

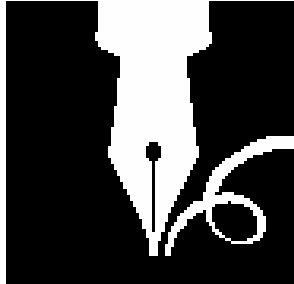
WRITER'S INK

April 2007

The Writer's Workshop of Bloomington

APRIL MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington, IL 60108, (630) 529-3120.



COLUMN TWO

As always, a portion of *Column Two* is reserved for brief announcements and special information members wish to share with others. E-mail either or both to Adeline at akd2820@comcast.net.

APRIL 14TH MEETING*

April's first Saturday meeting will begin, at 9 a.m. in Meeting Room B. Sign in and be ready to begin critique by **9:15 a.m.** Everyone arriving after 9:15 a.m.—with something for critique—should sign in on the bottom of the sheet. Their pieces will be critiqued if time allows. Remember that manuscripts, your own or on topic, are limited to 6 pages. Format rules are minimum 12-pt. font and double-spaced with one-inch margins on top, bottom and sides.

Writing Prompt (if you need one). Everyone is always offering advice on everything. What's the best piece of advice you've ever received? What's the worst (and why)?

APRIL 28TH MEETING**

The second Saturday meeting also will be held in **Meeting Room C** at 9 a.m. We will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. Those in attendance will determine how many critiques must be completed and proceed accordingly. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Time will be allotted for multi-page manuscript critiques.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

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MEETING FORMAT CHANGE*

Beginning on April 14, manuscript page limit for the first Saturdays' meetings will be increased to six (6) pages from the former two (2) pages.

NEW INFO IN BLUE BOOK

Rule:

**i before e, except after c
or when sounded like "ay"
as in neighbor and weigh
drop this rule when -c sounds as -sh**

Examples:

IE words: believe, field, relief
CEI words: ceiling, deceit, receive
EI words: freight, reign, sleigh

Exceptions:

EI words: either, neither, foreign, height, leisure, protein, weird, neither, sovereign, seized, counterfeit, forfeited
CIEN words: science, ancient, efficient (in these words, -c is pronounced -sh)

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The items in the Blue Book include a short quiz, discussion of the rules/exceptions—some amusing and some bemusing.

****Please note that the
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Meeting Room C**