

GENERAL INFORMATION

Inspirational Writers Alive! was founded as a ministry for the Lord by Maxine E. Holder in 1990 to help Christian writers grow in their writing careers.

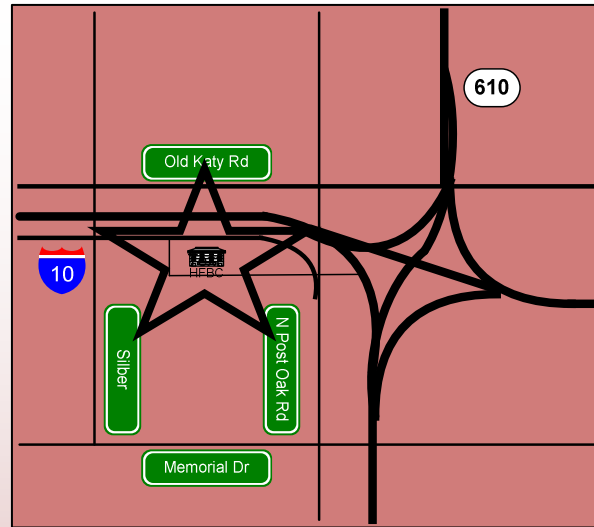
In its twentieth year, IWA! is interdenominational with five chapters across Texas.

IWA! chapters meet once a month for programs about writing, critique sessions, read-arounds, or sharing and discussing writing in general. We hold our annual conference every August in Houston, Texas at Houston's First Baptist Church.

If you are interested in having a chapter in your area, contact Martha Rogers by e-mail or regular mail. Information packets for forming a new chapter will be available at the conference. You may join any one of the chapters in your area by contacting the person listed under IWA! Chapter Information.

INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION

- Continental Breakfast
- Awards Luncheon: Catered light lunch at which time contest winners will be announced.
- Free Publications: Guidelines, catalogs, and free publications from a variety of publishers.
- Book Tables: Books of interest for the writer as well as books by our faculty will be available for purchase during breaks. Some gift items will also be available.
- Door Prizes: Books will be given away during our large group times.
- Break Time: Beverages and snacks during break times.
- One on One Sessions: An individual 15 minute session with a member of the faculty. Sign up for these during registration.



HOUSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
7401 KATY FREEWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77024

Directions:

Eastbound on I-10: Exit at Post Oak/Silber. Continue on feeder to church. Turn right and follow street around to the south parking lot across from First Baptist Academy. Enter church thru the Christian Life Center and follow signs to Fellowship Center.

Westbound on I-10 East: Exit at Antoine. Turn left under freeway and follow feeder to church as above.

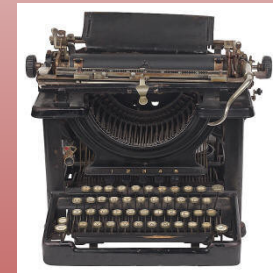
From Loop 610: Take I-10 West and follow directions above after exit at Antoine.

INSPIRATIONAL WRITER'S ALIVE!

PRESENTS

TEXAS CHRISTIAN WRITER'S CONFERENCE

AUGUST 6, 2011



From books and articles to blogs and tweets, come to First Baptist Church in Houston to learn how to communicate God's love. Join award winning authors DiAnn Mills, Elizabeth Ludwig, Martha Rogers, Janice Thompson, Terry Burns, Eddie Jones, Cindy Sproles, Anita Higman, Melaine Stiles, and Henry McLaughlin.

Instructors and Classes



Janice Thompson is a multi published author of over fifty novels and non-fiction books and a frequent speaker at special events. Janice lives in Spring with two mischievous dachshunds. She is also involved with directing dramas for local churches. www.janicethompson.com She will be teaching U.N.I.Q.U.E. Finding Your Place in the Writing Industry.



