



PRESIDENT'S KORNER

Greetings for the New Year! January 1, 1997

I love this time of year, a time for reflection and resolve. Reflecting gives perspective, and as I look back, I see the League making significant progress. You'll read about some of our gains in this Lariat—membership and financial growth being two targeted areas.

Resolving also gives us perspective, a vision for the future. As your President, I've resolved to improve communication with each chapter. I'm committed to improving the League's financial health, and most importantly, I've pledged to be your cheer section when it comes to promoting your writing. A fresh start of a new calendar page gives me a boost to reach these goals, and I hope when this Lariat reaches you, it gives you a boost, too.

Please note a few items:

- Please support our fund raiser for the Family of **Elaine Imus**, former member of the Cedar Night Writers. (See page 2).
- The History of the League of Utah Writers will be available at the Spring Workshop.

I'm going to go out on a limb to make ten bold predictions for 1997. You can quote me. I predict:

1. League membership will stampede past the 400 mark (currently 370).
2. The League will lasso two new chapters into the corral during 1997.

3. In *one* of our chapters, every dude will receive a \$5.00 kickback on his/her RoundUp registration.
4. Kathy Kelly will faint dead away when she sees how many LUW members attend the Spring Workshop (or from her son's wedding just two days following).
5. There will be several new hats in the winners ring of our annual writing contests.
6. Bettyanne Gillette (President Elect) will be named rodeo queen after she completes the 1997 RoundUp.
7. Every active member of the League will feel the punch of their 1997 membership.
8. Trisa Martin (Treasurer) will be able to teach Quicken to any cowhand.
9. Dora Flack's long awaited League History will be made into a movie.
10. There will be a big sigh from Marcia Ford's bunk house shortly after the 1997 Round-Up.

The truth is 1997 cannot help but be a tremendous League year with the experienced cowhands who are riding herd. Pay attention to their messages in this Lariat and experience new ideas, enthusiasm, and success. Let's ride into the sunset of 1997 with our hearts full of new friends and our saddle bags full of new manuscripts.

Marcia Ford

LEAGUE WRITER DIES

Elaine Imus, a founding member of Cedar City's Color Country Nightwriters, died of colon cancer last May. The League of Utah Writers is **sponsoring a fund raiser** for her family by offering a 4th-7th grade book about Philo T. Farnsworth, the inventor of television, who grew up in Utah and Idaho.

"Don't move but pray hard," whispered Mama to her eight year old son.

Philo held his breath and stared at the huge head of a mountain lion framed in the cabin's only window. Its fangs and slanted yellow eyes gleamed in the lamp light, and it scratched at the glass with three-inch claws. Saliva dripped from its open mouth.

Thus begin the adventures of Philo T. Farnsworth, one of Utah's most famous sons. His amazing and remarkable childhood is retold in the delightful book, *Dreams Do Come True*, written by **Corrie Lynne Player**, a member of Philo's family. It is the story of a boy ahead of his time who used his talents and abilities to better the lives of his fellow man.

This little boy, born in Beaver, Utah on August 19, 1906, accomplished one of the most astonishing things in history; he invented television and changed the world. But, unlike other unique inventors like Thomas Edison or Alexander Graham Bell, he never received much recognition, and his name gradually faded from history after his death in 1971.

However, through such efforts as *Dreams*, that recognition is finally forthcoming. Events like a commemorative stamp picturing Philo and his dissector tube (1983), his election to the National Hall of Fame (1984), and the placement of his statue in Statuary Hall in Washington D.C. (1990) have begun to restore him to his rightful place.

To obtain your copy of *Dreams Do Come True*, send your name and address with an \$11.00 check or money order made out to Tahoma Companies, 438 E. 800 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84111; Ph: 533-0919. Your book will be mailed to you. All proceeds go to the Elaine Imus Memorial Fund.

