form will be at the November meeting.

IWL INTERNET SITE: David has been working hard to update the Coeur d'Alene Conference information and the contest information. Information about each chapter's meetings and other happenings are on the site.

JEROME AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY is working on the Veteran History Project for the Library of Congress. Volunteers have special forms from the LOC and will do interviews then type the histories and send to the LOC. A copy will be made for the veteran and for the historical society. The Auxiliary is looking for Jerome County Veterans from WWI era to the present. For more information call Xandra 324-2795 or Linda 324-7694 or email JCIRANCH@MSN.COM.

TIDBITS: The November word is operculum. A noun. The covering flaps or lid-like structures in plants and animals as the bony coverings protecting the gills of fishes. See if you can write a mystery using the operculum as part of the clues.