

## **WRITING CONTEST FOR MEMBERS ONLY**

All entries **must start with the same first line** (see below). Develop your story in any genre you choose using that sentence as the first one.

Word count is 2,000 words or less per entry.

\$5 entry fee per submission (writers may submit multiple entries in multiple genres).

**Entries may be submitted beginning January 10, 2022. Entries close February 10, 2022.**

Winners will be announced at the March 3rd meeting.

Entries should be sent via email to [sgwlcontact@gmail.com](mailto:sgwlcontact@gmail.com) starting January 10th.

All contest guidelines must be followed to be eligible to participate.

*There must be at least five entries (by five different persons) for the contest to be held.*

Winning certificates awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places and Honorable Mention.

Rules: May write in any fiction genre

Send entry as an attachment to an email (either Word .doc, .docx, or pdf)

Double-spaced

Times New Roman, 12 pt. type

1" margins all around

Content should be PG-13 or below (no graphic sex, violence, gore, language)

Author name and page number should be included in headers on each page

Pages should be numbered in upper right-hand corner

If entry is disqualified from competing due to rules infringement, no refund of entry fee will be given.

Submission of an entry gives San Gabriel Writers' League permission to publish the entry (if a winner) on the SGWL website for up to three (3) months.

Judges' decisions are final and may not be appealed.

**FIRST SENTENCE: *"I opened my eyes and had no idea where I was."***