INFO ABOUT ELAINE AND HER FAMILY

Elaine was one of the 37 people who answered Corrie Player's flyer, "Are You a Writer? Do You Want to be Published?" which she posted around

town a year after she moved to Cedar City. They met at the Southern Utah University's Centrum on October 11, 1990. Three representatives from the League were there to give official sanction.

Elaine attended a class in article writing which Corrie taught the Winter Quarter of 1992, and she worked briefly as her administrative assistant that same year. However, she had a miscarriage and other health problems which forced her to quit, but she served as the Chapter President and remained very active until just a few months before she died.

Her husband, John, has worked as a holistic healer and massage therapist since November 1983, but he tore up both shoulders about 18 months ago and has only been able to work intermittently since then. One shoulder has partially healed, but he's scheduled for more surgery on the other in February. Their oldest son, Andrew James Holt, turned six on November 24, 1996 and has Downs Syndrome. Benjamin Thomas Holt was three on November 29, 1996.

John has a young adult son from a previous marriage who lives with him and helps care for the boys. John's mother also lives nearby and they work together to keep the family intact. But it's a continual financial strain, and this memorial fund raiser will be greatly appreciated. *C.L. Player*

KNEWS YOU CAN USE

("knews" is plural of knew)

Misplaced History - In compiling the history of the League of Utah Writers (LUW), Dora Flack is missing some important documents: **1975 and 1996 Directories; Roundup Programs for 1992-1995**. If you have any of these items in your personal files and would be willing to part with them for a permanent history file, please send them immediately to: **Dora Flack**, 448 E. 775 N., Bountiful, UT 84010, Ph: 295-4879. The League history will be on sale at the Spring Workshop.

S.O.S. to All Writers - We need help contacting interested writers and would-be members in areas outside of our organized chapters. During the League's illustrious history, we have had chapters in Vernal, Leamington, Juab, Moab, Nephi, Tooele, and many other locations. Goodness knows, there are writers everywhere there are

people. As a state organization, we would like to invite EVERY Utah writer to be part of our illustrious future!

If you have any contacts or know of anyone interested in joining or starting a chapter of the League of Utah Writers, please contact Marcia Ford, President. The Board is prepared and will be happy to present a workshop in that area for potential members and officers, with an eye toward supporting all Utah residents with their writing aspirations.

Lasso Your Kickback - The LUW announces the possibility of a \$5.00 Kickback for each member of your chapter! To qualify for this honest-to-goodness savings, simply help your chapter become the *chapter with the greatest percentage of membership increase* this year. You'll receive five bucks back on your Roundup registration fee. Simple as that. Bring your friends and neighbors, and we'll see you all there.

Call to State Board Meeting - All State Board Members and Chapter Delegates are hereby notified of a State Board Meeting **March 15th immediately following the Spring Workshop** in Kaysville, Utah, approximately 4:00 p.m. Your presence is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Attention all Chapter Treasurers! - All membership dues should be addressed to the State Treasurer, **Trisa Martin**—2130 South 750 East, Bountiful, UT 84010. Please make sure you include name, address, and phone number of each new or renewal member. Please *send only the \$12.00 state dues* to Trisa; retain your chapter dues so they do not have to be returned to you. Reimbursement requests for Speakers' Bureau fees should also be addressed to Trisa.

Topic of the Month - Oquirrh Writers has an optional writing assignment to encourage member participation. Writers may choose any one of eight topics each month. At the end of 1997, all stories will be compiled into a book they can treasure and feel pleased about. Those who submit at least one story will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

Personal: For what person, place, object or activity do I have strong feelings of love or hate?

Narration: When have I lost or found someone, something or some opportunity?

How-to: What do I know how to do or make? Who would I most want to tell this to?

Comparison & Contrast: In my life, what is *not* the way it's supposed to be?

Division & Classification: What things, people, places, situations and events do I know enough about to explain by subdividing them into different categories?

Cause & Effect: What decisions or actions have I, or someone else, made or taken that affected my life, and what are those effects?

