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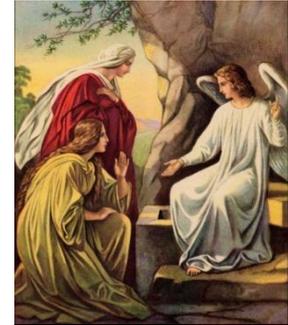
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Inspirational Writers Alive! (IWA!) is a Christian interdenominational writers' club. IWA! promotes creative writing to glorify Christ by helping individuals advance their writing skills and find effective markets for their work. We welcome writers at all levels.

Where and When NW Houston IWA! Meets

Second Tuesdays at Copperfield Church,
8350 Hwy. 6 North, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Check with the reception desk for the IWA! meeting room number.



**Join us June 11, 2019
for our Critique Meeting
and encouragement, inspiration, and advancement of your work-in-progress.**

Guidelines for a Critique

All genre, article, devotionals, fiction, memoirs, non-fiction, poetry, short stories, and screenplays. Please bring six copies, double-spaced, five page limit. Number each copy. We read manuscripts out loud. Readers enter comments, sign, and return manuscript to author. We welcome visitors with manuscripts at the critique table.

Future 2019 Events and Meetings

June: Speaker-Janice Thompson – Page 2

Inspirational Writers Alive! Open Competition 2019 Deadline for entries: June 15, 2019

http://www.centralhoustoniwa.com/2019_Contest_Registration_Form_IWA.pdf

July: Critique Meeting

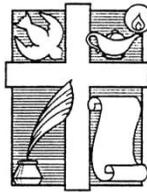
August: Annual Texas Christian Writers Conference sponsored by IWA! – Page 2-4 and at http://www.centralhoustoniwa.com/2019_TCWC_Brochure_revA.pdf

JANICE THOMPSON
SPEAKER
NW Houston IWA! Meeting
June 11, 2019

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Award-winning author Janice Thompson got her start in the industry writing screenplays and musical comedies for the stage. Janice has published over 110 books for the Christian market, crossing genre lines to write cozy mysteries, historicals, romances, nonfiction books, devotionals, children's books and more. She particularly enjoys writing light-hearted, comedic tales because she enjoys making readers laugh. Janice is passionate about her faith and does all she can to share the joy of the Lord with others, which is why she particularly enjoys writing. Her tagline, "Love, Laughter, and Happily Ever Afters!" sums up her take on life. She lives in Spring, Texas, where she leads a rich life with her family, a host of writing friends, and three mischievous dogs. When she's not busy writing or playing with her nine grandchildren, Janice can be found in the kitchen, baking specialty cakes and cookies for friends and loved ones. No matter what she's cooking up—books, cakes, cookies or mischief—she does her best to keep the Lord at the center of it all. Read more on Janice's website: <http://janiceathompson.com>

27th Annual
Texas Christian Writers' Conference
Sponsored by
Inspirational Writers Alive!



Saturday, August 3, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Houston's First Baptist Church
7401 Katy Freeway
Houston, Texas 77024



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Registration Type/Fee (*please check one*):

_____ Full Day – Member: \$80

_____ Full Day – Member (age 55+): \$70

_____ Full Day – Member couple: \$125

_____ Full Day – Non-member: \$90

_____ Full Day – Non-member (age 55+): \$80

_____ Full Day – Non-member couple: \$135

_____ Half Day – Morning (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.): \$50

_____ Half Day – Afternoon (12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.): \$50

_____ Lunch Only* (12 to 1:15 p.m.): \$10

* Individuals wanting to attend only the half day – morning session or only the awards ceremony may purchase lunch.

- Full day registration includes keynote address, four workshops, continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks.
- Half day morning registration includes keynote address, two workshops, continental breakfast, and snacks.
- Half day afternoon registration includes two workshops, lunch, and snacks.
- Full day and half day registration also includes author chats, faculty books at the conference rate, and a chance to win door prizes including Amazon gift cards, books, and free editing and writing coaching sessions.

Please make your check or money order payable to “TCWC Martha Rogers”. Cash or checks will also be accepted at the door. In addition to the fees listed above for full day and half day registrations, an additional \$10 will be charged for walk-ins on the day of the conference.

Registration fees are not refundable after July 25. Please mail your completed registration form and payment to Martha Rogers at 6038 Greenmont, Houston, Texas 77092.

