

Getting connected ...



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Someone once said, "the difference between "involvement" and "commitment" is like an egg-and-ham breakfast; the chicken was "involved" and the pig was "committed."

Is that a simile or a metaphor?

Speaking of commitment, let me say that I am delighted with the terrific response we received from all of our members. A group is only as strong as the enthusiasm and commitment of its members, and boy, do we have some enthusiastic and committed members.

If you haven't connected with a small group or committee you will find that when you do raise your level of involvement you will reap unexpected rewards. Jim Rohn, the

great motivational speaker once said, "every disciplined effort yields multiple rewards." Here's a list of the committees and small groups:

Calliope Committee –formed to help implement the publication of our annual anthology.

High School Girls Short Prose & Poetry Contest – This committee will lay the ground work for a new community outreach program for Women Who Write. This event will take place in our 2011 calendar.

Grant Writing/Fund Raising – help us find money to fund new trainings, community outreach, and scholarship funding.

Retreat Committee –help us

choose a location and organize a great retreat for our members.

We also have small groups that enable you to share like-minded interests. Here is a listing of our small groups:

Novel Writing, *Women Who Write Cookbook*, and *Magazine Article Writing*.

If you are looking for training, why not try our class on POD (publishing on demand) scheduled for spring. With all of these great activities, there is something here for everyone.

A list of committees and small groups and the name and number of the contact person for that group will be available at our next meeting on the information table.

Names in the news

Jorena Faulkner will be performing some of her original lyrics and songs at Derby City Espresso, 331 E. Market Street, February 19th, 9:00 P.M.. Come out and support our gal!

Kudos for haikus! Have you been published this month, won a contest, received an award, or an accolade? Please

let me know so that your information will appear in our new column called **Names in the news**. E-mail the relevant information to pdkpost@gmail.com. Put "Names in the News" in the subject line. In the December meeting we had a wonderful and concise mini-workshop on writing haiku. Our intrepid instructor told us that

the Courier Journal was hosting a haiku contest. At least two of our members, *Emily Boone* and *Cheri Powell* sent in their poems and were published in the newspaper! Here are their haikus.

Shiver, shake, shudder

Wind frosts each nose finger and toe

To sculpt memories

Emily Boone

Flowers are faded

Vines and stems sway in the breeze

Seeds drop for next year.

Cheri Powell

Congratulations Jorena, Emily, Cheri!



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Meetings

**First Thursday of each month
Louisville Free Public Library**

Highlands Branch in Mid-City Mall

1250 Bardstown Road

Louisville, KY

6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

*Welcoming, supporting, educating and
encouraging women who aspire to
write.*

Women Who Write is an organization of women writers dedicated to excellence in literary creation. Our mission is to welcome, educate, and support women who aspire to write. We encourage women to use writing as a creative force in their lives. Women Who Write was established in 1992 in Louisville. Our co-founder, Carridder "Rita" Jones, is a published author and playwright. Many of our current members are also published. All women interested in writing, in any genre, at any level, amateur or professional, are invited to join. Each year we sponsor a poetry and short prose contest and the winners are published in our annual anthology. Selected writings from our membership are also featured. This year will be our 17th publication of *Calliope, the Annual Anthology of Women Who Write*. Annual dues are \$25.00* which entitles members to participate in our annual retreat, special events, critical response process and monthly meetings.

* In addition to the membership dues, all members are required to purchase five anthologies at a cost of \$5.00 per book per year.



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E-books, a growth phenomenon

It's official, digital literature, specifically the e-book has come into its own, and will be impossible to ignore. Google has recently settled their lawsuit with the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers and others. (search on "Google Search Settlement" for more information) What will be the impact on authors? No one knows, not yet.

Are e-books popular? You bet they are, and that trend appears to be accelerating. According to the Association of American Publishers there has been a whopping 177% increase in digital book sales over the first eight months of 2009 – that's on top of a 68.4 percent jump recorded in 2008.

If you haven't noticed, there is a glut of electronic readers on the market. Barnes & Noble has just come out with their "Nook" e-reader which they advertise in their stores as being sold out. Amazon.com, owner of the Kindle owns a whopping 60% market share on e-readers according to a fall, 2009 report by Forrester Research. The same study pegged e-reader sales in the U.S. at over three million, a number expected to double in 2010.

This past October Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com declared their e-readers as the best selling items in their online cata-

logues. As writers, what will be the impact on us? Will sales of hard back and paper back books drop as e-book sales rise? Not exactly. Sales of hard copy books in the U.S. have remained static according to Forrester Research.

My feeling is that the ever increasing popularity of e-books brings with it increasing opportunities for writers. If you are a writer and you have created a body of work, a Web site with your name as the URL (yournamehere.com) should absolutely be on your short list of things-to-do.

Next month we will talk about Web sites, Word press and the structure and layout of e-books.

If you are not excited to be a writer, and to take part in this writing revolution, you should be. There has never been a better time to be a writer than today. Get writing!



Writing prompt

Write a story about a bruise. It could be a physical bruise, a mental bruise, or something we haven't even thought about!



Letter from the editor

This month we will be ramping up our Short Prose & Poetry Contest. Since this is our biggest fund raiser of the year we want to advertise our contest in as many venues as possible. If you are receiving a monthly literary newsletter, or know of a local writing group, send me an email with the link, or pick up one of our Short Prose & Poetry Contest Flyers (available at the February 4th membership meeting).

Don't forget to turn out for our guest author, **Karen Angelucci** at our February meeting. If you have a friend who is interested in gardening or is a writer, invite them to come with you. Let' have a big turnout for our author, after all, one day it will be you ... wouldn't you want a nice turn out? Thanks guys, see you on Thursday, February 4th, at 6:30 P.M., Highlands Branch, Mid-City Mall, Louisville.

You will be receiving an e-mail from me in the next few days about adding a third page to our newsletter and a new column, written each month by one of you! Please watch for that e-mail.



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