Definition: For what situation or role in my life do I want to describe what lies beneath the label? What are the characteristics of this situation? What am I called as a consequence of this particular situation or role?

Argument & Persuasion: In what area do I have experience that can inform others and change their thinking or actions?

Editor's note: This was such a good idea, I asked for details to share with the state. s²

Something Is Amiss! - The Utah Valley Chapter boasts a membership roll of 89 active writers. Yet participation at meetings has taken a sudden nose dive. October and November meetings had a dozen or less participants, and the December Christmas party was celebrated by only four. Concern over the sudden drop in meeting participation was discussed at the December meeting. It was suggested that the group is just *too large* to accommodate everyone. Some prefer small-group class-type meetings; others prefer popular speakers; still others express concern that the speakers haven't focused enough on the actual "how to write and get published" theme and LUW mission statement. Perhaps the group should be split again with a new Orem chapter being formed. There is no way your new president can know what to do for you unless you tell her, so please write or call: **Melinda Hill**, 563 E. 1840 N, Orem, UT, 84097 Ph: 221-7052

Editor's Note: Although the preceding was written for the Utah Valley Chapter, it has widespread interest. Few chapters have a problem of

being too large, but my general experience is 5 to 20 attendees seems about right. Too few and everyone stares wide-eyed, asking, "Whatcha wanna do?" Too many, and a shy person feels ignored. Thanks Melinda, for sharing this. s²

Speakers' Bureau - Need some spice for your meetings and workshops—a new twist? Chapters are allowed up to two speakers a year, to be paid by the League (your membership money). Check the list in the back of your new directory. These are qualified speakers who have agreed to share their expertise with us for a \$25 fee plus mileage. Let's use them.

The chapter pays speakers, then requests reimbursement of \$25 from the League Treasurer. Chapter pays for mileage. Contact **Vera Bakker**, 188 E. Gordon, Layton, UT; Ph: 544-8869.

Chapter Name Change - **Sandy and Craft House** recently merged to form the **Wordcraft Chapter**. They meet where Craft House used to meet: **East Millcreek Library**, 2266 Evergreen Avenue (2266 E. 3435 S.) in Holladay, on the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **Helen Glissmeyer** (Ph: 278-4309) is the new president. See Chapter Chatter for details.

WEB Site Needs Your Help - The League of Utah Writers (LUW) Internet web site is constantly being developed, and we can't do it alone. We need you to be our eyes and ears for what's going on in the League and beyond. Even if you don't have access to the Internet, if you can add to the following information, we'd really appreciate your help!

What's going on in your chapter at the next meeting: who's speaking, or what the writing topic is. Help your chapter grow by letting prospective members know what's going on!

News from your chapter: Do you know of writers who are getting published or who are winning contests? Share that information with others! Or tell us what activities your chapter is involved in—are you publishing a book, writing a play, or hosting a conference?

Contests and writing-related activities across the state, both those that are LUW sponsored and those that are not.

Send us **writing samples** that you'd like to publish on the Internet. Share your talent with others across the world—literally!

As always, our web site still contains contact information for all the chapters, membership information, and all the details for upcoming events such as the Spring Workshop, Fall Roundup and the writing contest.

We really can use the Internet as a tool to attract more members to the League of Utah Writers. They'll be able to see the wide varieties of things we're involved in and find out how they can get involved. Please help us make this as fun and informative as possible! You don't have to be a chapter officer to submit information. Send your submissions to Kristen Black in one of the following ways:

The URL for our web site is
<http://www.itsnet.com/home/kblack/writers.html>
Mail: Kristen Black, P.O.Box 2303, Provo, UT 84603-2303
Phone: 374-0105 **FAX:** 374-3029
E-mail: kblack@itsnet.com

Kalendar

Membership Reminder - It's that time of year when most of our membership renewals are due—\$20/year (youth \$5). Don't let your membership lapse! The League's new policy is to renew memberships on the anniversary date of when you first joined. Your expiration date is in the upper-right corner of your *Lariat* and Directory mailing labels. If your membership expired in January, be sure to pay your dues to your local chapter soon, so you're not dropped from the state mailing list. Or send dues to **Trisa Martin**, 2130 S. 750 E., Bountiful, UT 84010; Ph: 292-8771.

