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The Window: Official Newsletter of Panhandle Professional Writers d/b/a Texas High Plains Writers



July 2015

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Meetings are held on the third Saturday in odd-numbered months: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

The public and PPW members are invited to hear speakers on selected writing or related topics.

You may order a box lunch from our Hospitality Director between 9:30 and 10:15 or bring a sack lunch. Box lunches are \$10.

Unless otherwise specified, meeting location is at
Amarillo Senior Citizens Center
1217 S. Tyler
Amarillo, Texas
(Note: We must occasionally switch our meeting location, or we may need to change the date to avoid conflicts. So, please check the address and date for each meeting.)

Our meetings/programs follow this schedule:

Check-In and Meet & Greet:
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Program/Presentation:
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Meeting:
Noon - 12:15 p.m.

Lunch:
12:15 - 1 p.m.

Critique Session
This month only the critique session will start immediately following the Youth Writing Contest Awards Ceremony
Otherwise it's from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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July Program

The Ins and Outs of Microsoft Word (for Windows) (presented by Janet Taylor)

Do you get frustrated when typing and formatting your stories? Microsoft Word can be confusing and aggravating. Janet Taylor, a secretary for 42 years and current President of Panhandle Professional Writers d/b/a Texas High Plains Writers, wants to help you.

At the July 18 program, Janet will show you how to get page numbers to print on the correct side of odd and even pages. If you have a deadline and need your work critiqued before the next time your critique group meets, Janet can show you how your group can use Word's track changes feature as a critique tool. Why do some words have red or green squiggly lines under them? The red lines indicate a misspelled word, and the green lines indicate a grammar error. Word's squiggly lines can be helpful, but are they always correct? You've finished your novel and are ready to put it online only to find out that the formatting is all wrong. There is a quick and easy way to fix that problem.

Word has many features that you may not be aware of, or if you do, you don't know how to access them. Come see what new things you can learn at our July 18 meeting.

NOTE: The awards for the Youth Writing Contest will be presented at 1:00 at ASCA by Amarillo Steampunk.

From the President

Janet Taylor

Texas High Plains Writers

Panhandle Professional Writers is now doing business as Texas High Plains Writers. At the May 16, 2015, membership business meeting, a majority of the members present voted to approve the adoption of the assumed name Texas High Plains Writers. Assumed name certificates have been filed with Potter and Randall Counties as well as with the Texas Secretary of State. The purpose of these filings is to give notice to the public that effective May 16, 2015, Panhandle Professional Writers is conducting business under the name of Texas High Plains Writers. Assumed names

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State. Our 501(c)(3) charitable status with IRS remains intact under the name Panhandle Professional Writers.

This is the first step in the rebranding process and, hopefully, the growth of Panhandle Professional Writers d/b/a Texas High Plains Writers. Utilizing the name Texas High Plains Writers tells people where we are located and what we do without the intimidating word Professional. This assumed name will be more welcoming to people outside of the panhandle.

Change is difficult for many of us. The Board hopes you embrace this change as a positive sign for our beloved PPW.

Youth Writing Contest

We have a special treat for the students who attend this year's awards ceremony. Amarillo Steampunk members will be handing out the awards. This year's awards ceremony for the youth writing contest starts at one o'clock at this month's bi-monthly meeting at the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center. Come to July's meeting, stay for the awards ceremony, and find out what Amarillo Steampunk is all about. You can also check them out at www.facebook.com/AmarilloSteampunk.

Hope you all had a wonderful July 4th.

Membership Dues Increase

The board has voted to have a slight increase in the cost of yearly dues for PPW. Beginning with 2016, dues will be \$36. However, if you pay your dues before or by January 31 of each year, you will receive a \$6 discount and will only pay \$30 for that year's membership. For those paying after January 31 of each year, the cost of membership will be \$36. As usual, dues will be prorated for NEW members who join after the first bi-monthly meeting of the year.

Mystery Dinner Trial Run

Members of the Board and friends participated in a practice evening of mystery and intrigue at Kim Black's home in late June. This was in preparation for a planned fund-raiser this coming fall -- a mystery dinner "to die for."

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YourTango.com over the Fourth of July weekend. You can read it here: <http://www.yourtango.com/experts/patsy-rae-dawson/sorry-god-not-going-to-fix-your-marriage-or-change-your-partner-heres-why>.

Travel Article Published



Janda Raker has posted another travel article on Examiner.com, this one about traveling in Venice HER way, the budget way! Access it by clicking on <http://exm.nr/1Jf55KX>. Included are many photos of that beautiful city. If you enjoy her article, please share it with your e-mail friends and those on Facebook. When you go to the article, you can also hit the gold button that says "Subscribe to Author" so you'll automatically receive an e-mail from Examiner whenever she posts a new article. Also you can go to her website, www.travelswithJanda.com, where you'll find links to all the other travel and outdoor-recreation articles she has written. And Janda says, "If you possibly can, GO TO VENICE, as soon as possible!"

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Upcoming Writing Contests

The category for our next writing contest is travel. As details become available, they will be posted on our [Website](#). The next one after that has a seasonal Halloween/scary theme. First Prize is a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift certificate. You must be a member to enter. You can find membership form on our website.

Blog On...

LawProse Lesson #216: Embracing constructive criticism.

Posted on [June 24, 2015](#) by [Bryan A. Garner](#)

<http://www.lawprose.org/blog/?p=3465>

Read this blog if you are interested in the benefits of editing and content/formatting review.

Announcements

The PPW d/b/a Texas High Plains Writers Website was down, but it is now up and running.

If you would like to have a writing-related announcement included in a PPW email, send the information to us at panhandlewriters@gmail.com. About twice a month, we will be sending emails with news of upcoming writing events, recent publications, book signings, and the like.

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