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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Star Striking Conversations” dominated the evening as the delegates and guest enjoyed the Exchange Mart and Delegate Welcome Party in Cincinnati on Friday evening of the Ohio USBC WBA Annual Meeting weekend.

PROMOTION is the name of the game and the Buckeye Bowling Writers take seriously the responsibility of recognizing those who have excelled at promoting the sport we all love.

Posters celebrating our theme, “Star Striking Conversations” brightened up the room and offered many interesting ways of highlighting the activities of the local and state associations.

First Place in the Poster contest was captured by the Greater Toledo USBC.

Second Place was a tie between the Greater Cincinnati USBC WBA and the Ohio USBC WBA Scholarship.

Third Place went to the Ohio President’s Club.

The Writing and Photography Contests brought forth excellence in Promotion. The *Ten Pin Tattler* newsletter of the Springfield District USBC WBA, edited by Roberta Havholm brought home first place. Valerie Eckman of the Southeastern Ohio USBC was presented the Sam Levine Award for her winning news story.

Joy Roof of the Lake-Geauga USBC was chosen as the Mary Jannetto Award winner for 2017 and Tom Sortman of the Dayton USBC was named the Garrett Swartz Award winner.

The 2017-18 season will see the ending of one era and beginning of another. I hope you all are well on your way to completing the merging process and that you will look at the changes being made in a positive way. The goal of any association is to provide the best possible service to their membership and by working together toward our common goal; we can do great things for our membership.

Don’t forget your dues are due in August. Our year’s runs the same as the bowling season and please remember, in order to compete in our contests; your dues for the season must be paid.



Ruth Heath-Trott, President
Buckeye Bowling Writers

Ruth Heath-Trott Award for Excellence in Bowling Involvement

Mary Jannetto Award for Local Bowling Promotion

Garrett Swartz Certificate of Recognition

These awards are a way to recognize your bowlers. All of us know someone who deserves to be recognized for supporting bowling. It does not need to be someone on your local or state board, think about your leagues!!! Do you have a cheerleader bowling with you? Does your league officers go out of their way to promote your tournaments, help with your fundraising or works at keeping your league full and fun? Do they attend state and national events and get others to go? Are they involved with your youth? Put on those thinking caps and lets submit who you think deserves the awards. Don't think "they won't win, why I should submit their name. We would love to hear from you.

- ❖ Ruth Heath-Trott Award – this award will be presented to recognize excellence in bowling involvement, at the local, district, regional, state and/or national levels. Any member of an Ohio USB Association is eligible.
- ❖ Mary Jannetto Award – this award will be presented to recognize an individual who promotes bowling locally. Any member of an Ohio USBC Association is eligible.
- ❖ Garrett Swartz Certificate – this award will be presented to recognize excellence a male member of any Ohio State USBC BA association for his participation in and support of bowling at local, district, regional, state and or national levels. Any male current member of an Ohio State USBC BA is eligible to be nominated for this award.

All three of these forms are included in this issue that you need to submit **YOUR BOWLERS**. Surprise your bowlers with honoring them with these awards.

Prepositions

Reference Handbook of English Grammar, Style and Writing

“Some people write *by* day, others *by* night. Some people need silence, others turn on the radio. Some write *by* hand, some *by* typewriter, some *by* talking into a tape recorder. Some people write their first draft *in* long burst and then revise; others can't write the second paragraph until they have fiddled endlessly *with* the first.”

-On Writing Well
William Zinsser

All the italicized words in the above paragraph are prepositions. Prepositions are connecting words; they connect the word or words that follow them (call the *object* of the preposition) with some other part of the sentence. They

illustrate a relationship between words. The preposition and the word or group of words that follows it constitutes the *prepositional phrase*, which can function in a sentence as an adjective, adverb or noun.

There are two kinds of prepositions – simple, one-word prepositions and group prepositions.

Simple Prepositions

At the office	On the desk
Like her sister	About the house
Within three weeks	Through the door

Group Prepositions

According to	In place of
Because of	As well as
By means of	In addition to

There are only a few rules governing the use of prepositions. Learning to use the correct preposition is really a matter of developing a good sense of what sounds right. This is acquired by listening and by trying to write the way we talk. Of course, some aspects of speech must be formalized for writing.

Errors to Avoid

In speech, there is a tendency to either overuse or omit necessary prepositions. This should be eliminated in formal writing.

- Examples of overuse:

No: She just couldn't start *in* to do her homework.

Yes: She just couldn't start to do her homework.

No: When did they finally get *down* to the problem?

Yes: When did they finally get to the problem?

- Examples of omission:

No: She was concerned *about* Jamie and his many dogs.

Yes: She was concerned *about* Jamie and *about* his many dogs.

No: *At* her office and home, she tried to be the same person.

Yes: *At* her office and *at* home, she tried to be the same person.

- Need for different prepositions in the same phrase:

No: Mother was both influenced and annoyed *with* her doctor.

Yes: Mother was both influenced *by* and annoyed *with* her doctor.

No: We have become reconciled and accepting *of* our fate.

Yes: We have become reconciled *to* and accepting *of* our fate.

- Over concern with placement: Although in the past it was considered incorrect English to end a sentence with a preposition, it is no longer so. Current usage (everyday speech) and rhythm often necessitate putting a preposition at the end of a sentence. Excessive attention paid to following the outdated rule can result in some unnatural and confusing sentences.

No: Tell me *for* what you are looking.

Yes: Tell me what you are looking *for*.

No: She had no one *to* whom to turn.

Yes: She had no one to turn *to*.

Quiz Time

In the following sentences, underline the prepositional phrase:

1. They went into the house to get their coats.
2. According to the report, crime has gone down.
3. He sat in front of us at the theater.

In the following sentences, make the necessary additions and deletions:

4. Let's finish up the assignment.
5. Tell me on what he left it.
6. It took a long time to get at the problem.

Answers:

1. They went *into the house* to get their coats.
2. *According to the report*, crime has gone down.
3. He sat *in front of us* at the theater.
4. Let's finish the assignment.
5. Tell me what he left it on.
6. It took a long time to get through the problem.



The Buckeye Bowling Writers
is *your* KEY TO LEARNING AND
IMPROVING YOUR WRITING SKILLS.

Our mission is to bring together in an atmosphere of friendliness and cooperation those who promote bowling in the State of Ohio and who are members of any Ohio USBC Bowling Association. Our services and activities include:

- Exchange Mart for members and guests
- Newsletter – *The Write Angle*
- Writing Contest
- Publication Contest
- Photo Contest
- Poster Contest
- Annual Meeting and Awards Presentations
- Website – www.buckeyebowlingwriters.com
- Development and maintenance of local association/club websites
- Administers the Mary Jannetto Award for Local Bowling Promotion
- Administers the Ruth Heath-Trott Award for Excellence in Bowling Involvement
- Administers the Garret Swartz Certificate for Recognition for a male
- Delegate Welcome Party for delegates and guests attending Ohio USBC WBA Convention. This responsibility is rotated among the members of the Buckeye Bowling Boosters Club.
- Supports the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and the Bowlers to Veterans Link
- Offers promotion and publicity assistance to Ohio USBC local associations
- Promotes Ohio USBC WBA and BA activities
- Promotes International Bowling Media Association membership

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

• Association _____ Position: _____

Publication for which I write (if applicable): _____

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