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A chapter of the Virginia Writers Club

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AAG Mission Statement

The mission of the Appalachian Authors Guild, a Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club, is to support and promote literary art throughout the Appalachian region, to encourage writers and authors to both preserve and build upon the literary history and heritage of the Appalachian region and to provide opportunities for readers to experience the joy of meeting our people, visiting our beautiful region and understanding the wealth of our culture through literary art.

Notes from the President

Apathy and Entitlement

Apathy is a word that is defined on dictionary.com as (1) absence or suppression of passion, emotion, or excitement; (2) lack of interest in or concern for things that others find moving and exciting.

Apathy is a word that makes me cringe. When apathy is introduced into an organization or, in our case, a literary group, the infection grows like a virus and is really hard to cure.

I, for one, care about my writing group and would like to see it grow into a source for help for all writers.

My passion for writing is alive and well, but it does need to be tweaked a bit and pushed forward in order for me to fulfill my dreams.

I am not entitled to the writing group and the help I want from it.

In Wikipedia the word entitled is: ...program that provides individuals with personal benefits to which potential beneficiaries have a legal right... I have paraphrased the above to meet the need of speaking about our writing group.

Many members feel that, once they have paid their membership dues, they are entitled to whatever the organization has to offer. That's a wonderful thought, but so untrue.

In order to provide those benefits, we need people behind the scenes to do the work. I understand the lack of time for the working people or driving distance will prevent any strong ties from some, but there are those who want the benefits to be handed to them on a silver platter without any active participation which includes attending the meetings. Those people have the time. They just don't have the will.

Don't let the fungus of entitlement cloud your ideas about your organization. It needs the help. It doesn't run itself.

Fight the virus of apathy and the fungus of entitlement and offer your services any way that you see fit.

Linda Hoagland. President
Appalachian Authors Guild

**Upcoming!
AAG General Meeting
Nov 10, 2015
Don't forget!**

**General Meeting
Shoney's Restaurant
480 Cummings St.
Abingdon, VA
Nov. 10 , 2015 - 11:30am**

Speaker

**AAG has a Blog,
Facebook page , and is on
Twitter**



[Sept. General Mtg. Minutes](#)

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Steven James

Author of The Patrick Bowers Files and the Jevin Banks Experience

Steven James is the critically acclaimed author of more than three dozen books, including the Patrick Bowers and Jevin Banks thriller series, and he has recently released the first book of his teen suspense trilogy, Blur. Steven's other works span a variety of genres including non fiction, fantasy and drama. He has a master's degree in storytelling and has taught writing and creative communication around the world. When he's not writing or speaking, you'll find him trail running, rock climbing, or drinking a dark roast coffee near his home in eastern Tennessee.



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Dig deep for your story!

Visit & Support Fellow Authors

**Christmas Connection
Civic Auditorium, Kingsport, TN
November 6-8, 2015**

**Holiday Book Fair
Town Center/Ft. Henry Mall, Kingsport, TN
December 11-12, 2015**

Spotlight Opportunities

AAG member Gina McKnight invites all members to interview for her blog about their writing and books. Her blog is –Riding and Writing

<http://ginamc.blogspot.com/>

Links to books may be posted, etc. She would like a brief bio and links in the initial request, if available, to read so she can ask appropriate questions. She sends the questions and the person responds via email.

<mailto:gmcknight11@gmail.com>

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JC Schweingrouber, Appalachian Authors Guild member, and others have formed a nonprofit group, The Foundation For Appalachian Advancement. He invites AAG authors to talk to them about the possibility of being featured on their website as "Artist of the Month." Contact

JC Schweingrouber

<http://www.supportappalachia.org/>

(Foundation For Appalachian Advancement)

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November is
National Novel Writing Month

Are you a NanoWrimo?
Take the challenge.

Write 50,000 words in 30 days.

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Writing Classes

<http://www.writersvillage.com/index.php/membership-information>

(Editor) My first online short story was published in this website's ezine. Unfortunately the ezine is no longer published.

Have you published a book yourself? Been published through a small press? Would like to interact with more people who have?

Join the online forum:
<http://indiepubclub.com>

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AAG Anthology

If you haven't submitted a piece for the AAG General Anthology, email your submission to Linda Hoagland.

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Helpful Links

There is a Markets Database on this website:

[Writing for Dollars](#)

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[Preditors & Editors](#)

A guide to publishers and publishing services since 1997. Hosted by

[The Critters Writers Workshop](#)

which is a reputable online critique website which has been around for many years. Members must give critiques in order to receive critiques. Sections available in all genres.

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