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THE WRITE STUFF

Northwest Ohio Christian Writers

March 2009

GETTING YOUR NAME OUT THERE! WEBSITE AND BLOG DESIGN

March 27, 2009 – 10 a.m.

**Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene
15341 Gorrill Road**

(See the end of the newsletter for directions)

Are you still waiting for Gutenberg to print your books, articles, poems, script, or hieroglyphics? Perhaps it's time you move into the 21st century. The modern and effective way of promotion is now via the World Wide Web, whether with a website, blog, or through advertising. Come and hear member **Steve Ricker** explore just how you can effectively promote your writing through the WWW. Steve is the expert Webmaster for our own website, nwocw.org, has his own site, www.stephenricker.com and is currently the author of a book he's hoping to publish.

**BUSINESS MEETING AND PROGAM – 10 A.M.
LUNCH – NOON – BROWN BAG OR NEARBY FAST FOOD
CRITIQUE SESSION – 1-2 P.M.**

(please bring several or more copies of what you want critiqued)

EXTEND AN INVITATION

If you have friends interested in writing, tell them about us. We meet on the fourth Friday of January, March, May, July, and October. And don't forget to mention the October seminar that features experienced speakers who share their writing and editing expertise. Members get a price break on this



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EXCITING PLANS FOR UPCOMING RETREAT!

A beautiful facility with private rooms and baths, attractive dining and meeting areas with lovely grounds and a small lake for exploring! Sound inviting? That's the Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse, OH where our Retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2. You can't resist, right?

We'll explore a variety of interesting topics, provide ample time for writing as well as our usual fellowship and fun. So make your plans NOW and bring \$40 to the March meeting to secure your reservation! That price includes the overnight accommodations and all meals. There are 20 private rooms, including four doubles, with baths on the first and second floors (no elevator). There are also other private rooms on either floor, with occupants sharing a large bathroom with showers.

So if you have a preference, indicate it with your reservation. It's a first come, first serve basis.

We guarantee a mountaintop inspirational experience with fellow writers, so please come to the March meeting, make your reservation, and prepare to be part of something you'll not forget.

(For directions to the Lial Retreat Center, see our website for maps)

LUNCH BUNCH SCHEDULED

Our next unofficial gathering will be Friday, April 17, at Panera's on Rt. 20 at noon. Come for great conversation, networking, and oh yes, food!

DUES ARE DUE!!

It's past that time again! Dues are \$10 - \$3 for newsletter only. Make your check out to Northwest Ohio Christian Writers, and bring to the March meeting or send to Linda Tippett, 5679 Monroe St. #109, Sylvania, OH 43560. **Last reminder! It's a good deal, folks! Dues for the Northwest Ohio Writers Forum have gone up to \$30 per year!**



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2009 SEMINAR NEWS!

Be sure to make plans now to attend the 2009 Seminar because we have been able to engage the immensely popular writer and speaker, Dennis Hensley, as our speaker. You won't want to miss this one! Note the new date....OCTOBER 10.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

- **THE 52ND ANNUAL ST. DAVIDS CHRISTIAN WRITERS CONFERENCE:** Grove City College, Grove City, PA; June 22-27
Tutorials, professional critiques, contests, critique groups and much more. For more information www.stdavidswriters.com
- **WRITE TO PUBLISH CONFERENCE:** June 3-6. Wheaton College
Wheaton, IL, (near Chicago) Information: www.writetopublish.com
- **GUIDEPOSTS** is sponsoring a new series, *The Incredible Power of Prayer*. Submissions are now being accepted for the first three books in the series – up to 2000 words, with a creative title, an attention-grabbing lead, main body explaining a conflict or challenge, and a resolution. These are to be descriptive and compelling personal experience stories – not simply testimonies. May submit previously published stories. \$25 for under 1000 words, \$50 for longer stories. **Deadline – June 15** Send by e-mail, with attachment. to **Jeanette Littleton** at IncrediblePrayers@earthlink.net
- On Sally Stuart's blog there's an announcement about a new e-book called *Top Book Marketing Tips of 2008*. It's a free download and can be obtained at <http://snipr.com/bookmarketingtips>
- **CHURCHMOUSE PUBLICATIONS**, a web-based publishing syndicate created to serve the Christian community has issued an OPEN CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS to new and established Christian authors and creators for features in the following areas: Church Administration and Leadership, Children's Material, Young Adults, ages 22-35. For submission information, e-mail submissions@churchmousepublications.com . For information about the syndicate, go to www.churchmousepublication.com

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- **THE FIRST LINE** – a quarterly writers contest. They create a line which must be the first line of a short story. Winners get published in their quarterly and win some cash, too. See their web page www.thefirstline.com
- **FROM CROSS AND QUILL:**
Fresh Air Books (freshairbooks.org) is a new imprint of Upper Room Ministries you may want to check out.
Warner Press (warnerpress.com) has some guidelines for submissions you might want to investigate.

