

## **Writing Pursuits, October 2004**

Twin Falls chapter, Idaho Writers League

### **Workshop a success!**

The September 18, 2004, meeting was called to order by President Jay Goemmer at 12:05 p.m. Members in attendance: Sherri George, Linda Helms, Carol Hunt, Jack Lintelmann and Rex Rathbun. Visitors included Colette Goemmer, Vaughn Phelps and Bill Strange.

The Treasurer's Report included the cost of the chapter's 2004 centennial workshop. A tally sheet of expenses and receipts of the workshop was handed out to members present. A short discussion ensued with all members agreeing that the workshop was an "overwhelming" success. A motion to pay all bills was made by Linda, seconded by Jack and passed unanimously by the membership. Speakers Ken Rand and Ann Chamberlin will be welcomed to return. Sherri, Linda, and Cindy Snyder led the charge in making this workshop happen.

Jay reminded everyone to pay chapter dues in October for the coming year! Next meeting, October 16, will include nominations for officers. All members are encouraged to attend and lobby for their choices. The vote for the 2005 officers will take place at the following meeting on November 20.

Jay verbally critiqued a story written by Linda with the title "From the Top of My Head to the Bottom of My Heart." Jay also requested everyone to bring copies of a work (pick one of the assigned titles or themes) to be distributed in October for critique in November.

Vaughn Phelps handed out key chains plugging a children's book project, after which he read two of his short stories. Good stuff!

Reminder: Dues need to be paid in October for 2005! Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. by Jay.

--Jack Lintelmann Secretary/Treasurer

### **Contest revision update**

The state committee charged with revising the IWL bylaws regarding the writing contests has met via email. The proposed bylaws will be included in the next *Leagazette*.

The biggest changes members will notice is a slight increase in the number of categories and a written explanation accompanying each category to help members to determine which is the best category for their piece.

Proposed categories are: short story, adult genre fiction, teen fiction, children's fiction, short humor, article, personal essay, light verse, free verse and narrative poem.

Remember, you may enter each category once in the open title contest and once in the assigned title contest. To participate in the assigned title contest, you select one of the two titles or themes to write

on.

## **UI Theatre Director calls for VERY short scripts**

Scripts for one-page plays are being sought by the University of Idaho for this year's "DNA: A Festival of Very, Very, Very Short Plays and Films."

Submissions are due by Jan. 15 for the third annual festival to be held March 2-6 on the UI campus. "The Art of Excess" is its theme.

Submission guidelines are on the UI theatre Web site, [www.uitheatre.com](http://www.uitheatre.com)

## **Memoir published**

Filer Police Chief Cliff Johnson has published his memoir entitled *Wrong Side of the River*.

After looking at traditional publishers, he decided to start his own publishing company to publish his book. Johnson hopes that if his own book is a success, he can publish other authors through his new company, Misty Peak Publishing.

To learn more, go to his web site: <http://www.mistypeak.com/page2.html>

## **POD website**

Sherri says there are a lot of good articles at this website. The listings for print-on-demand publishers are about halfway down the page, <http://www.booksandtales.com/map.htm>