
AMERICAN NIGHT WRITERS ASSOCIATION (ANWA)

MISSION STATEMENT

AMERICAN NIGHT WRITERS ASSOCIATION (ANWA) is a unique network for LDS women interested in writing. Formed in Arizona in October 1986, the purpose of the organization is to encourage, assist, and motivate members to write, and if they desire, to publish their work.

NAME

The name AMERICAN NIGHT WRITERS ASSOCIATION has a two-fold meaning. The first reflects the typical situation of the LDS woman who yearns to write: she is something else—daughter, student, wife, mother, career woman, or caretaker—before she is a writer. In most cases, the only time left to pursue writing is at night. The second meaning of the name derives from the fact that sometimes the words to write come from the Spirit in the middle of the night.

PERSPECTIVE

We all have gifts and talents from on high, and we are expected to magnify them. The Lord explained this to Joseph Smith: *"For of him unto whom much is given much is required"* (D&C 82:3). On March 14, 1992, President Thomas S. Monson of the First Presidency told women of the Church assembled to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Relief Society that "Every woman has been endowed by God with distinctive characteristics, gifts and talents in order that she may fulfill a specific mission in the eternal plan." He went on to issue "four challenges for our times," the first of which was "Share your talents."

FORMAT

ANWA offers LDS women nurturing support for writing aspirations, goals, and projects (and

marketing and networking opportunities and contacts) through monthly chapter meetings, a newsletter, and writing events. Members can receive critiques for their work, either in chapter meetings, by mentors, or on an e-mail critique group. They may find compatible collaborators with whom to work on projects.

MEETINGS

ANWA is designed to help the LDS woman writer accept President Monson's challenge to share her talents. Inspirational meetings can lift her spirits, boost her confidence, and enable her to find friends and mentors among writers of similar values and circumstances.

ANWA chapter meetings are held monthly at a convenient time for the members, either at a centrally located member's home or rotating among several members' homes.

NEWSLETTER

Of Good Report is the monthly ANWA newsletter. It contains greetings and information from the ANWA presidency, articles and information on writing subjects, meeting dates and locations, member news, material submitted by members, meeting reports, marketing information, etc. *Of Good Report* is mailed to paid members.

MEMBERSHIP

Writers of all levels are invited and welcome. Members range from beginning writers to published authors, united in a common sisterhood. **Annual dues are \$20.** Dues include a newsletter subscription, the right to vote and hold office, and a reduced rate for events.

ANWA members affiliate with a Chapter, if

available, or are Regional Members. Chapters exist where ANWA members live in close enough proximity to meet monthly. ANWA also makes several Yahoo!Groups available to encourage members to communicate electronically.

ORGANIZATION

ANWA is led by an Executive Board of officers who serve for two years with staggered terms: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary. Each chapter has officers who serve for one year. Small chapters have a president and secretary. Larger chapters add a vice president to assist the president.

American Night Writers Association is seeing exciting growth as it forms chapters across the nation. Contact the Membership Secretary for information about forming an ANWA chapter in your area.

SERVICES

American Night Writers Association provides several specialty services to its members, including e-mail critique and social groups.

EVENTS

ANWA and its chapters host special events. These often include socials, writing retreats, evenings with authors, book signings, and a Writers Conference for members and the general public.

BLOG

A team of ANWA members maintain a web log (blog) on the Internet, located at anwafounder.blogspot.com. Come visit us!

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ANWA CHAPTERS

ANWA Chapters serve members in geographical areas who live close enough together to meet monthly. ANWA has several chapters, meeting in Arizona, Alabama, Nevada, Texas, Utah, and Washington state. New chapters are formed as needed.

- Cactus Quills—(Ahwatukee/Tempe AZ)
- The Daytimers—(Metro Phoenix AZ)
- Desert Scribes—(Metro Las Vegas NV)
- Dixie Roadrunner Writers—(St. George UT)
- Ladies of the Quill—(Lower Alabama)
- Legacy Writers—(Gila Valley AZ)
- Lone Star Sages—(Irving TX)
- Mogollon Rim Writers—(Central Arizona)
- Pima Poets & Penners—(So. Arizona)
- Round Tuit Writers—(NW Washington State)
- Salt River Scribes—(Mesa AZ)
- Skyline Scribblers—(Far East Valley AZ—daytime)
- Southeast Scribes—(Gilbert/Chandler AZ)
- Tale Tellers—(Young Women)
- Westside Stories—(No. Phoenix AZ)
- White Mountain Muses—(White Mountains AZ)
- Write to the Point—(Pinal County AZ)

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