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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.

From Vicki

Hello AAG Members,

For the restaurant's headcount, please let me know if you plan to attend our meeting at Shoney's, Abingdon, VA on Nov 8.

Please contact me via text/voicemail at vfletcher56@gmail.com or text/voicemail to 276-492-8314.

We are excited to have Scott Pratt speaking at our final meeting of 2016. Scott always has much good information to impart that will help our creative and marketing efforts to get our books to readers. The 2017 officers will also be nominated and approved. We hope lots of members can attend.

Our website is under construction. It should be up and running in a week or so but you will need to bear with me as I get everything set up. I would like for current and/or former members (planning to renew in January 2017) to send me pictures of themselves along with a brief bio. Also, please send me pictures of your books with links to your websites, Facebook pages, Amazon store, etc. where people can purchase your books. This part of the website will be down until after the membership dues are received and the above needs are sent to me. I hope you will be pleased with the new website. I would also like you to send me sites that we would benefit from. I will add those to our page. Any contests, events, writer's groups, etc. that you know about can be sent as well. I will add those too.

Vicki Fletcher,
2016 president of AAG

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<http://www.facebook.com/HootBooks>
<http://www.victoriafletcher.biz/>



**Appalachian Authors Guild
General Meeting
Shoney's Restaurant
Abingdon, VA
November 8, 2016 – 11:30am**

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



Successful author Scott Pratt will be the speaker for the meeting at Shoney's in Abingdon, VA.

Scott Pratt has been writing for nearly his entire life. He started as a contributor to a high school publication, then won the McClellan Award for outstanding writing while majoring in English at East Tennessee State University.

He later worked as a newspaper reporter, columnist and editor for daily papers in Johnson City and Kingsport, Tennessee. Scott earned a law degree from the University of Tennessee in 1998 after commuting over two hundred miles a day for three years.

When he isn't writing (which is rare!), he's reading, watching sports, exercising, mowing his yard, or thinking about writing.



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Dig deep for your story!



National Novel Writing Month

*"To achieve great things, two things are needed: a plan, and not quite enough time."
—Leonard Bernstein*

**Write 50K words in 30 days?
Try it, it's fun!**

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

Write a first draft, order a t-shirt!

Note

Please be aware that Virginia DOT is working at the Exit 14 interchange of I-81. Lanes will be closed at times so watch for signs.



Links of Interest

authorspublish.com/manuscript-guide-2016

Guide to over one hundred publishers who don't require agented subs

[:Writing for Dollars](#)

There is a Markets Database on this website

News Releases

<https://ireach.prnewswire.com/tips.aspx>

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>

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)

Markets

<http://www.ralan.com/>

Writing Prompts

<http://www.toastedcheese.com/>
<http://www.writermag.com/writing-prompts>

Writing Classes

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

(Editor) My first online short story was published in the Writers Village ezine. Unfortunately the ezine is no longer published.

Links – cont'd

Book Reviews:
Patti Phillips

<http://nightstandbookreviews.com>

Promotion:

<http://www.justkindlebooks.com/authors-corner>

Publishing:

Kensington guidelines too long to reproduce here:

<http://www.kensingtonbooks.com/page.aspx/LyricalSubmissions>



Please exercise your civic right, vote on November 8.

And enjoy the happy holiday season which is upon us!

