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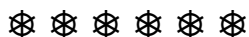
Bill Wetterman

Topic: Marketing Pre and Post Publication

Bill Wetterman is a freelance writer and published author. Bill's interest in international politics and world spheres of influence helps him weave stories of intrigue and espionage in international settings. The stories he writes not only could happen, but also may be happening right now. *Room 1515, The Fifth Step, and Madness – The Peacock Trilogy* – Book 2 are examples of this. Bill's short stories are published in *Chicken Soup for the Soul* and the *Writer's Digest 2011 Short Story Anthology*.

Bill is a member of the Oklahoma Writer's Federation Inc. and the Tulsa Nightwriters. Room 1515 won the thriller competition at OWFI in 2011. His short story, "The Family Tree," placed eighth in the *Writer's Digest Short Story Contest* for genre fiction in 2011 out of 11,800 entries.

To learn more about Bill and his writing, check out his blog at www.bwetterman.wordpress.com. or, go to his Facebook page under Author Bill Wetterman. To contact Bill for scheduling speaking engagements, Email him at bwetterman@cox.net.



President's Message

by Traci Schafer

Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening

By Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

This poem is lovely in many ways, but I often find it cycling through my mind—especially the last two lines—when I'm tired. As with many of the rest of you, I work all day at something other than writing. The job I really love (writing) doesn't start until the evening when I'm already tired. But I press forward, day after day, weekend after weekend, with the drive that my story has to make it out into the world. My characters will accept nothing less. Maybe for some of you, your writing challenge is not trying to balance another job. It may be sending query after query, or trying to navigate the world of marketing and social media, or any number of other steps that not only get a book out into the world, but make the world take notice of it once it's there. My wish for you all is that not only do your stories find the readers they deserve, but that you take the time to stop and watch the woods fill up with snow, or listen to the sweep of easy wind, or whatever else helps you breathe in the life around you and make your miles along this writers' journey a little less daunting.

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Member News

Barbara Shepherd's picture book, *The Potbelly Pig Promise*, is now available in hardcover. She will sign books at a Book Launch by Doodle and Peck at the Mabel C. Fry Public Library in Yukon on Wednesday, February 21, 5:00-7:00 pm.

The Fall Writers Conference

Bill Bernhardt has extended the Early Bird Discount to any OCW members who want to register before the end of February (\$50 off the price, \$100 if you register at the hotel, which probably no one living around here would do). Here's a link to the webpage: <http://redsneakerconf.com> If they have questions, they can email me or call me: 405 203 8641.



~ All diseases run into one, old age. ~ *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

~ Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been. ~ *Mark Twain*

~ Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle. ~ *Bob Hope*

~ We are young only once, after that we need some other excuse. ~ *Author Unknown*

~ Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many. ~ *Author Unknown*

~ Live as long as you may, the first twenty years are the longest half of your life. ~ *Robert Southey*

~ A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age. ~ *Robert Frost*

~ An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her. ~ *Agatha Christie*

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Saturday, February 17, 2018

Coffee at 9:45 Meeting at 10:00

We meet in the St. Luke's Methodist Church at NW 15th and Harvey, Oklahoma City. Enter through the north door by handicap parking and go to Room 130.

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