DiAnn Mills is a familiar face to our faculty. She is multi-published novelist for Tyndale and several other houses. She is a frequent speaker at conferences, and winner of the 2010 Christy Award. DiAnn is a member of ACFW and IWA! She lives in Houston with her husband. www.diannmills.com She will be teaching on The Social Media and on how to keep your novel going, The Sagging Middle.



Bestselling and award-winning author, **Anita Higman**, has twenty-six books published (several coauthored) for adults and children and has seven more books coming out. She's been a Barnes & Noble "Author of the Month" for Houston and her latest book *Love Finds You Under the Mistletoe* (coauthored) was #6 on the CBA bestseller list. She will be teaching on Polishing Your Literary Gem and Creating an Irresistible Proposal. www.anitahigman.com.



Melanie Stiles is an award winning poet, seasoned nonfiction freelance writer and AACC Master Life Coach. Her bylines have appeared in: Space Center Houston, Lakewood Church, Truckin' News, Home and Family Living Magazine plus twice in the Chicken Soup Series. She has two anthology releases coming out in 2011. She will be teaching on Lions, Tigers, & Bear, Oh My! and Making an "A" in Anthologies.



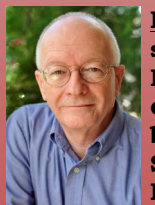
Martha Rogers is a freelance author of both fiction and non-fiction. Her stories and articles have appeared in a number of compilations and magazines. Her first fiction novella was released in 2007. Martha is available to speak at Women's Retreats, conferences, and luncheons on topics of interest to women of all ages. She will be teaching on E.S.P. using all of your senses in writing, and a class on Scenes.



Elizabeth Ludwig is an accomplished speaker and dramatist, having performed before audiences of 1500 and more. She works fulltime, and lives with her husband and two children in Texas. In 2008, she was named the IWA Writer of the Year. She is the owner and editor of the popular literary blog, [The Borrowed Book](http://TheBorrowedBook.com). She will be teaching on writing the Magic paragraph and a class on Editing.



Terry Burns writes inspirational fiction and is an agent with Hartline Literary <http://www.hartlineliterary.com>. He has over 30 books in print including 10 novels. A new 4 book series entitled "The Sagebrush Collection" of his collected short works and the first will release March 2010 entitled "On the Road Home" Terry will be teaching on Agents Q&A, Always Wanted to Write, and on Surviving Your Way to Publication.



Henry McLaughlin's desire is to write stories that communicate the Father's love. He has a master's degree in social work. Prior to becoming a full time writer in September, 2010, he worked for Kenneth Copeland Ministries for ten years. His novel, *Journey to Riverbend*, won the 2009 Operation First Novel award sponsored by the Guild and Tyndale House. Henry will teach classes on Characters and a class on Plotting.



Cindy Sproles is an author, speaker and the editor of ChristianDevotions.us. She is a popular speaker for women's conferences and retreats. She is the co-author of the popular syndicated He Said, She Said Devotions and co-hosts both Christian Devotions Speak UP! and the He Said, She Said Radio shows. Cindy will teach classes on Writing as a Ministry and a class on Writing Devotions.



Eddie Jones has authored two non-fiction books and written hundreds of columns and articles that have appeared in over 20 different publications. He also co-writes the He Said, She Said devotions available at [Christian Devotions Ministry](http://ChristianDevotionsMinistry.com). Eddie has an English degree from NC State, with an emphasis in journalism. Eddie will teach classes on Amazing Results with Amazon and 10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Book.



WHAT TO BRING:

Notebook and paper for taking notes.
Light wrap or sweater.

Classrooms may be chilly.

Money for purchase of books.

Cash or checks only.

A manuscript and/or notes to discuss during your personal conference.

If you have special dietary needs, e-mail

Danny Woodall at: dannywoodall@yahoo.com

IWAI CHAPTER INFORMATION

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PAID CRITIQUES

We are offering paid critiques this year by our faculty members for \$25. You will have an assigned 20 minute appointment time with the

author of your choice. Deadline for application: June 1
The authors below offer critiques. Please send in your selection of First, Second, and Third choices for critique. You will be informed as to whom you are assigned. Assignments are on a first come, first served basis. One critique per registrant.

