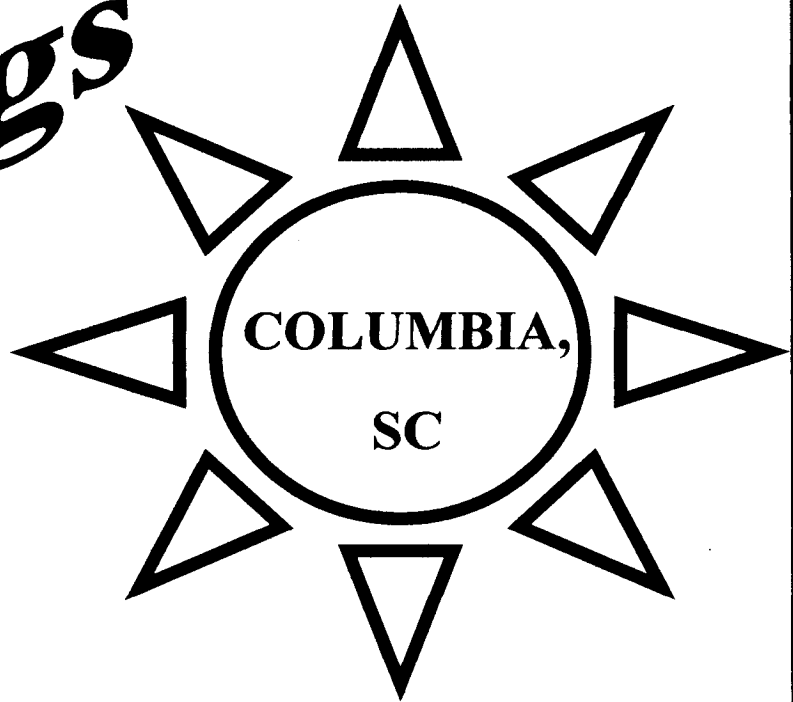


**Greetings  
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*A postcard from Sheila Salters – 2005 Midlands Writing Project Participant*

Dear MWP Participant,

Hi, it's Sheila, and I'm just writing to let you know that Tempi greeted us on yesterday and asked, "Is anyone was feeling manic?" This was then followed by her saying, "Am I the only one feeling manic?" The menu that Angela F. prepared for our lunch buffet was scrumptious with a delectable bouquet of knowledge - we are evolving as writers!

The information presented could be compared to a Snicker's Bar...because it definitely satisfied the hunger. Shortly after the luncheon, there was a twenty minute breakout for a quick write response "How have you've grown since becoming apart of the Midlands Writing Project?". The second question that had to be address was, "How can you use reflection as a strategy to help your students grow?"

I was so caught up into my writing that I barely heard the announcer say, "Three minutes remaining until take off!" I caught the plane with Mary Jade, where she whisked us off to North Carolina to the Haney's Family Reunion. She was so enlighten by the MWP workshop that she had writer's revelation at 2 a.m., which reflected on how she has grown since attending the institute...she actually started writing logs! Wow! How passion-ish is she.

Jessica made a comment stating that, "Learning is social," while Laura was puzzled about Writer's Workshop and Jodi's been conducting the workshop all along. In addition to this she shared a quote, "We're cups constantly and quietly being filled. The trick is, knowing how to tip ourselves over and let the beautiful stuff out." This was taken from Ray Bradbury.

Janie came in and reminded us of housekeeping. Is she the maid? Rebecca shared a thought from a movie where one character was asking, "Where are you from?" The person responded, "I'm from a place between nowhere and goodbye." Now that's what you call a deep dish. In reference to video taping, Vickie exclaimed, "Don't panic, we're a community of learners!" Sue presented us with a How to Write a Memoir Workshop. Isn't she awakening the heart? Can you believe someone actually urinated on the fence?

In the end, Libby stole Lee's idea, which caused Lee to receive three snaps for abstract thinking. Helen used a great word and thought it was cool to learn about Harry Noden's parallel structure. Jeanette informed us how to transform our reluctant learners into efficient writers. Joan, Kiley, and Angela B. thanked me for snacks.

P.S. - Hey, I almost forgot to tell you that Lois Battle is here to share writing strategies and address your thoughts of invitation.

P.P.S. - As a quick reminder, remember what Tempi said, "The brain remembers information through reflection." Vickie said, "It like butter." Do you remember the *Oleaginous*?