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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

Greetings Fellow Writers! I am very excited to be your president this year. By way of introduction, I am a native Californian and have lived in Sutherland, Utah 3.5 years. A mother of six budding writers, musicians, soccer players, dancers, actors, etc., you with children will have a sense of what my life is like most of the time. I am a graduate student at B.Y.U. and commute there weekly. I am studying the teaching of writing to children and recently presented some research I am involved in at *The International Writing Centers Conference* in Missouri. Because of that presentation, I am co-writing a chapter in a book with Brad Wilcox on "Writing Centers in the Elementary School." I am sharing this with you because it will be my first published work, and *I am excited*. Unlike many of you, I write **solely** for myself and have never had the courage to publish anything. This opportunity was the kick in the pants I needed to actually feel *somewhat* worthy to be your leader!

I am very enthusiastic about the year we are facing. The board we have assembled includes some of the most talented, creative people I have ever known. We are tentatively planning to hold the Spring Workshop in Cedar City, under the direction of Stephanni Hicken. The Round-up location will be determined by Marcia Ford, the new Pres.-Elect. We are also planning to add a new part of our State LUW services by offering a Scholarship to a talented High School Senior in Utah. If you have experience in establishing a scholarship, please contact me immediately. Your help would be appreciated!

As you know, writers go through a recursive process which generally includes: Pre-writing or Brainstorming, Drafting, Seeking Response, Revision, More Response, Editing, and Publishing. Sometimes writers skip steps in this process, but generally, most of these points are covered. Because my area of study focuses on learning how writers use this process, and translating that information into authentic writing experiences for children, I thought it would be appropriate to share a list I ran across and have found to be very helpful in my writing from Nancie Atwell's book *In the middle: Writing, reading, and learning with adolescents*. This list grew out of studying *real* writers in *real* situations. Here is her Framework of Beliefs About Writing:

1. Writers need regular chunks of time.
2. Writers need their own topics.
3. Writers need response.
4. Writers learn mechanics in context.
5. Children need to know adults who write.
6. Writers need to read.
7. Writing teachers need to take responsibility for their knowledge and teaching.

(Portsmouth, NH: Boynton/Cook-Heinemann, 1987)

My suggestion is for you to look carefully at this list and ask yourself if you are doing all you can do to be the best writer you can be. Maybe you could work a little harder at reading a new genre you've never tried writing in before. Perhaps you could take a piece of your writing and share it with another writer, seeking a non-threatening response. Whatever it will take, I challenge you to be a better writer this month. Take your writing one step further than you have before, and celebrate your progress!

LEAGUE OF UTAH WRITERS

✍️ CHAPTER CHATTER ✍️

✍️ UTAH VALLEY CHAPTER

Abbie M. Francom won first place in the short stories category at the American Fork Arts Council writing contest with her story "Grandpa's Game."

Richard Grant Thayne had a poem entitled "Women" published in a new book by E.P.S. He also did well at the Utah County Fair with a second and third place in photography, a third place in ceramics and third place in fine arts with a book and plaque on America.

✍️ OQUIRRH WRITERS CHAPTER

Julene Fisher writes a weekly grammar check column for the Salt Lake Tribune called Easy Speak.

Tedi Wixom has published her second book. A child's book called "A Princess, Dragon, and Baker." Her first book, "To Heal a Heart" is featured at Desert Book, where she has done several book signings. Her third book, another child's story about a spider and a lady bug will be out soon.

Thomas Christen's poem "Who's Perfect?" was heard around the world when it was picked up by a ham radio operator.

President Clinton has even read his poem.

Dorothy Crofts, Treasurer/Secretary, put together a beautiful book on the history of West Valley called "A Dream Come True". This book was funded by the West Valley Council of the Arts and was featured at this year's West Fest. Other contributors from the league were: **Tedi Wixom, Thomas Christensen, Anne Snow, Ulene Rushton** and **Kathleen Campbell**.

Joe Kujaczynski wrote a letter to Regis and Kathy Lee telling about his "Perfect Angle" and how she deserved a second wedding in a white gown with all the trimmings. His beautiful letter was chosen from over 4,000 and he and his lovely bride of 43 years renewed their vows on "Live". They were treated to a week in New York and sent on a honeymoon to Scotland.