2019 Texas Christian Writers' Conference
Saturday, August 3, 2019
Houston's First Baptist Church—7401 Katy Freeway

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 8:00–8:30 a.m.** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30–8:45 a.m.** **Welcome and Announcements:** Martha Rogers
Devotion: Melanie Stiles
- 8:45–9:00 a.m.** **Break/Bookstore Open***
- 9:00–10:00 a.m.** **Workshop I (Rooms: A – 252, B – 253, C – 254)**
A. Linda Kozar: *What Nancy Drew Didn't Teach You About Writing Mysteries*
B. Lena Nelson Dooley: *Layering Pizazz*
C. Donna Pyle: *The Art of Writing Engaging Nonfiction*
- 10:00–10:15 a.m.** **Break/Bookstore Open***
- 10:15–11:15 a.m.** **Workshop II (Rooms: A – 252, B – 253, C – 254)**
A. Janice Thompson: *The Positive Attribute of Stress*
B. Crystal L. Barnes: *Formatting 101*
C. Martha Rogers: *Showing/Telling - Show what is happening rather than telling your reader*
- 11:20 –12:00 p.m.** **Keynote Address**
Lena Nelson Dooley: *The Wonderful Plans Our Marvelous God Has For Your Life*
- 12:00–1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00–1:30 p.m.** **Break/Bookstore Open***
- 1:30–2:30 p.m.** **Workshop III (Rooms: A – 252, B – 253, C – 254)**
A. Linda Kozar: *The Power of Podcasting*
B. Crystal L. Barnes: *Cover Design Basics*
C. Melanie Stiles: *Selling Freelance Articles*
- 2:30–2:45 p.m.** **Break/Bookstore Open***
- 2:45–3:45 p.m.** **Workshop IV (Rooms: A – 252, B – 253, C – 254)**
A. Janice Thompson: *Polishing Your Proposal*
B. Lena Nelson Dooley: *Self-Editing: Getting the Words Right*
C. Donna Pyle: *The Author as a Speaker: Engaging Your Audience*
- 3:50–4:15 p.m.** **Closing Remarks/Announcements/Door Prizes/Evaluations**

* *The bookstore closes at 2:45 p.m.*



May our NW Houston IWA! 2019 meetings be a source of guidance and inspiration, and
His power and glory abound in all you write in 2019.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth:

His word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool:

He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels:

Who can stand before his cold?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:

he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

Psalm 147:15-18 KJV

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GENERAL INFORMATION

A Christian interdenominational writers' club, Inspirational Writers Alive! (IWA!) helps aspiring and published authors advance their writing skills and find effective markets for their work. Maxine E. Holder founded IWA! in March 1990. IWA! members meet monthly to learn from speakers, participate in critique sessions and read-arounds, and network with other writers. IWA! sponsors the annual Texas Christian Writers' Conference (TCWC).

IWA! CHAPTERS

Currently, there are four IWA! Chapters in Texas. If you are interested in joining an existing IWA! chapter, please contact the president listed below. To find out more about starting an IWA! chapter in your area, you may request an information packet at the TCWC or reach out to Martha Rogers at marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net.

- **Amarillo**—Karl Smith (karlwk@suddenlink.net, 806-336-5164)
- **Central Houston**—Diana Battista (loveeternal@comcast.net, 832-315-8430)
- **Northwest Houston**—Martha Roddy (magnolia77@webtv.com, 281-859-4208)
- **Pasadena**—Bill Page (713-946-0806)

WHAT TO BRING TO THE TCWC

- Notebook and paper for taking notes
- Light wrap or sweater as classrooms may be chilly
- Money or checkbook if you want to purchase books in the bookstore (payment by cash or check only)
- Questions to ask the faculty during author chats throughout the day

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TCWC

- Registration, special dietary needs, etc.
 - Martha Rogers – marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net
 - Melanie Stiles – melstiles@aol.com
 - Michelle Marie Hernandez – bella@michellemariehernandez.com

DIRECTIONS

- **Eastbound on I-10:** Exit at Post Oak/Silber. Continue on the feeder to the church. Turn right and follow the street around to the south parking lot across from First Baptist Academy. Enter the church through the Fitness and Recreation Center, and follow the signs to the Fellowship Center.
- **Westbound on I-10 East:** Exit at Antoine. Turn left under the freeway and follow the feeder to the church as above.
- **From Loop 610 or 290:** Take I-10 West. Exit at Antoine. Follow the directions listed above.



Oh! How I long to sing
A Psalm of David *unto You,*
—a song that singers sing
both day and night —1 Chr. 9:33.

For praise, like love, should never fail,
nor quiet from its ministry,
—like written Words:
“For God so loved the world . . .” —Jn. 3:16.

I shall begin my song, O God,
with words addressing Majesty:
“Abba Father, —Mk. 14:36
Prince of Peace, —Isa. 9:6
Almighty God” —Is. 9:6.

With grace upon my lips,
and as penned by skillful writers,
I’ll lift my voice and sing to You
the Song of Songs! —Song of Solomon.

I’ll sing Your song of mercy’s new —Lam. 3:23
that never cease and are renewed, —vs. 22
—words an “earthy” man like me —1 Cor. 15:47
could never write.

As oil of gladness fills my heart, —Heb. 1:9
and hills and mountains then break forth, —Isa. 55:12
louder still, I’ll sing, O God:
“How Great Thou Art!”

Then as the trees begin to clap, —Isa. 55:12
I’ll sing that Psalm meant for a King:
“O Lord, our Lord, How Excellent is Thy Name!” —Ps. 8.

M.J. Dworshak