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 **President's Column**



Abraham Lincoln

February 12, 1809—April 15, 1865

16th President of the United States

Kentucky native

It is a special title to be called President. It can be intimidating, stressful, humbling and enjoyable to serve with that title. My short tenure has been more of the intimidating and stressful nature. Fortunately, I am working with a very dedicated board of directors and serving a very worthwhile organization. My hope is to set a few goals that will benefit our association and make sure storytelling as an art form, an educational tool, a form of collecting and passing on history and a source of entertainment for all ages, will continue to flourish. If you have ideas or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. By the way, happy 203rd birthday to my favorite President, Abraham Lincoln.



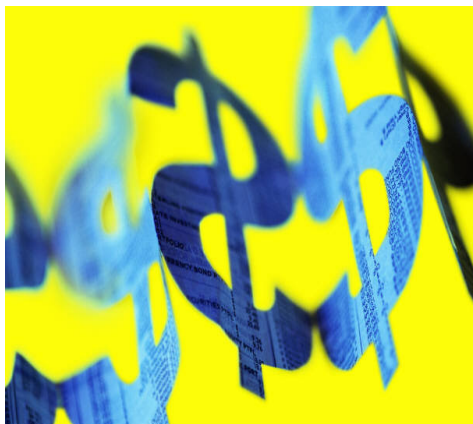
Can you help a feller out?

This newsletter is not only a benefit for the members of the Kentucky Storytelling Association, it can also be entertaining, a reference and a resource. This issue is a trial run being put together by a novice and wannabe journalist. I need your help. Please send me any announcements, useful tips, ideas for stories, upcoming events or storytelling experiences you have had.

If you have the desire to write a column or be a regular contributor, PLEASE contact me I welcome all submission and contributions. We are limited by space and time, but we need to hear from our members. Let's work together to make this newsletter a valuable resource for all of us. I am looking forward to hearing from you for the Spring issue.

Dues are ...

If you are reading this, you have probably paid your 2012 dues for your membership in KSA...or maybe not. It might have slipped your mind or its on a to do list that grows daily. Our dues run from the November conference, which is usually held in November or late October. In the past we have been a little lax at pressing people to make sure they pay their dues. The majority of folks who haven't paid, its simply a matter of forgetting. This is just a simple reminder. We sent out dues statements recently. If you sent in your dues, we are so appreciative. Thank you so much. If you are planning to do so, thank to you also. If you have any questions, contact one of your board members and we will help with follow up. Thanks for supporting KSA with your membership. We appreciate it.



On Air Around The World

Wouldn't it be cool to listen to stories on the radio? Actually, thanks to KSA member Buck P. Creacy, now you can. Buck has created a radio station called A World of Storytelling, available on the Internet. Visit www.Live365.com/stations/storytellingradio/ to check it out. You can listen to stories on your computer, mp3 player in your car or your smart phone. At present you can listen for three days straight and never hear

the same story twice! Pretty amazing. You can also get your recorded story on air. Call Buck at 502-370-5322 for all your questions. Currently, A World of Storytelling ranks 48th in the talk radio genre category. That is the same category that features Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Radio. Knowing what a hard worker and great storyteller Buck is, it won't be long before Ms. Winfrey's Harpo Radio is being challenged by "A World of Storytelling" on the airwaves.

Storytelling in Ministry

Another "storytelling in Ministry" conference will be held in Georgetown, Kentucky on June 21—23, 2012. You don't have to be in the ministry or even be a storyteller to gain a lot from this conference. More information can be found at www.TheChristianStoryteller.com or call Buck Creacy for more information at 502-370-5322

Call for KSA conference workshop proposals - (See page 4 for details.)

Due April 1, 2012—send to:

Betsy Fleischer
at betsycat2@yahoo.com
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Upcoming events of interest

March 2012

Thursday, 22nd—"Sisters All: Folktales and true stories of girls and women" told by Mary Hamilton. 6:00 p.m. Boyd County Library. 1740 Central Avenue. Ashland, KY. Free admission. Call 606-329-0090

Saturday, 24th—World Storytelling Day—Clayton Center for the Arts. Maryville, TN. Three concerts. 2:00 p.m. (free), 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. (\$8 adults \$5 seniors and students). 865-981-8590 or online at www.claytonartscenter.com

Monday, 26th—Wandering Storytellers, featuring Csenge Virag who will be telling Hungarian Folktales and other stories. Csenge who is from Hungary is a graduate student in the Storytelling Masters Program at East Tennessee State University. 8:00 p.m. Tuska House, 147 Old Park Avenue (corner of Old Park and Central), Lexington, KY - - This event raises funds to support KSA programs and projects. Admission: \$5 donation suggested.