February 1, Poetry Contest Deadline - Utah State Poetry Society (USPS) members send business SASE to Lyle Wiggins, 1862 Ossage Orange Ave., Salt lake City, UT 84124

February 8, 10:30am-12:00pm, Poetry Workshop - Weber County Library Auditorium, 2464 Jefferson Ave. Max Golightly, Helen Beaman, Joyce Davis, Joel Passey. Hosted by Ben Lomond Chapter of the Utah State Poetry Society.

February 15, 10:00am-5:00pm, Utah Writers Conference - Provo Tabernacle. Speakers: Anita

Stansfield, Rachel Ann Nunes, Toni Sorenson Brown, Corey Maxwell, Susan Evans McCloud, Brent Yorgenson, Gerald Lund. Registration: \$95.00 or \$110.00 at the door. For information call Bill Engeman at 801-221-0525 or write Jernigan Publishing, P.O. Box 1004, American Fork, UT 84003. Sponsored by Jernigan Publishing.

February 22, 12:30-5:30pm, Art of Writing Workshop - Spanish Fork Library, 49 S. Main. Topics: 1) Giving your characters character, 2) Doing "real research" and putting it on paper, 3) Doing historical research and setting it right in your own back yard. Speakers: Lee Nelson, Anita Stansfield, Susan Evans McCloud and others. Book signing. **No charge.** For information call **Lu Ann Staheli** 801-798-9369. Sponsored by Spanish Fork Arts Council.

February 22 or March 1, Writer' Workshop - Saint George. Contact Marilyn Richardson, Heritage Writer's Guild, 1313 West Lake Drive, Ivins, UT 84738; Ph: 674-9792

March 15, 9:00am-4:00pm, Spring Workshop - Kaysville City Offices, 23 East Center. Contact **Kathy Kelly**. See full-page notice for details.

March 15, 4:00pm, State Board Meeting - All State Board Members and Chapter Delegates meet at **Kaysville** City Offices, immediately following the Spring Workshop.

March-June 16, Roundup Contest - Be thinking of your contest entries, due June 16th; awards in September. Contest forms will go out the last of March. Same categories as last year; except no Song Writing; add Science Fiction. For questions write to Contest Chair **Claudene Gordon**, 4278 Park Terrace Drive, SLC, UT 84124, Ph: 272-7301 (*address misprinted in Directory*).

June-July, Utah Arts Council Contests - Short story, novel, essay, poetry. Free entry; they don't return manuscripts. Rules come out in June; entries due in July; awards the end of August. Phone or write to get on mailing list. **Guy Lebeda**, Literary Coordinator, Utah Arts Council, 617 E. S. Temple, SLC, UT 84102, Ph: 533-5895.

September 19-20, Roundup - Plan on another great Roundup at the Ogden Radisson Hotel. **Bettyanne**

Gillette is arranging a panel of publishers, agents, writers and poets for guest speakers. Registration forms will be in the next Lariat. Theme: *Writing on the LUW Railroad*

Another 60th Anniversary Gift

Utah Valley Chapter (Provo/Orem) - **Project Read** focuses on the tragedy of illiteracy in Utah. The Utah Valley Chapter will create a play and possibly a video on this topic, to be performed in August or September. Proceeds will go to Project Read.

Key Contacts

Marcia Ford, State President, 1286 E. Northridge Drive, Bountiful, UT 84010; Ph: 298-7453; (15 Chapter Presidents listed in Directory).

Bettyanne Gillette, President Elect, 2617 Creek Road, Sandy, UT 84093; Ph: 942-4209

Kathy Kelly, Spring Workshop Chair, 2273 N. 700 W., Clinton, UT 84041; Ph: 776-6554

Trisa Martin, Treasurer (dues), 2130 S. 750 E., Bountiful, UT 84010; Ph: 292-8771.

