



# The Write Angle

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has rolled around. As we continue our plans for the 2015-16 season, we should reflect upon what our goals were and how close we have come to accomplishing them. Most of us are getting ready for our Association Championship Tournament. How are you promoting your events this year? We use E-mail, Facebook and Twitter, but are we keeping in mind that face-to-face communication is the best source of advertisement we can use? Do you send your board members or house reps out at the league level to talk one-on-one with your members, to make them feel that they are an important part of your association? Since the Tournament Participation is one of the items we are judged on for the Association Performance Standards, it is certainly worth the extra effort and could possibly improve your grade.

This years' Exchange Mart theme is "Generations of Communication". Tables for the Exchange Mart are still only \$5.00 and please remember that to have a table, you must also have a poster for the Poster Contest. In addition to the Poster Contest, this year we are sponsoring a "Costume Contest" also. Come dressed in the garb of your particular teenage years, be it the '50's, '60's or '70"s. The "Sox Hop" atmosphere for Friday evening should put many of you in a reminiscent mood.



On Sunday morning at our Annual Meeting, we will be electing a President, Sergeant-at-Arms and two directors. At the Combined Clubs Breakfast we will be presenting our Mary Jannetto Award, Ruth Heath-Trott Award, Garrett Swartz Award, Rilla Yeater Publication Award, Sam Levine News Story Award, Leigh Betts Memorial Photography Award and the ribbons for the Poster Contest. Plan to come out and help the winners celebrate. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Ruth Heath-Trott, President  
Buckeye Bowling Writers

Ruth Heath-Trott, President, presenting our Garrett Swartz Award for 2015.



# BBW is Seeking Candidates

**Just like you, for the following positions:**

**President, Sergeant-at-Arms and Directors #1 & #2**

We are always looking for interested and dedicated bowlers. Someone who is interested in promoting the sport we love and enjoy. Maybe this is you?

I would like to thank you for being a member of the BBW. That shows that you are active in the promotion of our sport. Please consider becoming part of this exciting organization as a member of the advisory board. Why not help us promote the sport we love? The election for these positions will be held at our annual meeting.

Please reply to the address below, no later than: February 1, 2016.

*Be sure to send back your response to be included in a drawing for a free one year membership.*

**Thanks for your time and consideration,**

**Valerie Eckman, BBW Nominating Chairman**  
746 Lambton Circle  
Lancaster, OH 43130

## It's Poster Time



Local associations and related clubs are invited (encouraged) to prepare a poster featuring some aspect of their activities, in unity with the suggested theme.

Posters must be in place at the Exchange Mart by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016. Only one poster per association or organization. If you have a table at the Exchange Mart, don't forget you **MUST** have a poster!

Please keep in mind that all posters must be "homemade". Any posters thought to be professionally done will be eliminated.

Posters will be judged on the following:

- General Appearance
  - Is it attention getting?

- Is it done neatly?
- Does it catch the eye of the passerby?
- Does it retain your interest enough to read the entire content?

- Originality
  - How do you present your subject matter?
- Clarity/Identity
  - How easy is it to tell who submitted the entry?

Does it meet size requirements of 30"x40"?

**Note posters must his size and no tri-fold boards.**

- How well do you express the theme?

***"Generations of  
Communication"***

# Verbs

Every sentence must have a verb. Verbs express action or a state of being. Small changes in their form reflect many differences in meaning. One variable is number; a verb can be either singular or plural.

- I *am* happy to be here. (singular)
- We *are* not so sure of the date. (plural)

Verbs are also distinguished by person: first (I, we), second (you, and third (he, she, it, one, the). Usually, verbs change form only in the third person singular.

- I, you, we, they *hope* you will stay.
- He, she *hopes* you will leave.

Changes made in the forms of words in order to indicate slight changes of meaning are called inflections. Verbs change more readily and more often than any other sort of word; this can often be confusing. By hearing English spoken and by learning to speak it yourself, you have probably learned the rules and peculiarities associated with correct verb usage without even thinking about it; you know that when something “sounds right,” it probably is. But here are rules and logic to explain why some things sound right and other don’t. When something sounds wrong to your ear, it is probably due to a mistake in either tense, irregular verb usage, or agreement.

# Tense

Tense means time. Verbs have the ability to tell us not only what action is occurring but also when it is occurring. The form of a verb changes in order to indicate when an action takes place. The two main forms of any verb are the present and the past tense. The past tense is usually formed by adding “ed” to the basic verb.

Present	Past
walk	walked
talk	talked
help	helped
enter	entered
listen	listened

Verbs that follow this pattern in forming the past tense are called regular verbs. Almost all of the verbs in the language are regular.

# Irregular Verbs

Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle
am	was	been
beat	beat	beaten
arise	arose	arisen
eat	ate	eaten

Do not confuse the past participle with the past tense.

- No: We *seen* a lot of birds in the cornfield.
- Yes: We *saw* a lot of birds in the cornfield.
  
- No: It *begun* to get dark early.
- Yes: It *began* to get dark early.

## Exercises



Fill in the correct form of the verb in the present tense.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ sad to leave. (to be)
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ to lock the door occasionally. (to forget)
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ the dog for a walk each morning. (to take)

Fill in the correct tense of the verb in the parentheses.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ fifty pages by tomorrow. (to read, future)
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ in the concert. (to sing, past)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ class on Mondays and Wednesdays. (to teach, present)

In the following sentences make the necessary corrections.

1. Either her mother or father usually drive her to school on rainy days.
2. There are, if I calculated right, two hundred dollars left in my bank account.
3. Mary and the rest of her friends was late for the test.
4. Tuesday I goes to my friends' house for dinner.
5. Lay down on the couch and relax.

## Answers

Verb in present tense:

1. is
2. forget
3. take

Correct tense:

1. will read
2. sang
3. teaches

Corrections:

1. Either her mother or her father usually **drives** her to school on rainy days.
2. There **is**, if I calculated right, two hundred dollars left in my bank account.
3. Mary and the rest of her friends **were** late for the test.
4. Tuesday I **go** to my friends' house for dinner.
5. **Lie** down on the couch and relax.



How did you do??

Reference: Handbook of English Grammar, Style and Writing

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