



## *Compose Yourself SIG*

*Memoir Writers*

### *April 2006 Newsletter*

**The April Monthly Meeting is Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Sonoran Plaza, Palms Room - Please Join Us**

*SIG Monthly meetings are the third Monday of the month at 1:00 to 3:00. Location:*

*Winter months      Nov – May      In the Sonoran Plaza, Palms Room*

*Summer months      June – Oct      In the Grand Computers Clubroom*

**Thought of the Day** – "Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally." --- David Frost

### **March Meeting Report**

March's monthly meeting had sixteen present, one being a new guest, Richard Dye who is a computer club member.

The meeting opened with each person introducing themselves and describing where they were in the writing of their memoir. This often resulted in comments from others giving support to the member's questions and concerns.

Announcements:

- The Grand Computer Club is now emailing its newsletter to members.
- Open seat PC class registration is scheduled for Thursday March 23 from 10 until 12.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> is the next computer club meeting with a speaker explaining how to put music on your PC.
- Check out the Genealogy SIG's website for good "how-to" PowerPoint slide presentations and if you cannot view them you can get the free PowerPoint download from Microsoft's website.

The suggested topic for the ten-minute scribble was “lessons learned.” What are your lessons learned that you want to pass on to your children/grandchildren that will make their life easier? Something you can give back as a part of you memoir. As always, the option was there to pick your own subject on which to write your quick ten-minute draft.

After ten minutes of writing, we divided into three groups, read our drafts to each other, and provided the writer with supportive comments.

Five members read articles aloud. They were:

Elaine T. – Read about being in thirteen wedding parties, singing in bands and her father’s gift of her first evening gown.

Nancy A. – Described her first teenage summer job and the experience gained from it.

Arlene D. – Told of her childhood experience with their newly installed electrical outlet.

Jim M. – Explained Navel shipboard officer’s rank/duty and what was a “pin-point-person.

Toni J. – Gave a clear and complete picture of her childhood toys and playthings.

Others members responded with supportive comments. With all articles read and the comments completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next month’s meeting is Monday, April 17, 2006 at 1:00 in the Sonoran Plaza, Palms Room.

## **Disclaimer**

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## **For Your Consideration - Wright Way Writers-Group**

Here is information on the Wright Way writers-group hosted by Greta Bishop of Bishop Literary Services.

I am introducing this writer resource because it is close by (ten miles away) and not expensive (three dollars per two-hour class.) The visits I have made to the group were beneficial to my memoir writing. Meetings run through May, and then shut down for the summer and resume in October. Meetings are on the third Saturday of the month.

In a telecom with Greta, the April 15, 2006 meeting topic is "How To Write From Everyday Life." This topic aligns closely with memoir writing.

Here is the press release for the Saturday, April 15, 2006 Write Way meeting:

"How To Write From Everyday Life" is the main topic for the next Write Way

Writers Group Meeting to be held on **Saturday, April 15, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. until noon.**

Location: Youngtown United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall) - 11234 West Alabama (corner

of Alabama and 113th Avenue) From SC Grand: go south on Grand to 111<sup>th</sup> Ave, turn left to Alabama Ave and turn right to the church.

This class will demonstrate how people from all walks of life, even with no formal training in creative writing, may produce meaningful and memorable work. Founded on the basic principle that creative expression is a natural function of life, you will learn how to overcome such inhibiting forces as: limiting beliefs, writer's block, self-sabotage, and just plain fear.

Topics to be discussed include: The Enemy & Ally Within - Creative Affirmations - Strengthening the Writer's Sense of Integrity - Writing With Authority - Recovering Faith - Imagination at Play - and Blasting Through Blocks.

If you've always wanted to write, but don't know where to begin -- OR -- if you've wondered how to turn life's everyday occurrences into dynamic stories with universal appeal, this class is for you!

For both aspiring and working writers.

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Monthly writers group meetings are conducted by professional ghostwriter, Greta Bishop. Classes are open to the public. Please bring writing materials with which to take notes. Admission is \$3.00. To confirm your attendance, call Greta at: (623) 972-4727.

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## Computer Tool Tips

### **Keyboard Shortcut: 'Ctrl + Click or Double Click or Triple Click**

Shortcuts to highlighting text in MS Word are easier using the following. If you want to highlight a **sentence**, hold down the **Ctrl** key and **left click the mouse**. For highlighting one **word** just **double click** the left mouse button on the word. To highlight a **paragraph** just **triple click** left mouse button on the paragraph.

**Change Text Case** – In Microsoft Word - another tip is highlighting the text and then use the Shift key and F3 key together for changing case of the font. Repeat hitting the keys until you get what you like between lowercase, uppercase, and initial caps. (Like This or LIKE THIS or like this)

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