✍️ BOUNTIFUL CHAPTER

Dora Flack is finally finished her 5-YEAR-+ Bountiful Centennial assignment. She has just finished the complete history of its' events since 1992, commemorating the year of its' incorporation in 1892. She is completing a sealed time capsule box to be opened in 50 years. Dora was Project Coordinator for the impressive 15-foot Bountiful Historic Monument which was unveiled June 17 and attended by approximately 300 viewers. This is the only Bountiful monument to commemorate its' being the second settlement in Utah Territory in September of 1847. On June 19 she was part of another historic unveiling in Bountiful City hall when a polished brass plaque was added to the history wall. After all this Dora now hopes to get back to her own writing.

Trisa Martin has had an article accepted by the Ensign and a story accepted by the Friend. She won first place for another article a Reader's Digest Writing Workshop

Board Meeting Scheduled For January

After Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years, take a deep breath and help us get this year off with a bang! Our Board Meeting will be held on January 6, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the Delta Middle School (351 E. 300 N.) Just come to the front door and follow the signs. All board members are encouraged to come as well as the presidents or a representative from each chapter. Any former board members are also welcome. (We would appreciate your expertise.) Please R.S.V.P. to Marcia at 864-3153. Bring your concerns, your suggestions, your ideas of how we can make this a very helpful year for your members.

Talented Writers Waiting to Share Skills

The Speakers Bureau list was set up this year by Peggy Burdett. We appreciate her efforts in contacting each person on the list to find the variety of presentations they are prepared to offer. We remind you that if you have 12 or more members in your league, you get two speakers from that list reimbursed each year. (Fewer than 12 members will entitle you to one paid speaker.) The cost of using the speakers is \$25.00 plus travel expenses. All you have to do is contact the speaker, arrange the engagement, pay for their services, and submit a bill to Colleen Atkinson (treasurer) for reimbursement. We hope you will plan to use these talented presenters in your chapter meetings. They have been very kind to have their names listed in our roster. We would not want their talents to go un-noticed and un-used. (Note - local chapters pay expenses). You can find a list of the speakers beginning on page 35 of the League of Utah Writers 1995 Directory.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR ☒

I'm a jotter, a writer of sorts. I've never been published except in the "Letters To The Editor" section of our local newspaper. My working days are spent reading federal and state policy then writing (interesting #&*!#) lesson plans and creating handouts to train employees. I accepted this assignment as a way to reduce "stress" in my life and have some fun. So far, so good! You "the reader" of the Lariat have the hard part, because without information from you and your chapters it won't be much of a publication. So please help reduce the stress in my life for the next year by sending me information about you, your chapter, contests, workshops, etc.....glc

PAST LUW PRESIDENT NEEDS HELP!

HELP! I am currently editing a quarterly newsletter for the Utah School Employees Association. This newsletter, *The Review*, is changing from a regular page format to a tabloid size and I have much more space available than stories to fill it.

I'm most interested in receiving human interest type articles (200-400 word range) that involve classified employees (these are bus drivers, secretaries, custodians, lunch workers, etc. not teachers or administrators) in your local schools and community activities. I'd also be willing to look at articles that might interest this general audience, awards received, local school programs involving employees, statewide political issues etc.

We circulate to 6,500 members of our national association. Please make your articles timeless so they can be used in any future issue. Follow generally accepted submission procedures. Payment .02 per word plus 5 copies after publication. Include model release with any photos.

Send submissions to:
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USEA
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Murray, Utah 84107 Or
Fax to: (801)269-9324

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If anyone within our readers circulation is interested in forming a Cache Valley Chapter of LUW please call or send information to:

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1391 N. 240 W. #3
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KRIS & DEAN SHOW COMES TO UTAH

Kristine Kathryn Rusch and Dean Wesley Smith will conduct a two-day writers' workshop, 8 am-5 pm, Friday & Saturday, January 5-6, 1996, at the Alumni House on the BYU campus in Provo. Writers interested in professional career development are invited to attend the Kris & Dean Show.

Membership is \$45. Funds will support Life, the Universe, & Everything XIV, the annual fantasy-sf symposium in Provo.

Send check to LU&E, with memo noting "for Kris & Dean Show," to LU&E, 3163 JKHB, Provo, Utah 84602. For more information contact Ken Rand, (801)568-1666.

