

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM:
Barrelhouse Invitational, Office Life Edition

To: Writers
From: Barrelhouse Magazine
Re: Barrelhouse Invitational: Office Life Edition
Date: December 16, 2008

This memorandum is intended to attempt to achieve the goal of apprising interested parties as to the existence and most recent launch activity pertaining to Barrelhouse Magazine's latest Invitational Contest, which shall heretofore be known as the Barrelhouse Invitational, Office Life Edition.

Background:

The Barrelhouse Invitational strives to accomplish the objective of engaging the writing public in areas specific to certain preconceived topics, in order to stimulate the planning, development, and implementation of literary works of merit for the purpose of publication in Barrelhouse magazine.

Office Life

The Barrelhouse Invitational: Office Life Edition is an iteration of the Barrelhouse Invitational, whereby writers are asked to submit work that touches in some way on the physical, practical, social, political, and emotional environs and consequences of the common work environment known as The Office.

Barrelhouse endeavors to convey the following to potential authors of said literary works of merit:

- Said works must navigate in some manner the topic of "office life."
- Being generally acquiescent and somnolent of nature, Barrelhouse will, in all likelihood, interpret said topic in a generous and capacious manner.
- Barrelhouse understands fully the nature of the flexible situation vis a vis the modern office environment, in that this circumstance is increasingly flexible and not necessarily reminiscent of the television show Mad Men or The Office. Therefore, submitted works of literary merit need not seek to portray said topic in a strictly cubicle-defined locality, but rather should ideally represent the mindscape of The Office in the broadest and most effective terms deemed appropriate for each specific work of literary merit.
- Nevertheless, see top bullet regarding "said works must navigate in some manner the topic of "office life."

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Barrelhouse Invitational is to promote health, awareness, hygiene, dissemination of awesomeness, increased coolness, clean energy, good times, literature, puppies,

emergency preparedness, maverickishness, fiction, appreciation of the television show “The White Shadow,” poetry, highway safety, spiritual growth, vegetables, yoga, Peruvian chicken, niceties, nonfiction, and general literary awesomeness.

Next Steps:

Interested parties are encouraged to submit works of literary expression in the short story, poem, essay, or other applicable format. In order to follow through with the submission of said literary items, writers will utilize the Barrelhouse online submission system, located at the web location that follows: <http://www.barrelhousemag.com/submissions>.

- Note: Those wishing to participate in this program will follow directions listed on the aforementioned web address.

Timelines:

- This project initiates on December 16, 2008.
- This project shall cease operations, vis a vis active solicitation and submission of relevant literary works of merit on approximately March 1, 2008.

Measurables and Desired Outcomes:

- General literary awesomeness.
- Acquisition of four to ten of aforementioned literary items, to be published in a discreet and specially marked “Office Life” section.
- Literary items judged by Barrelhouse Editors to be of significant literary merit and to adhere sufficiently within the parameters enumerated within the Office Life portion of this memorandum shall be rewarded with inclusion in the eighth issue of Barrelhouse magazine, which is intended to be published in approximately the time range of early Summer 2009.

Remuneration and Merit Salary Increases:

- Authors of those works included in the Barrelhouse Invitational: Office Life edition will be paid in inclusion of said works in Barrelhouse Issue Number Eight. Authors will also receive two (2) copies of said Issue.
- Authors will also be paid in the procurement of free alcoholic beverages on the occasion that they are found to be in the same general location as Barrelhouse editors, at a future time and place, and in a situation in which alcohol may be legally purchased and consumed.
- Note that there will be no merit salary increases associated with inclusion in the Barrelhouse Invitational: Office Life edition. However, authors chosen for participation in this project will receive Special Secret Meritorious Commendations in their secret, permanent personnel files.