

# Just Write Newsletter ~ Vol 7, No. 2 ~ Feb & March 2018

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## New Members

*Welcome to our new members, Abbigayle Hunt, Tom Baldwin and Richard Goms.*

Abbigayle lives in Davis County. She admits to being a fledgling writer who enjoys writing fiction about heroes. She is currently working on YA short stories and has submitted several stories for publication. We look forward to her participation in our critique sessions.

Tom lives in Cedar City. Currently he is working on an anthology of stories, written in first person and all with the same POV character. The genre is classic High Fantasy with witches, ogres, trolls, sirens and dragons. He admires the late Jack Vance and hopes to emulate that author's work.

Richard lives in Salt Lake. He has a lot of experience researching genealogy. He writes both fiction and nonfiction. His articles are historical nonfiction and his novel is historical fiction, a story about a fictional family based on historical and archaeological facts.

*A big welcome to each of you.*

## Poll

Our chapter should have a website or blog, a place for announcements, newsletters, archives, contest winners, writing bios, etc. Maybe a website like Cache Valley chapter's: <http://www.writerscache.org/>  
Let me know what you think. **Website or blog?**

*Thank you!*

*Ann*

## Writing Conferences and Workshops

- ▶ **LUW 2018 Spring Conference:** April 14th at the SL Community College, 4600 Redwood Road, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Discounts for League members. Details and schedule are available here: <https://www.leagueofutahwriters.com/events-1/2018-spring-conference>
- ▶ **LUW Summer Writing Symposium:** June 16th, Utah State Eccles Conference Center, Logan Utah. Schedule will be posted soon. <https://www.leagueofutahwriters.com/events-1/summer-writing-symposium>
- ▶ **LUW 2018 Quills (Fall) Conference:** August 24-25, 2018 at the University Park Marriott in SLC. Schedule will be available this summer. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-quills-conference-registration-38740773697>

## Editorial: Phrasal Verbs

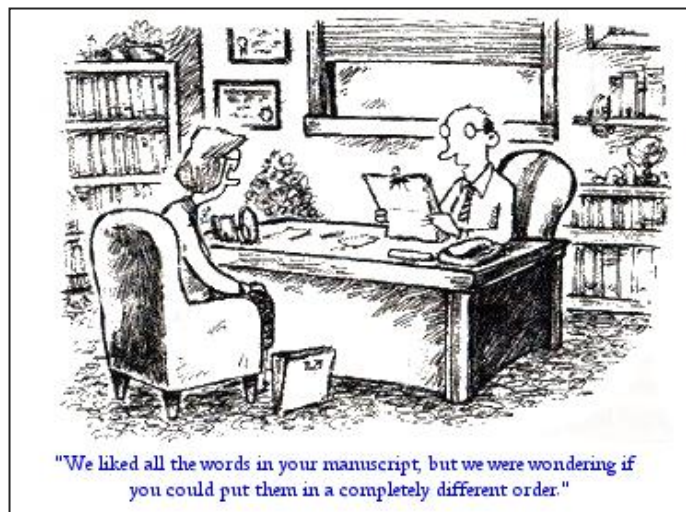
When reviewing and judging writing, especially fiction, I often find “inseparable phrasal verbs” that have been separated. I know this sounds like an English lesson, but I’ll keep it brief. Inseparable phrasal verbs (verb + participle) need to stay together. In addition, many separable phrasal verbs are easier on the reader if they are not separated. As a contest judge, I’m always looking at how a piece FLOWS, and these little bugaboos of the English language can disrupt the flow and cause readers to reread a sentence if the author isn’t careful.

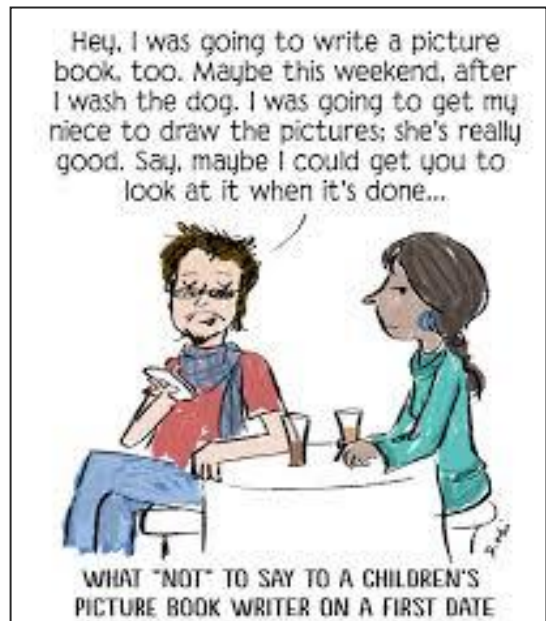
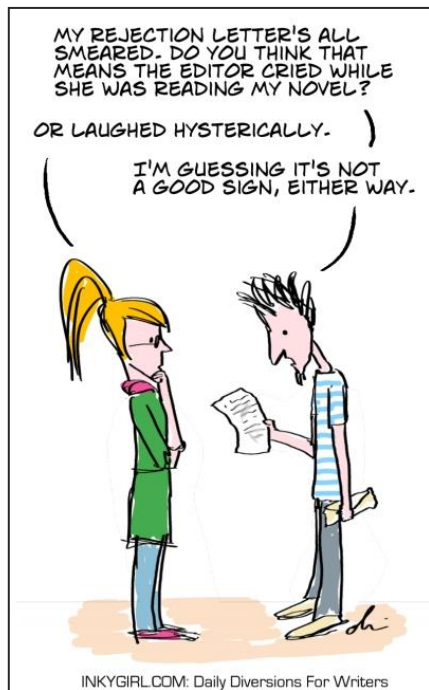
I’ve attached a page of example phrasal verbs, but even better, I found a good explanation of phrasal verbs here: <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/learn-10-useful-separable-phrasal-verbs/3628393.html> Granted, it’s for ESL students, but the page is easy to follow and thorough. I hope this grammar reminder is handy for some of you. Thank you for your indulgence!

*Write on, Ann*

## Taking a Break: *Laughing at Ourselves*

I realize this newsletter is late, but a ton of unexpected tasks dropped on me in February and I’m still working on them. Thus, I’m padding this issue with levity about the life of writers.





*Keep writing!*

*Ann*