Rusch is the editor of the Magazine of Fantasy & SF, Smith is publisher-editor of Pulphouse, abrupt Edge, and Full Clip. The award-winning husband-wife team from Eugene, Oregon, specializes in fantasy and science fiction, but the information they present will help anyone who wants to make writing a career, whatever genre they chose.

Seating may be limited; interested writers are urged to reserve memberships early.

1996 ROUND-UP

Marcia Ford, Chairman, for the 1996 Round-up is asking for your help. She would like any suggestions you may have on what you would like, especially speakers. Please call her at (801)298-7453 or send suggestions to her at 1286 East Northridge Dr., Bountiful, Utah 84010.

✓We do know that Round-up will be held in Salt Lake City during September. Mark your calendar now, more news will follow!



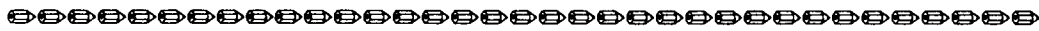
ANNUAL ROUND-UP A SUCCESS!

UTAH VALLEY CHAPTER hosted a round-up of great presenters: **Gerald Lund, Ruth Bonapace, Robert Kirby, Max Golightly, Richard Paul Evans, Laurie E. Liss, Steve Walker, Anita Stansfield, Tim Slover, Clair Rees and Lee Nelson.**

Kirsten Black, President of the Utah Valley Chapter, and her committee of **Sandy Hirsche, Peggy Bardett, Stephanni Hicken, Abbie Francom, Max Golightly, Sherri Curtis, Afton Chambers, Carol Daniels and Sauna Baumgardner** deserve a standing ovation for a "job well done." A special thanks to **LuAnn Staheli**, Past President, **Sandy Hirsche**, Round-up Chair and **Valerie Holladay**, General Contest Chair. Be sure to check out the list of winners from the poetry and prose contest.

♥♥A SPECIAL THANK YOU!♥♥

Members of the League of Utah Writers would like to extend a special thank you to LuAnn Staheli for her service to the League this year and her efforts in getting the Lariat and Directory out to members during a stressful time.



LEAGUE OF UTAH WRITERS ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR CHAPTER CHATTER

Name _____ Chapter _____
Date _____ Home Phone _____

Please list your achievements which have occurred and have not previously been in Chapter Chatter. Please use this form or type on plain paper with the above information and send to Glenda Ciarus, P. O. Box 303, Delta, Utah 84624. Deadlines will be January 31, 1996, April 30, 1996 and July 31, 1996, and October 31, 1996. Thank you.

PUBLICATIONS: _____

AWARDS: _____

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS: _____

WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR LEAGUE OF UTAH WRITER ANNUAL COMPETITION

Winners of the annual original writing competition sponsored by the League of Utah Writers were announced at the Fall Roundup, held at the Provo Park Hotel September 22 and 23. Winners in the Prose Categories were as follows:

Publication Awards: Quill Winners: Vera Bakker, of Layton, for Puff's Christmas Miracle (Covenant Communications, Inc.); Judith Behunin, of Ogden; for The Family I Always Wanted; Virginia Havens, of Salt Lake City, for Roxey's Choice (Covenant Communications, Inc.); Karla Erickson, of Bountiful, for AJ's Mystery, (Bookcraft); Anita Stansfield, of Orem, Utah, for First Love and Forever (Covenant Communications, Inc.); and Shirley Hatfield, of Highland, and LuAnn Staheli, of Spanish Fork, for their individual collections of publications.

Previous winners of the Quill now eligible for a Diamond: Alice Morrey Bailey, of Salt Lake City, for "Episode in the Garden"; Kolette Montague, of Centerville, for Now I Have Time for the Desert; Beth Moore, of Apple Valley, for "The Longest Summer"; Linda Muhlestein, of Cedar Hills, for "A Year in the Life of a Small-Town Reporter"; and Geraldine Pratt, of Murray, Maxine Jennings, of Ogden; Helen Glissmeyer, of SLC, and Kathy Kelly, of Clinton, for their individual collections of publications. Honorable Mentions: Martha Balph, of Millville, for "Cargo Cult"; the Sevier Valley Writers for their "Holiday Sampler"; and Peggy Burdette, of Provo, for her collection of publications.