Kristen Black, Directory, P.O. Box 2303, Provo, Utah 84603; Ph: 374-0105.

Steve Stumph, Lariat Editor, 75 N. Orchard Drive, North Salt Lake, UT 84054; Ph: 299-0992.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU (additions):

Ellen Carney, a former Idaho Writer of the Year, has published historical novels and books on western history. She gives workshops on research, self-publishing and copyrights. Contact: Oct. through May, 143 Utah Ave., Tooele, Utah 84074, Ph: 801-882-1279; June through Sept., 19 Grays Lake Road, Wayan, Idaho 83285, Ph: 208-574-2365

Kathy Kelly, 2273 N. 700 W. Clinton, Utah 84015; Ph: 776-6554. Journalist who writes articles, features, personal profile, how to's and organization; personal & family histories.

LUW Web Site:

<http://www.itsnet.com/home/kblack/writers.html>

CHAPTER CHATTER

Bountiful Chapter - Monthly meeting changed to 7:00 p.m. the third **WEDNESDAY** (not *Tuesday*) at the **Bountiful City Hall**, Council Committee Room.

Karla Erickson's new book, *Investment of A Lifetime*, tells how to invest time in yourself and others to reap dividends more precious than money. It's available in all bookstores of the Salt Lake Valley.

Dora Flack almost finished a history of the League for Christmas.

In November **Brian Gubler's** video company, William Tell Productions, produced *Reading, Writing, and... VIDEO*, featuring 10 writers and poets from Bountiful: **Deborah Reed, Karla Erickson, Aubree Ethington, Dora Flack, Marcia Ford, Bonnie Gudmundson, Sheila Huntington, Jim Jones, Maxine Shreve, Steve Stumph.**

Sheila Huntington presented a Christmas Pageant in various Bountiful Wards.

Maxine Shreve (295-2894) is the first Literary Arts Representative for the Bountiful City Arts Advisory Board.

Alice M. Whipple wrote an illustrated history book of her family, *Hiram Clay Manning Family History*, and finished a Christmas song, *When Christ Was Born*. For copies: 660 E. 650 N., Bountiful, UT 84010 Ph: 292-2835

Cache Valley, Logan - Monthly meeting changed to 6:30 p.m. on the third **Wednesday** in **Room 112** of the **Ray B. West building** at Utah State University. Attendance has been erratic, but we are hoping that our members will make a New Year's resolution to find time in their busy schedules to support us.

We have had some wonderful speakers and lively critique groups during the past quarter. In November, well known Utah poet Dr. Ken Brewer came and shared some of his poetry and his thoughts on writing and publishing with us. In January, Dr. Scott Chisholm gave us his insights on writing and publishing "creative" essays.

Chapter president, **Charlene Hirschi**, has recently had her first article published in a national publication. The article, "The Re-entry Student: On Both Sides of the Table," appeared in the October issue of *The Writing Lab Newsletter*, which is published by Purdue University.

Heritage Writers Guild, St. George - Winners of the Guild's fall contest will read their entries at the 3rd Tuesday, February meeting, Washington City Library. There were 38 entries - a record. Judges for this year's contest were **J.R. Paulson** and his son **Doug Paulson, Ed Reber** and **Ace Pilkington**. Those who entered works were most appreciative of the comments made by the judges, who went out of their way to give helpful critiques. Winner were:

Fiction: 1st **Marilyn Richardson**, 2nd **Connie Wilcox**, 3rd **Jerree Crouch**, honorable mention to **Thella Brock** and **Viva Blake**.

Non-fiction: 1st **Viva Blake**, 2nd **Lola Esplin**, 3rd **Connie Wilcox**, honorable mention to **James Croak** and **Lorraine Johnson**.

