

# Grant Writers' Network of Greater Houston Newsletter

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### Next Brown Bag continuing education program is May 12.

" Introduction to the United Way Library and Update on FoundationCenter's Search Tools"

Presenter: Doris Moran, Resource Specialist, United Way Resource Library

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
(Registration begins at 11:30 am)

United Way on Waugh

## Upcoming July Conference Notes

As members of Grant Writers' Network of Greater Houston, the topic you ask for most in continuing education is budgeting. So we've made sure that will be an important part of our July 14 *Summer Conference*.

Kathy Ploch, CPA will cover a variety of budget types and their components. Kathy is active in the Houston CPA Society. She is the Immediate Past President and is also on the Texas State Society of CPAs Board of Directors. She is a member of the Community Services Committee. We look forward to her helping us learn more about the purposes of budgeting.

The Conference will cover more than budgeting, it will also cover some of the most critical components of grant preparation such as establishing need.

### Summer Conference Details:

- Held at the United Way Building off Waugh Drive
- 8 am registration and Continental Breakfast
- Sessions 8:30 am until noon
- July 14

Further details will appear soon on our website:

[www.grantwritershouston.org](http://www.grantwritershouston.org)

## Are You Familiar with our Website?

Look under the Members section to find the **Job Bank** listing current openings and the **Contract Writer Directory** that lists available grant writing consultant's resumes.

## 21st Century Editing

In case you missed Ann May's presentation on how grammar has changed in the recent years, here are a few of her comments:

It's now OK to:

- End a sentence with a preposition
- Split an infinitive
- Begin a sentence with a conjunction
- Use "they" or "their" when referring to a person when you don't know their gender

But avoid:

- Using Latin abbreviations - etc. e.g. It's better to use English so you will be understood.

She also showed us a very funny website on the inappropriate use of quotation marks: [www.unnecessaryquotes.com](http://www.unnecessaryquotes.com) We hope you didn't miss this great presentation. Ann May is Senior Editor at HP Corporation, overseeing the production of 800 technical manuals per year.

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