



NW HOUSTON INSPIRATIONAL WRITERS ALIVE!

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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.

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### 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 on October 8, 2019: Dr. Jon M. Suter, a distinguished English Professor at Houston Baptist University, will be our guest speaker. He will be accompanied by Dr. Tommy L. Bambrick, Vice President, Houston Baptist University.**

### Upcoming Events and Meetings

**Join us on November 12, 2019, for our Critique Meeting** and encouragement, inspiration, and advancement of your work-in-progress.

**Join us on February 11, 2020: Award-winning author and Life Coach, Melanie Stiles, will be our guest speaker. You won't want to miss this meeting!**

### Guidelines for a Critique

All genre, article, devotionals, fiction, memoirs, non-fiction, poetry, short stories, and screenplays. Approximately six or seven writers currently attend the meetings regularly, so please bring several copies, double-spaced, five-page limit. Number each copy. We read manuscripts out loud. Readers enter comments, sign, and return the manuscript to the author. **We welcome visitors with manuscripts at the critique table.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

A Christian interdenominational writers' club, Inspirational Writers Alive! (IWA!) helps aspiring and published authors advance their writing skills and find efficient 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](mailto:marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net).

- **Amarillo**—Karl Smith ([karlwk@suddenlink.net](mailto:karlwk@suddenlink.net), 806-336-5164)
- **Central Houston**—Diana Battista ([loveeternal@comcast.net](mailto:loveeternal@comcast.net), 832-315-8430)
- **Northwest Houston**—Martha Roddy ([magnolia77@webtv.com](mailto: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 (The next TCWC meeting will be August 2020. The exact date will be posted closer to the event.)**

- Registration, special dietary needs, etc.
  - Martha Rogers – [marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net)
  - Melanie Stiles – [melstiles@aol.com](mailto:melstiles@aol.com)
  - Michelle Marie Hernandez – [bella@michellemariehernandez.com](mailto: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 above.



## *A Word From the Editor*

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### *The Lifter of Mine Head*

#### *Ezekiel 47*

*And He said unto me: "Son of man, hast thou seen this?"*

Then He brought me and caused me to come to the brink of the river. Now when I returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. He then said unto me: "These waters issue out toward the east country and go down into the valley, and into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that everything that lives, which moves, wherever the rivers shall go, shall live. Even the sulfurous waters of Sodom will be brought forth into the sea and shall be healed."

***What beautiful words*** of comfort these are, as we walk hand-in-hand with the One who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities —Heb. 4:15. Like gentle drops of water pouring down like rain, His Words of life distill upon our hearts and lift our countenance. "Seek My face," — Ps. 27:8 Jesus says to us when we have no words to say.

In times, when we find ourselves losing hope, nothing satisfies our souls in the drought, like the healing power of prayer. We may not see a fiery pillar, like in Moses's day; but day by day, and moment by moment, we have the assurance that the Lord is with us continually — Is. 58:11. While robed in the greatness and power of His glory, and exalted as Head above all, —1 Chr. 29:11 He looks down from Heaven and beholds all the sons of men —Ps. 33:13. "You know my down-sitting and my rising up," David writes, "and You understand my thoughts afar off. You encompass my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways" — Ps. 139:2,3.

Oh! That we might always sing a song of joy; for when the Lord stoops down to us with His inclining ear, even in times when the bricks seem to fall down around us, or the wind refuses to bear our ships homeward, He is faithful to seek out and find such a one as these.

*Lord, hide us in Your secret place when there seems to be no light, for where You are, even the night shall be light about us — Ps. 139:11. Grant us patience in times of sorrow, that we may be obedient in love and suffering; and like the song of the dove that is more beautiful when heard in the quietest hours, hear our prayers, O God, as we lift them to You in the night.*



## NW Houston IWA! YOUR page

The Lifter of Mine Head devotion, and its companion poem below is dedicated to the recent flood victims in SE Texas and the surrounding areas. ~by Marilyn J. Dworshak

*I need You once again, O God,  
and in helplessness, I come.  
—Undone with dreams defeated,  
You're my hope when all is gone.*

*I lift my prayer above the hills:  
“Lord blesséd be Your Name;  
for You, alone, are a shield for me*

**—The Lifter of Mine Head”** —Ps. 3:3.

*With humbled, broken, voice, I cry:  
“Lord, save us, O my God.  
Only You can stop the rain —Gen. 8:2  
and calm Euroclydon!” —Acts 27:14.*

*When, beautiful, the feet of God,  
appear upon the mount, —Is. 52:7  
my face begins to smile again,  
and my heart begins to pound!*

*“Amazing Grace,” I hear,  
as if His opened arms could sing.  
Oh! Lord, O what a song to love,  
when nothing's left of me!*

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**Editors Note:****Don't forget! Take advantage of YOUR Page for a free publication!**

No excerpts were sent to me this month.

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The preceding page is reserved for YOU! Anyone from the NW Houston IWA! who would like to share an excerpt from his/her own work, please email me at [mdworshak62@gmail.com](mailto:mdworshak62@gmail.com) with your one-page submission as a Word document. Only one author's submission will be published per newsletter.

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If you do not see your entry in the month submitted, know that it will be saved and published in a future newsletter in the order received and as space allows. All entries are subject to editing.

—The Editor



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



*Lord, how strikingly punctual You are when we call upon Your name!  
You are the Everlasting God, the Lord, and the Creator of the ends of the earth. You faint not,  
neither are You weary, and there is no searching of Your understanding —Is. 40:28.*

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***“Blessed are they who know the joyful sound!”***

***—Psalm 89:15***



**Don't see your face? Come and join us at the next meeting!**