

# **Town Crier**

Idaho Writer's League

Caldwell Chapter

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**The July meeting was combined with the annual Picnic and was held July 13th at Nancy Whitewaters home.**

**Present were: Nancy Whitewater & family. Leila Gohn, Harriet Piper & family. Marion Bogert, Zee Blats, Karen Peterson & family, and myself & husband, Bob.**

**It was good seeing Nancy's daughter up and around. Hope she continues to improve.**

**The picnic was pot luck and we had a good variety of foods. The entertainment was provided by the children of the members.**

**We missed the members who could not attend, but can understand the busy schedules.**

## **Assignments for August**

**Continue with ongoing stories, etc. to be read and critiqued.**

## **Reminders**

**August's meeting will be held at the Caldwell Library on August 21st, 7:00 pm.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**HOPE IS TOMORROW  
UNFOLDING ITS PROMISE  
LIKE THE PETALS OF A ROSE**

## The Exclamation Point

The exclamation point is an "emotional" mark of punctuation that is most often found in advertising copy and sales correspondence. However, like the word *very*, it loses its force when overused. Therefore, avoid it whenever possible.

### To Express Strong Feeling

Use an exclamation point at the end of a sentence (or an elliptical expression that stands for a sentence) to indicate enthusiasm, surprise, disbelief, urgency, or strong feeling.

(a) Yes! We're selling our entire inventory at below our actual cost!

(b) No! I don't believe it!

(c) How could you do it!

(d) Incredible!

Note: The exclamation point may be enclosed in parentheses and placed directly after a word that the writer wants to emphasize.

(a) We won exclusive(!) distribution rights in the Western Hemisphere.

A single word may be followed by an exclamation point to express intense feeling. The sentence that follows it is punctuated as usual.

(a) Congratulations! Your summation at the trial was superb.

When such words are repeated for emphasis, an exclamation point follows each repetition.

(a) Going! Going! Our bargains are almost gone!

When exclamations are mild, a comma, or a period is sufficient.

(a) Well, well, things could be worse.

(b) No, I won't accept those conditions.

### With *Oh* and *O*

The exclamation *oh* may be followed by either an exclamation point or a comma, depending on the emphasis desired. It is capitalized only when it starts a sentence. The capitalized *O*, the sign of direct address, is not usually followed by any punctuation.

(a) Oh! I didn't expect that!

(b) O Lord, help me!

(c) Oh, what's the use?

(d) O America, where are you headed?

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Good morning,

Just a quick note to let you know that IWL member, Michael Marsden, has a new website. It is at <http://www.michaelmarsden.com>

We have included Michael's new site on our links page. We encourage any IWL member who has a website pertaining to writing to let us know so that we can include it on the IWL website links page.

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Greetings,

I misunderstood Cassandra Cridland's email to me regarding the Leagazette. The July issue is being mailed to all members as it has in the past. If you wish to receive future issues by email, and do not need the printed copy mailed to you, please contact Cassandra at [cridland@nidlinks.com](mailto:cridland@nidlinks.com) and let her know that you no longer need a printed copy mailed out.

In the meantime, enjoy a head start by reading the email copy or checking it on the web at the Roster page.

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Hello,

Back in 2000, there was discussion at the State Conference about using email to distribute the Leagazette. It was decided that this would be an appropriate way to get the Leagazette out. However, nothing ever came from it. This year, the cost of printing and mailing issues of the Leagazette to each member has been about \$250.00 per issue. I have been posting the Leagazette on the website and we are sending the July via email.

Anyone who would like to have the printed version mailed to them should contact Cassandra Cridland from the Sandpoint Chapter and request the printed copy. She can be reached at [cridland@nidlink.com](mailto:cridland@nidlink.com).

It is our desire to provide a quality product for our members at an affordable cost. Our hope is that the money saved by distributing the Leagazette via email can be utilized by the League in other ways to help promote the IWL and writing in general.

The email version of the Leagazette is in an Adobe pdf format. Adobe provides a free Adobe Reader at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

This issue of the Leagazette is larger, due to the number of resolutions being proposed for the State Conference in Burley. As per the Bylaws, they are included in this issue so that the members may review them and the chapters discuss them prior to the conference in September.

Our thanks to the Sandpoint Chapter for the extra work they have put in on this issue of the Leagazette.

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