Poetry: 1st **Marilyn Richardson**, 2nd **LaVerna Johnson**, 3rd **Katy Hansen** with honorable mention to **Ronda Pitcher** and **Kami Egan**.

Plans are being made for a writer's workshop in St. George the last Saturday of February or the 1st Saturday in March. The workshop will be open to the public. Watch for details.

Oquirrh Writers, West Valley - We would like to extend a "BIG" thank you to **Tedi Wixom** and all past presidents for their untiring efforts to keep our chapter going. This year **Sylvan Crofts**, an avid reader, will serve as Chapter President. We look forward to an exciting year with big dreams of accomplishment and success in writing.

Oquirrh Writers is sponsoring a **Writing Contest** for anyone living in the West Valley area. Category choices include: Non-fiction, Humor, Fiction, and Poetry. They applied for a Grant to help fund the contest and book compilation. Get your Guidelines and Official Entry Form from the Chapter Secretary, **Dorothy Crofts**, 4621 W. Harman Dr., West Valley City, UT 84120. The contest deadline is September 1, 1997. As part of a membership drive, she placed press releases and classified ads in three local newspapers and FREE papers. Dorothy has been secretary for the past six years. She recently prepared over 100 letters for interested writers.

JoAnn Felix published *Charlotte Elizabeth: A Tale of Tenacity, Tragedy, Triumph*. Books are available to anyone interested.

Tedi Wixom published two new children's books, *Cock-a-doodle-do, I Love You* and *A Princess, Dragon & Baker*. They are delightful,

with brilliant colorful pages. Your children would love them.

Thomas Christensen had an article published in *Biker Magazine*.

Dorothy Crofts gave Volume One of her Autobiography to her children for Christmas 1996.

Various members have submitted stories for *Holiday Hoopla*, a book which should be available soon.

Sevier Valley, Richfield - Nov. 3, 1996 we lost one of our beloved members—Mae Jean Rasmussen Chidester Nay (known as **Jean Nay**). Her grandchildren paid tribute to her at her funeral by reading many of her poems and stories. We truly miss her, and her creative writings. She served as Sevier Valley Writer's President in 1985.

LovElla Lee of Monroe read her Centennial poetry for the Monroe Litrose Club Wednesday Jan 8th.

Our writers have self-published our fifth booklet called, "Our Sevier Sampler of Memories." (61 pp.) We hosted a free writer's workshop, "Writing from Personal Experience," featuring Ona Siporin, author and master story-teller Jan 15th.

Utah Valley, Orem - The Utah Valley Chapter is finally playing with a full deck! Our new board for 1996 consists of **Melinda Hill**, President; **Monte Clarno**, President Elect; **Judy Anderson**, Secretary/-Treasurer; **Betty Briggs**, Publicity Director; and **Annette Lyon**, Contest Chair. Yea! Whoop and holler for these fine volunteers!

Judy Anderson was in a terrible car accident and has suffered back injuries. A supportive note or call would be appreciated.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: **Candice Steelman**, **Kelli Nielson**, **Belle Weight**, **Angela Loft-house**, **Sabrina Haycock**.

CONGRATULATIONS: **Marilyn Chapman** has a personal essay published in *Faces of Utah* (p. 31) a Utah Centennial book. **Rachel Nunes'** new book *ARLANA: The Making of a Queen* is now in bookstores and Covenant is reviewing her second book. **Anita Stansfield** has a story in the new Covenant Communications Christmas book *A Merry Little Christmas*. Her story is entitled, "The Empty Manger."

At our October meeting, Joseph Morrow of **Project Read** enlightened us about the tragedy of

illiteracy in Utah. It was proposed and voted that the Utah Valley Chapter create a play on this topic, to be performed in August or September, with proceeds going to Project Read. If possible this play will also be made into a video to be sold to generate further proceeds for Project Read. This will be our 60th Anniversary gift to the League.