Newcomers Short Story: First Place: Tim Lindner, of Roy ; Second Place: Jessica Breinholt, of Coalville ; Third Place: Charlene Hirschi, of Logan. Honorable Mentions: Max Golightly, of Provo; Linda Smith, of Roy; and Tim Lindner

(CONTEST WINNERS CONTINUED)

Speculative Fiction: First Place: Andrew McQuinn, of SLC; Second Place: Scott MacKnight, of Price; Third Place: Vicki (Verlene) Wheeler, of Payson. Honorable Mentions: Don Hoffman, of Delta; Hazel T. Marrott, of SLC; and Paul Klein, of Cedar City.

One-Act Play/TV Script: First Place: Mike Marsh, of Midvale; Second Place: Blaine Elliott, of Orem; Third Place: Shirley Hatfield, of Highland ; Honorable Mentions: Myrth Elizabeth Burr, of Provo; Steve Matz, of Magna; and Mike Marsh.

Newcomers Article: First Place: Linda Smith, of Roy; Second Place: Abbie Francom, of Provo; and Third Place: Blaine Elliott, of Orem. Honorable Mentions: Linda Blanchard, of Cedar City (for two entries) and Marcia Anstead, of Delta.

Full-Length Book: First Place: LaVon B. Carroll, of Ogden, for A Highland Fling; Second Place: Lynn Miller, of North Ogden, for The Spirit Tree; Third Place: Theda Bassett, of SLC, for Sea in His Face. Honorable Mentions: Carole Western, of SLC, for Shadow of Doubt, and Cheryl Madson, of Ogden, for Coming Home; and Alice Morrey Bailey, of Salt Lake City, for Rain Shadows.

Short Short Story: First Place: LaVon B. Carroll, of Ogden; Second Place: Afton Pettegrew, of SLC; Third Place: Beth Moore, of Apple Valley; Honorable Mentions: Valerie Holladay, of Pleasant Grove; Elain Imus, of Parown; and LaVon B. Carroll, of Ogden.

Featurette: **First Place:** Janke Hannelore, of SLC; **Second Place:** Sheila Huntington, of Bountiful; **Third Place:** Vicki (Verlene) Wheeler, of Payson. Honorable Mentions: Jean Tonti, of Ogden; Judith Johns, of Pleasant View, and Stephanni Hicken, of Orem.

(CONTEST WINNERS CONTINUED)

Children's Book: First Place: Nancy McDonald, of Ogden, for Yellowstone Wolf; Second Place: Carole Western, of SLC, for Nightmare Cafe; Third Place: Ann Snow, of SLC, for The Red Hill. Honorable Mentions: Melinda Hill, of Orem; Kolette Montague, of Centerville; and Vera Bakker, of Layton.

Essay: First Place: Betty Briggs, of Mapleton; Second Place: Marva Jean Pedersen, of Willard. Third Place: LaVon B. Carroll, of Ogden. Honorable Mention: Judy Johns, of Pleasant View; Thella Brock, of St. George; Betty Briggs, of Mapleton.

Teen Story: First Place: Marsha Lundgren, of Cedar City; Second Place: Hazel T. Marrott, of SLC; Third Place: Judy Johns, of Pleasant View; Honorable Mentions: LaVon B. Carroll, of Ogden.

White/Meagher Short Story: First Place: Sherri Curtis, of American Fork; Second Place: Lea Nielson, of Provo; Third Place: LaVon B. Carroll, of Ogden. Honorable Mentions: Linda Muhlestein, of Cedar Hills; LaVon B. Carroll, of Ogden; and Judy Johns, of Pleasant View.

Inspirational/Personal Experience: First Place: Judy Johns, of Pleasant View; Second Place: Marilyn O. Chapman, of Provo; Third Place: Stephanni Hicken, of Orem. Honorable Mentions: Norma Dalton, of Sunset; Carolyn Campbell, of SLC; Lou Ella Lee, of Monroe. **Article:** First Place: Max Golightly, of Provo; Second Place: Sandy Hirsche, of Provo; Third Place: Alice Morrey Bailey, of SLC. Honorable Mentions: Charlene Hirschi, of Logan; Carma Rossi, of Centerville; and Don Hoffman.

