



## **Call to Writers & Artists: "In Service"**

*We all have stories—stories of times when someone helped us or when we provided some kind of service to another. Sometimes the help comes unexpectedly as a nice surprise; sometimes it's a "God send" in "the nick of time." At other times, the help doesn't look like help at all—sometimes it comes disguised as misfortune; only later do we realize that the effort was just what was needed.*

*Sometimes the service is widely known and provided to others. Those in the military, fire fighters, police, doctors, nurses, teachers, or EMT's are examples. Yet sometimes service comes as a small gesture—one that would seem insignificant or invisible or forgotten.*

*It is my hope that writers will highlight the many kindnesses we offer to each other, demonstrating how important we are to one another, perhaps healing some of the divisiveness that exists in the world today, and inspire us all to celebrate one another's loving acts and offer more of them.*

**Writers:** Submit poetry, prose inspired by the "In Service" theme in a Word docx. By June 20, 2026, to [janeEstahl@comcast.net](mailto:janeEstahl@comcast.net) to be eligible for publication. *There is no submission charge.*

Include a 2-3 sentence bio along with your submission. *Bios may be edited.* Submissions will be published in the digital news site *The Boyertown Area Expression* ([boyertownareaexpression.town.news](http://boyertownareaexpression.town.news)) throughout the summer of 2026.

A Writers' Reception will be held at Studio B on June 28, 2026, from 1-3 p.m. Writers will be encouraged to share the work they submitted and any new projects or publications.

**Artists:** An art exhibit on the "In Service" theme with a special focus on celebrating our country's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary is scheduled. In-take of art will be held June 23, 2026, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Studio B Art Gallery with an opening on June 26, from 5-7 p.m. *(Submit an image of your work at any time to help promote the project and accompany the published poetry and prose in The Expression.*

Visit [www.studiobbb.org](http://www.studiobbb.org), Studio B Art Gallery on Facebook for any updates about the project.

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