Cut this form and send separately with the information below to:

Danny Woodall

P.O. Box 1

Port Neches, TX. 77651

Or email request to:

dannywoodall@yahoo.com

Do not send money until you know your critiquer as you will send your manuscript and fee directly to him or her.

Critiques available:

Dianne Mills - Fiction and Nonfiction

Elizabeth Ludwig - Fiction and Nonfiction

Cindy Sproles - Devotional and Fiction

Eddie Jones - Fiction and Nonfiction

Henry McLaughlin - Fiction and Nonfiction

Janice Thompson - Fiction and Nonfiction

Martha Rogers - Fiction and Nonfiction

Melaine Stiles - Fiction and Nonfiction

Your Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Type of manuscript submitting:

Non-fiction book _____ Article _____

Short story _____ Devotional _____

Children's book/story _____ Novel _____

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Total Tuition:

Members: \$70 _____

Members 60+: \$60 _____

Member couples: \$95 _____

Non-member: \$85 _____

Non-member 60+ \$75 _____

Non-member couple \$100 _____

Your Total _____

Less Voucher (must be enclosed) _____ *

Total Due: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Balance Due: _____ (by July 15)

*Voucher of \$5 for those who are helping in book store, refreshments, hostesses, or registration.

You may send down payment before June 15 to reserve a place.

Early Registration Fee: \$25 (Single) _____

\$35 (Couple) _____

After July 15 and at the door: Add \$10 to tuition

No Registration fee refunds after July 25.

Mail to: Pat A. Vance

1108 Valerie

Pasadena TX 77502

E-mail: patav@aol.com

Keep this section for your records:

Total Amount Due: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Date: _____

Check _____ Cash _____

Balance Due by July 15: _____

Note: Registration form goes to Pat Vance;

Critique form goes to Martha Rogers. Do

not send this page as one sheet.

Schedule

8:00 – 8:30 Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45

Invocation/Devotional/Welcome/Announcements

8:45 – 9:45 Workshop I

- A. DiAnn Mills – Using the Social Media
- B. Martha Rogers – Writing Scenes
- C. Melaine Stiles – Making an “A” in Anthologies
- D. Terry Burns – Always Wanted to Write
- E. Henry McLaughlin – Characters in Your Novel

9:45 – 10:00 Break/Refreshments

10:00 – 11:00 Workshop II

- A. Janice Thompson – U.N.I.Q.U.E.
- B. Cindy Sproles – Writing as a Ministry
- C. Eddie Jones – Amazing Results with Amazon
- D. Elizabeth Ludwig – Editing Your Work
- E. Anita Higman – Creating an Irresistible Proposal

11:00 – 11:15 Break/Refreshments/Book Store

11:00 – 12:00 Keynote: DiAnn Mills

12:00 – 1:15 Lunch/Contest Awards

1:15 – 1:45 Bookstore/Book signings

1:50 – 2:50 Workshop III

- A. Henry McLaughlin – Plotting Your Novel
- B. Martha Rogers – Using Your C.S.P.
- C. Cindy Sproles – Writing Devotions
- D. Eddie Jones – 10 Ways to Jump Start Your Book
- E. Terry Burns – Agents Q&A

2:50 – 3:10 Break/Refreshments/Book

Stores Closes 3:10

3:10 – 4:10 Workshop IV

- A. DiAnn Mills – The Sagging Middle
- B. Anita Higman – Polishing Your Literary Gem
- C. Elizabeth Ludwig – The Magic Paragraph
- D. Melaine Stiles – Lions, Tigers, Bears, Oh My!
- E. Terry Burns – Surviving Your Way to Publication

4:10 – 4:20 Wrap-up announcements/Turn in evaluations