Our theme for November was: When is a blockbuster novel not necessarily a good book? And/or: When might "well written" not necessarily equate with "worth reading?" The meeting was graced by the lovely Camille Williams, a professor from BYU. Her seamless lecture taught us about our moral responsibility to our readers as we make choices in writing and publishing.

Wasatch Writers, Layton - Chapter members received copies of *The Book - Memories* at our Christmas party in December. It has some "Great Stuff" in it from several of our chapter members.

Vera Bakker sold one story to *Happiness* and one to *Jr. Trails*. She also had three poems published in *Poetry Panorama*.

Several of our chapter members did their own "Thing" for Christmas. **Joanne Weaver**, **Norma Dalton**, **Ruth Weaver**, **Teresa Bogue**, **Marjorie Sylvester** and **Kathy Kelly** put together a book called *Christmas Reflections*, had it printed, sold some and gave some to friends and family for Christmas Presents. Pretty resourceful of them, I'd say. Beverly Sherman.

Wordcraft (formerly *Sandy/Craft House*), Holladay - The Craft House Chapter has combined with the Sandy Chapter and the group has a new name: "Wordcraft Chapter." They no longer meet at Pioneer Craft House, but now convene the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at **East Mill-creek Library**, 2266 E. 3435 South, in Salt Lake. **Helen Glissmeyer** is the new president Ph: 278-4309, **Claudene Gordon**, president-elect, **Ray Bergman**, treasurer. **Bettyanne Gillette** is helping with membership, and former president **Carolyn Campbell** assists with publicity.

Carolyn Campbell writes a monthly column, "The Home Front," in *Business Start-Ups* magazine. She published an article in Dec. '96 *Private Eye Weekly* and Dec. '96 *Woman's World*.

Maxine Crapo was a finalist listed in *Crossroads Anthology of Poetry*.

Bettyanne Gillette Published a book, *LDS Teenagers Guide, 365 Awesome Answers for Today's Challenges*, (Horizon publishers). She also just published a book, *You Know You're a Mother When...* (Horizon). She also had an article in *The Friend* magazine Sep. '96.

Helen Glissmeyer published an article in the Dec. '96 *Teddy Bear and Friends* magazine, also in the Jan. '97 *Quilt World* magazine. She had a full page article in the *Ogden Standard Examiner*, Oct. 15, '96 and an article in Dec. '96 *Golden Age*.

Pam Moody had a story accepted by *The Friend* magazine. She also has two early-reader story books to be published in '97 by the Waterford Institute.

Carol Quist has a "Business" poem displayed in buses this month. She also had a story in *Sunstone* magazine Sept. '96, and articles in *Golden Age* in Nov. and Dec. '96.

Knewest Members

(They *knew* what to do.)

Let's extend a warm welcome to 10 new members who have joined our ranks since October:

Bear River Valley - Reed Jensen, 6805 N 6800 W, Tremonton 84337, Ph: 257-7230

Bountiful - Carole Cole, 354 E 1650 S, Bountiful 84010

Cache Valley - Lauren DeCicco, 315 E 1240 N, Logan 84341

Oquirrh Writers - Sylvan Crofts, 4621 W Harmon Dr., WVC 84120, Ph: 964-0861

Timpanogos - Sharon Beck, 1252 N 100 E, American Fork 84003

Wordcraft (formerly Craft House and Sandy) - Mary Barnes, 2423 W 6200 S, SLC 84118, Ph: 467-4350; **Nicole S. Higgins**, 84 N 1000 W, Tooele 84074, Ph: 882-6105; **Jeanette Fenwick**, P.O. Box 711613, SLC 84171, Ph: 947-1829; **Jane Lund**, 7981 Royal Lane, SLC 84121, Ph: 942-2193; **Marlene Pinkney**, 3795 S 5600 W, SLC 84120, Ph: 968-2002

DID YOU KNOW?