April 2012

Friday thru Sunday, 13th—15th. Cape Girardeau Storytelling Festival featuring Sheila Kay Adams, Dan Fielding, Jennifer Munro, Kim Weitkamp, Larry brown and Jessica Carleton. Cape Girardeau, MO. Tickets 1-800-777-0068 or www.capestorytelling.com

Saturday, 14th—Marble Springs Storytelling Festival presented by the Smoky Mountain Storytellers Association, Gov. John Sevier home, Hwy 168 between Hwy 129 and Chapman Hwy. Knoxville, TN. www.marblesprings.net for information

Monday, 30th— Wandering Storytellers—featuring Russ Conrad from Falmouth, KY and Charlie Hardy from Lexington, KY 8:00 p.m. at Tuska House, 147 Old Park Avenue (Corner of Old Park and Central), Lexington, KY. \$5 suggested donation. Fundraiser for KSA programs and events.

May 2012

Wednesday thru Saturday, 2nd-5th—St. Louis Storytelling Festival. Over 80 storytelling events throughout St. Louis area. Most are free. Check it out at www.stlstorytellingfestival.org

Friday thru Sunday, 4th-6th—Ohio Storytelling Conference featuring Elizabeth Ellis. Mount Vernon, OH. Information at www.oopstorytelling.org

Saturday, May 19 – Storytelling in the Mountains, Harlan Depot, 110 River Street, Harlan, KY. A full evening of storytelling from some of Kentucky's finest storytellers. 6:00 p.m. Free. Contact: Pam Holcomb, 606-573-4376 or pbholcomb@msn.com This event is a fundraiser for KSA and is co-sponsored by the Harlan County Cooperative Extension.

Do you know of an open-to-the-public storytelling event happening in Kentucky or the adjoining states — Missouri, Illinois, West Virginia, Virginia, Indiana, or Tennessee? Send event details to calendar@kystory.org or mail to: KSA, P O Box 4148, Frankfort, KY 40604-4148. Events are posted on the KSA Website Event Calendar at www.kystory.org. Selected events are also printed in the KSA Newsletter.

So, help spread the word & happy listening!

Kentucky Youth Storytelling Showcase

The winners of the 2011-2012 Kentucky Youth Storytelling Showcase:

- Elementary—David Benning, Middle School—Samantha McMillan, High School—Chandler Emmons Smith, Tandem Team—Samantha McMillan and Carson Krumi.

Kentucky Youth Storytelling Showcase Torchbearers for 2012:

Samantha McMillan, Chandler Emmons Smith, Noah Hughes, Michaela Simpson and the tandem team of Samantha McMillan and Carson Krumi

The selection committee once again had a very difficult time selecting from such wonderful entries. Congratulations to the winners. We will be very well represented by these wonderful young people. Also thanks to Pam Holcomb for a great job with this endeavor.

Call for Workshop Proposals, Due April 1, 2012

Kentucky Storytelling Conference, October 19-20, 2012

All ideas for educational sessions on any aspect of the art of storytelling will be considered. Past sessions have addressed such topics as storytelling in preschools, storytelling to enhance leadership and management skills, creating fairy tales, planning a gig, working with an ASL interpreter, and more. Have an idea? Send it on!

Events begin Friday evening and run all day and evening on Saturday. The conference location is Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, on US 68 near Carlisle, Kentucky. (23 miles south of Maysville; 40 miles north of Lexington)

All workshops are 70 minutes long and are ASL interpreted.

Workshop presenters are paid a \$100 honorarium and are given free conference registration.

Your proposal needs to include the following information:

1. Presenter(s):
2. Title of Workshop:
3. Workshop Description: (25 words or less)
4. Short bio of yourself: (100 words maximum)
5. We have easels and large pads and markers in each room for your use. Please list any technology you will be bringing:
6. How do you want the room set up? classroom, theater, open space (rooms are large so can have both chairs and open space)
7. Your contact information: address, phone & email
8. References: Please provide contact information for three people who can comment on the quality of your work as a workshop presenter.

Proposal deadline is April 1, 2012 to:
Betsy Fleischer at betsycat2@yahoo.com
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So, we've asked to hear from you with your ideas for the KSA Newsletter, but we haven't told you who to contact! Your new volunteer **newsletter editor** is Jeff Jones. Contact him by emailing your ideas to newsletter@kystory.org or call him 270-993-6693. Help make *your* newsletter great!

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