Member Article: First Place: Trisa Martin, of Bountiful; Second Place: Marcia Ford, of Bountiful; Third Place: Sandy Hirsche, of Provo. Honorable Mentions: Stephanni Hicken, of Orem; Hazel T. Marrott, of SLC; and Carolyn Campbell, of SLC

(CONTEST WINNERS CONTINUED)

Winners in the Poetry category were as follows:

Light Verse: First Place: Shirley Hatfield, of Highland; Second Place: Kolette Montague, of Centerville; Third Place: Sheila Huntington, of Bountiful; Honorable Mentions: Fae Starr, of Richfield; Pat Meehan, of Layton; and Kolette Montague.

Children's Poetry: First Place: Martha Balph, of Millville; Second Place: Geraldine Felt, of Layton; Third Place: Helen Glissmeyer, of SLC; Honorable Mentions: Vera Bakker, of Layton; Joyce O. Knaphus, of Richfield; Hazel T. Marrott, of SLC;

Newcomers Poetry: First Place: LaRae Warner, of Plain City; Second Place: Marsha Lundgren, of Cedar City; Third Place: Joyce Kohler, of Midway. Honorable Mentions: Ann Greenhalgh, of Murray; Maxine Crapo, of SLC; and Kristeen Croall, of West Valley City.

Serious Poetry: First Place: Martha Balph, of Millville; Second Place: Judy Johns, of Pleasant View; Third Place: Martha Balph, of Millville; Honorable Mentions: Maxine Jennings, of Ogden; and Kolette Montague, of Centerville; and Judy Johns. **Alice Morrey Bailey Love Poem:** First Place: Martha H. Balph, of Millville; Second Place: Judy Johns, of Pleasant View. Honorable Mentions: Richard Jee, of Ogden; Teresa Bogue, of Layton; Valerie Holladay, of Pleasant Grove; and Martha H. Balph.

Winners were awarded cash prizes up to \$100 for the full-length book. Winning entries were read at the annual League Fall Roundup held at the Provo Park Hotel September 22 and 23. Information about the contest will be made available at the Spring Workshop or may also be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped legal envelope, after March 1, to Valerie Holladay, Contest Chair, 175 N. Main, Pleasant Grove, UT 84062. The deadline for next year's annual original writing contest will again be June 15.

QUOTES WORTH QUOTING

The first four months of writing the book, my mental image is scratching with my hands through granite. My other image is pushing a train up the mountain, and it's icy, and I'm in bare feet.

Mary Higgins Clark



Just as appetite comes by eating, so work brings inspiration, if inspiration is not discernible at the beginning.

Igor Stravinsky



First drafts are for learning what your novel or story is about

Bernard Malamud



This morning I took the hyphen out of Hell-hound and this afternoon I put it back.

Edwin Arlington Robinson



Below is a rejection slip from a Chinese economic journal, quoted in The Financial Times

We have read your manuscript with boundless delight. If we were to publish your paper, it would be impossible for us to publish any work of lower standard. And as it is unthinkable that in the next thousand years we shall see its equal, we are, to our regret, compelled to return your divine composition, and to beg you a thousand times to overlook our short sight and timidity.

