

## Members practice blogging and critique

At the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, members took turns reading their homework assignments and the comments they received from fellow members. The assignment was to write a blog post or article about some aspect of writing and send it to a partner for critique and suggestions. Nine members shared their articles and commented on what they found helpful about having their work critiqued. The shared articles covered a variety of topics and offered helpful information to all in attendance. The corrected articles may be used as future posts on the WCCW blog *The Write Way*.

For the March meeting Kim Vernon will talk about entering contests as a way to gain confidence and writing experience.

The Creative Writer

is a monthly newsletter for the White County Creative Writers of Searcy, Ark. If you have news stories or photos to share, send them to del.garrett.s0ke@gmail.com. Deadline for reader submission is seven days prior to each month's meeting. WCCW reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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No homework was assigned. Members were reminded to bring their yearly dues of \$12 to next meeting if they have not already done so.

Del Garrett is currently in rehab recuperating from heart bypass surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery and return.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 25<sup>th</sup> annual WCCW Conference will be September 5, 2020. Plans are underway now. The deadline to sponsor a contest is March 16, our next meeting.

Next meeting: NOTE NEW LOCATION March 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Shelter Insurance office 1901 W Beebe Capps Expressway Searcy, Ark.

## SPOTLIGHT Dot Hatfield



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Dot Hatfield has been a part of White County Creative Writers almost since its beginning, serving several terms as President as well as other offices. She is the author of four novels, Worth the Candle, To Find a Home, An Ordinary Day, and The Last to Know, two story collections and a one-act play. Her freelance work has appeared in several regional newspapers, including the Arkansas Democrat Gazette and The Nashville *Tennessean*, and numerous anthologies. A talented actress, she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from Searcy's Center on the Square Community Theater.

A lay minister, Dot's devotional pieces have appeared in The Upper Room, Mature Living, Church Educator, and Ministry Now.

Dot is an experienced writer, editor and speaker. She is a priceless critique partner, tempering critique and helpful suggestions with positive feedback. She offers invaluable assistance to fellow writers, especially new writers, serving as a mentor and friend.