FROM CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATOR

Ignite Your Faith is open to submissions. See page 474 in Sally Stuart's *Christian Writer's Market Guide*.

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTIAN BOOK VIDEOS - a recently launched site as the one-stop viewing place for Christian book videos on the Internet. They're also called book previews or Book Trailers and are video ads for Christian books – a handy shortcut to find the kind of book you want to read. Now Christian booklovers can go to one website and view book videos for their favorite authors as well as find new ones. www.christianbooksvideos.com

CAPSTONE FICTION – a new inspirational fiction publishing house, newly listed in the 2008 Christian Writers' Market Guide. Check it out www.capstonefiction.com
CHRISTIAN STORY TELLER – A nonprofit website of Christian authors for Christian authors by Christian authors. It highlights up-and-coming authors and books, and offers marketing seminar and education for Christian writing. Publishes an interesting newsletter. Get details at www.christianstoryteller.com

INTERESTING AND INCREDIBLY VARIED WEBSITE of writing helps, book recommendations, articles, contests, publishing news, and Christian inspiration. www.aprilboyer.com This is really worth a look. She works out of Ashland, OH.

FREE NEWSLETTERS

Children's Writer & Illustrator's Market – www.cwim.com

Poet's Market – www.poetsmarket.com

Guide to Literary Agents – www.guidetoliteraryagents.com

Novel & Short Story Writers Market – www.novelandshortstory.com

GRAMMAR GIRL – A great site for grammar tips with looser interpretations. "Yes, it IS okay to end sentences with a preposition!" www.grammar.quickanddirtytips.com

CHRISTIAN WRITERS GROUP - This organization offers articles and forums for writers to participate in, as well as an extremely informative newsletter. www.christianwritersgroup.org



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CHRISTIAN WRITERS GUILD – Log on to this Website and you’ll learn about conferences, news and other events relating to the Christian writing field.

www.christianwritersguild.com

SOME ETERNAL WRITING TRUTHS

1. Writing is hard. If it were easy we wouldn’t love it so much.
2. Writers only need three things: an idea, a writing utensil and a deadline.
3. Editors are your friends, not your enemies. Your enemies are dangling modifiers.
4. Stephen King says he writes every day except for his birthday and Christmas. He’s lying. He writes on both those days, too.
5. Red, read, read. The more you do, the better your writing will be.

MEMBERS’ MEMOS

Carol Leonard had an article published in the February issue of *Country Living* about Toledo’s Millie Benson, who was the original author of the popular Nancy Drew mystery series. Congratulations!

We hear from **Chris and Dede Plettner** that they have signed with Kinetica- Media in Perrysburg to sell their work online. Dede says, “We couldn’t have done it without NWOCW!” Good luck from us all!

Joyce Felske has had 84 devotions published in the winter quarter of the Home Study booklet of Union Gospel Press. Impressive!

Don’t forget! Please continue to let us know about your publishing news and other significant happenings in your lives.

ALMOST THE LAST WORD

St. Theresa's Prayer

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that
has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom
to sing.
Dance, praise and love,
It is there for each and every one of us.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 27, 2009 – Steve Ricker - “Getting Your Name Out There”
May 22, 2009 - Tiffany Colter – “Do Non-Fiction Articles Help Your
Fiction?”
July 24, 2009 - Sally Snyder - Author
September 25, 2009 - Rev. Dave Claassen - “Saying It in Essays”
October 10, 2009 - Seminar – Dennis Hensley

If you have questions or need more information about our group, again contact
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Sylvania, OH 43560.
NWOCW email address is email@nwocw.org

DIRECTIONS TO NAZARENE CHURCH: From 1-75, take exit 179, then State
Route 6 west (right) to Liberty Hi Rd. and turn right. Take Liberty Hi Rd, to
Gorrill Rd. and turn right. Church is on the right. From Bowling Green: Take
Conneaut Ave. west out of town. This will become Gorrill Rd. Church is on the left
just after Mitchell Rd.

If you get lost, the church number is 419-352-2289

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