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# Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

## February meeting~~~

**Topic:** Publishing on Create Space

Bill Wetterman is an author, trainer, and public speaker. He believes that every human has two sides to our personalities. Most of us hide the wild side in our subconscious and show self-control to the world. Those that can't end up in trouble. Creative people like Warhol, Van Goth, Capote, and Mozart used their imaginations to express their wild side.

Bill published his face to the world through his non-fiction work, *Chicken Soup For the Soul* and other publications. . His fiction is his wild side, espionage, psychological, and political thrillers.

Bill has five published thrillers. *The Fifth Step, Room 1515 - The Peacock Trilogy - Book 1, Madness – The Peacock Trilogy-Book 2, and Busted – The Odyssey of Holly Bunn – The Literary Murders*. He has one non-fiction work. *So You Want to be a Published Author*.

While hard at work writing thrillers, Bill finds time to give back to the community by speaking to groups interested in understanding the mind of a writer. Bill's shares his experience on how he constructs novels and short stories.

Bill is a member of the Oklahoma Federation of Writers, The Lexicon Writers, and the Tulsa Nightwriters.



## February Meeting

The meeting this Saturday will be in our regular space.



## The President's Message

Unseasonable winter temperatures in the 60s and 70s always bring on a bout of spring fever. I start to imagine how my yard will look like once the grass begins to green up, perennials erupt through the soil, and Japanese maples leaf out. One side effect of such euphoria is an urge to clean out and organize my inside space, a much more appropriate pursuit. I decided to begin with my office. As I looked about my storage closet to see what might need attention, my gaze landed on a large stack of papers on the verge of toppling over in a corner. With extreme care, I removed the teetering pile to my office floor and spread it out. The majority of what I found were notes taken on OCWI programs since 1970 and filed away for "future reference." As I read, I recalled the many fine speakers who had generously imparted their writing experience so my fellow writers and I could benefit. My plan is to organize the notes and put them on the computer. They represent a wealth of knowledge I can incorporate into my writing life. After all, spring is still months away in spite of occasional warm days. I'll have plenty of time for what at this point appears a monumental task.





## Book Signing

**Charlotte Schwoerke's** coffee table adventure book *Fifty States on Fifty Horses* is now available at Full Circle, Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Her book offers a rainbow of experiences of riding a different horse in each state, brought to life through text and stunning photographs. You are invited to join her at a book signing on Saturday, March 21 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. at Full Circle Book Store.



## Passages

Phyllis Sue Dominguez, born July 6, 1943, passed away February 5, 2015, after battling an illness for several months. She was a performing musician for 55 years, an award-winning writer, educator, master gardener, loving wife and mother. Of all her accomplishments, raising her daughter gave her the most joy, and nothing delighted her more than spending time with her granddaughters.

Phyllis was a member of Oklahoma City Writers and OWFI for many years. She was a contributing author in *Braced Against the Wind*.

## Member News?

If it weren't for Charlotte, we would have no member news. We all need to submit our manuscripts for publication regardless of whether it is poetry, short fiction, novels or whatever.

If you wanted writers guidelines twenty years ago, you had to request them in writing from the publishers. Now all that is necessary is to look on the internet. Just type in "writers guidelines for Guideposts" or whichever publication you are interested in.

A website such as *Writing for Dollars* has an extensive database of writer's guidelines for paying markets as well as one for all the articles that have been published in the site for the last 10 years. Their current blog is on how to promote your book on blogspot.com.

The *Writers Market*, along with other writers publications, is another resource for writers that is as close as your public library.

## We need your member news, please.



If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing.

~~~Ben Franklin

## OCWI Boards Meeting

A quorum of the elected officers and appointed chairs met on Saturday, February 7.

All the chair positions have been filled except for the Summer Workshop. Anyone interested is doing this needs to contact president Dana.

The board voted to eliminate the position of Parliamentarian. The Hospitality Chair has been left off the list since the Full Circle Bookstore provides our coffee.

Parking directions are on our webpage--

**OKCWriters.org**

To find our organization on Facebook, type in--

**Oklahoma City Writers, Inc**



David and Paula Severe's 60th wedding anniversary will be celebrated on June first.



If you watch carefully, you will be able to see Dana Seaton in a Valir Health commercial.



What is written without effort is in general read without pleasure.

~~~Samuel Johnson

## Elected Officers

**President:** Dana Seaton,  
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**2015 OWFI Alternates**  
Dana Seaton  
Carolyn Leonard

## Ideas, Anyone?

Let John Biggs, the VP of Program, know if there is a type of workshop or topic you would like this year. He can be reached at johnbiggs73162@yahoo.com



**The cut off date for inclusion in the Membership Directory will be April 1.**  
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“The freelance writer is a man who is paid per piece or per word or perhaps.”  
—Robert Benchley

Reading maketh a full man,  
conference a ready man, and  
writing an exact man.

~~~Francis Bacon

“The road to hell is paved  
with works-in-progress.”

~~~Philip Roth

“The road to hell is paved  
with adverbs.”

~~~Stephen King

“I don’t care if a reader hates  
one of my stories, just as long  
as he finishes the book.”

~~~Roald Dahl, WD

## 2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please fill out the following and mail it with your 2015 membership dues (\$20) to:

**Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.**  
**Treasurer**  
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Please indicate how you wish to have your newsletter delivered.

Regular 1<sup>st</sup> class mail (snail mail)

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# OKLAHOMA CITY WRITERS, INC.

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

**Meeting place:**

**Full Circle Bookstore**

**1900 NW Expressway in**

**50 Penn Place**

**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

**Speaker:** Bill Wetterman

**Topic:** Publishing on Create Space

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