

WELCOME TO LAKESHORE WRITER'S GROUP

Monday, January 27th, 2025

MEETING OUTLINE

Happy New Year and best wishes to each of you! Please note -if you haven't already- that the Library will be closed on January 20th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Therefore, this month's (January) meeting will be held one week later on January 27th. I hope to see you all there! I also hope that you have all been doing what you love: *WRITING*! Something I need to do more of is manage my time so that *writing* is an everyday luxury I allow myself. (...hmm, new year's resolution?!?!)

◆ Warm-up Exercise and Read Back:

Thank you, Glenn, for giving us the word "prompt" as our prompt. Mike, would you do us the honor of assigning the warm up prompt for this month? Hint: No fair using the prompt, "prompt"!

◆ Just for Fun Homework:

I'll admit, I went to Mike's suggested website that features writing ideas. Couldn't come up with anything on my own that didn't sound cliché. There were two that I couldn't decide between, so I am going to assign either one, your choice... Write almost precisely 130 words using, "It's coming from inside the house." OR starting with "The best thing to do..."

◆ Topic Thought:

I'd like to revisit some of Sherry Newman Spenser's thoughts on writing. I find them amusing yet quite relevant. I'll list them here. And take them right from her own handout.

Avoid overused words and expressions:

A) Amazing

1. Pizza, kitty litter, socks, a trip to the Grand Canyon, Michael Jordan, bleach

B) Awesome

1. All-purpose concentrated cleaner, an alarm clock, a Sesame Street alphabet collection, wine, and God

2. "You should be able to point with pride to the ways you support the community with reliable, consistent services and supreme awesomeness."

C) Literally

1. As in, "literally, my head exploded!" (No, literally it did not because it is still firmly attached to your body.)

There are a few more of these note worthy examples that we can talk about at the meeting.

◆ Trivia:

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

NEXT MEETING will be Monday, February 17th, 2025 at 7:00pm