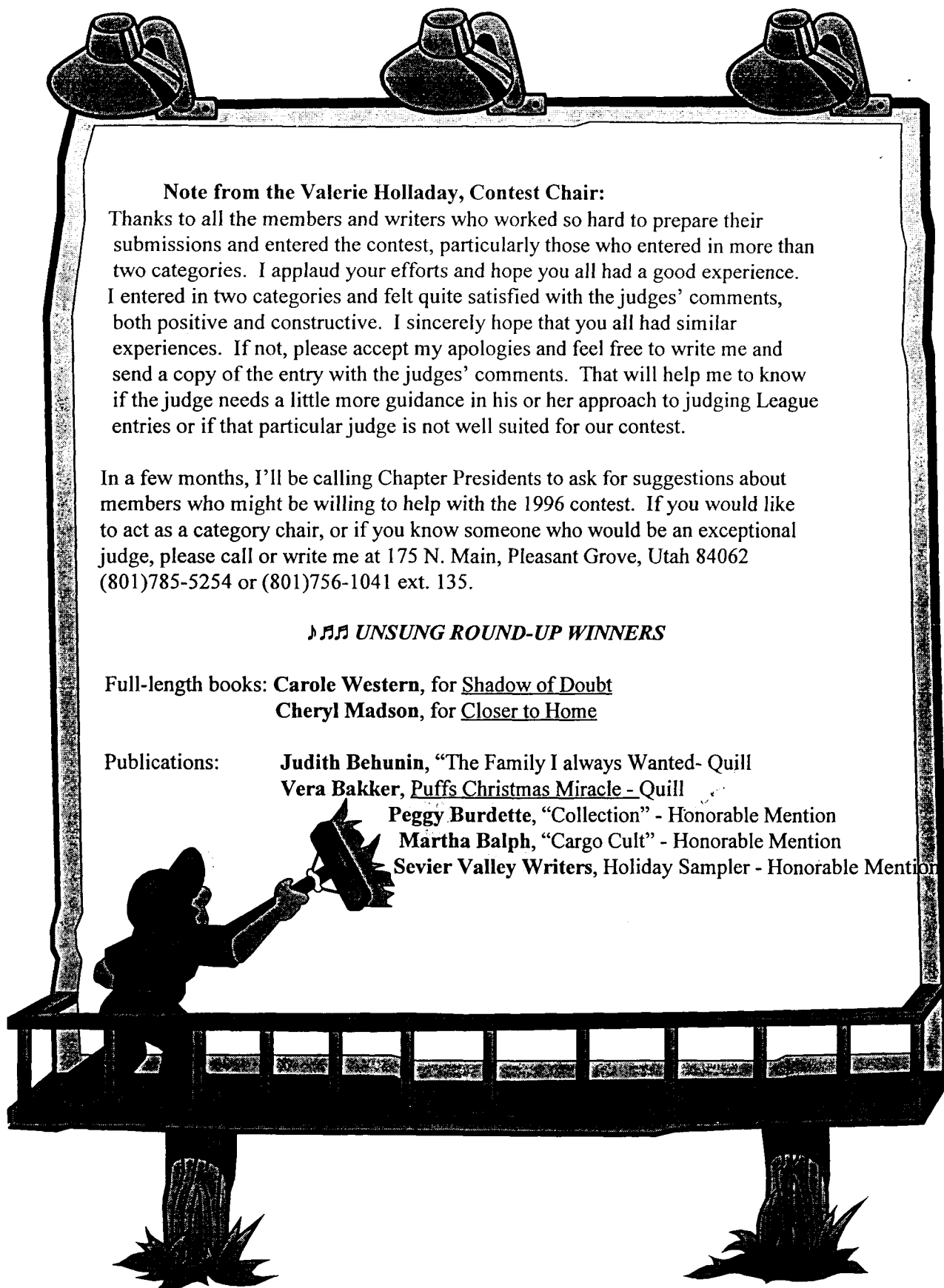


I have never believed that my limitations were in any sense punishments or accidents. If I had held such a view, I could never have expected the strength to overcome them.

Helen Keller



Quotes all from Sophy Burnham's For Writers Only (Ballentine Books, \$15.50, 208 pp.)



Note from the Valerie Holladay, Contest Chair:

Thanks to all the members and writers who worked so hard to prepare their submissions and entered the contest, particularly those who entered in more than two categories. I applaud your efforts and hope you all had a good experience. I entered in two categories and felt quite satisfied with the judges' comments, both positive and constructive. I sincerely hope that you all had similar experiences. If not, please accept my apologies and feel free to write me and send a copy of the entry with the judges' comments. That will help me to know if the judge needs a little more guidance in his or her approach to judging League entries or if that particular judge is not well suited for our contest.

In a few months, I'll be calling Chapter Presidents to ask for suggestions about members who might be willing to help with the 1996 contest. If you would like to act as a category chair, or if you know someone who would be an exceptional judge, please call or write me at 175 N. Main, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062 (801)785-5254 or (801)756-1041 ext. 135.

♪♪ UNSUNG ROUND-UP WINNERS

Full-length books: **Carole Western**, for Shadow of Doubt
Cheryl Madson, for Closer to Home

Publications: **Judith Behunin**, "The Family I always Wanted- Quill
Vera Bakker, Puffs Christmas Miracle - Quill
Peggy Burdette, "Collection" - Honorable Mention
Martha Balph, "Cargo Cult" - Honorable Mention
Sevier Valley Writers, Holiday Sampler - Honorable Mention