The following years and members in the League were ferreted out by Dora Flack in her search for League history:

1985 - 286 members 1986 - 286 members

1987 - 331 members 1988 - 332 members

1989 - 367 members 1990 - 384 members

1991 - 436 members 1992 - 286 members

1993 - 305 members 1994 - 297 members

1995 - 285 members 1996 - 339 members

projected for 1997 - 400 members. We can reach an all-time high if each chapter makes an effort to increase membership by 18%.

Why do we go "back and forth" when we have to first go forth before we can go back?

Paul Harvey says Oakland's Ebonics (ebony + phonics) is "slanguage."

Bumper Sticker Wisdom - Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty. As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in schools. Minds are like parachutes—they only function when open. A closed mind is a wonderful thing to lose. Just when I think I can make ends meet, someone moves the ends. *Thanks to Marilyn Richardson, Heritage Writer's*

Fractured English by Richard Letterer has signs from foreign countries:

Clothing store - Ladies may have a fit upstairs
Bangkok Cleaners - Drop trousers here for best results

Dentist - Teeth extracted by the latest methods
Laundry - Ladies leave your clothes here and spend the day having a good time

Livery Stable - Our horse driven tours have no miscarriages

Manager has passed all the water in this hotel

French Elevator - Please leave your values at the front desk

Hotel Lounge - Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar

Airport - We take your bags and send them in all directions

League of Utah Writers Spring Workshop

You are invited to attend

The League of Utah Writers

Spring Workshop

Saturday, March 15, 1997

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Registration at 8:30 a.m.) at the Kaysville City Offices, 23 East Center Street.

Cost is \$10 for pre-registered members (with dues up-to-date) or \$15 at the door. Visitors fees are \$15. Lunch will be included in the price of the conference. **Please register by March 8 so we have a head count for lunch.**

(Take Kaysville Exit 331. Turn east on 200 North and drive to the stoplight. Turn south on Main Street. Proceed 2 blocks to Center Street and turn east. Turn north into parking lot.)

For more information, and pre-registration, contact Kathy Kelly, 2273 North 700 West Clinton, UT 84015 or call 1-801-776-6554 or Marcia Ford at 1-801-298-7453.

Speakers

Margaret Rostkowski will discuss writing the young adult novel and dealing with publishers. She is the author of three young adult novels, *After the Dancing Days*; *The Best of Friends* and *Moon Dancer*. She teaches creative writing at Ogden High School. Margaret has presented workshops with the Utah Writing Project, The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the Utah Library Association.

Karla Erickson will share the concept of her newest book, *Investment of a Lifetime* which is basically a self-help book for making the most out of your life. She is the author of the

book *Take Time To Smell The Dandelions* and the *AJ* series of books geared for young girls.

Carolyn Campbell has had many articles published in national magazines. She will present ways to find ideas and talk about negotiating, marketing and resale of an article. She writes about 20 hours a week and is currently writing a column for a business magazine as a direct result of a rejection slip she received from the same magazine.

Cori Connors and Merlyn Schofield will sing some of Cori's original songs. Cori's topic will be *A Song: The 3-Minute Movie*. They have released 4 albums (including tapes and CD's) *Out of the Blue*; *I Need Thee Every Hour*; *Is it Snowing Tonight?*; *Sleepy Little Town*. Cori has sold songs which have been recorded by artists Chris LeDeux, Linda Ronstadt, Emily Richards and Becky Garrett. Cori has been director of seminars for the Utah Song Writers for 7 years. Merlyn is an elementary schoolteacher.

Guy Lebeda, as literary coordinator for the Utah Arts Council, will present information and guidelines for the Utah Arts Council Original Writing Contest. He also has a strong interest in many aspects of writing.

Bettyanne Gillette will encourage us to stick with our writing. She is the author of a new book *LDS Teenagers Guide* and is currently reviewing the proofs for her book *You Know You're A Mother When*, which is "kind of a Go Mom Go" book that celebrates the "real side of motherhood." She is also the President-elect for the League next year and was the past co-chairman of the 1996 Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators conference.

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