

May 2014

Suburban Scribe

Newsletter of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club

May 12th is our ANNUAL BANQUET!!

Our SSWC members are the speakers for this night, reading choice pieces of their works. We only do the readings twice a year.

You're invited to bring friends, family, and guests to join us.

We expect to have some door prizes and present awards.

Please note that our meeting place will not be at the church.

Meeting Location: *Cattle Rustlers at 7040 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights 95610. <http://www.mycattlerustlers.com/>*

Time: *Our usual time, starting at 7 p.m.*

The dinner selection will include a main item (chicken, tri-tip, or pasta), two sides, a salad and a soft drink.

Other drinks can be ordered separately.

Club members do receive a discounted price for dinner.

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WEBSITES: Sactowriters.com & [Facebook.com/sactowriters](https://www.facebook.com/sactowriters)

MEETINGS: May 12th. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m.

LOCATION: **Cattle Rustlers This month only! 7040 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights, 95610**

Want to be in the SSWC Newsletter?

Offerings for the newsletter are due BEFORE the end of the previous month. *“Late” means after the 1st of the month you want it in the newsletter.* I know important things do come up at a last minute sometimes and do my best to work them in. My email is dragonscribert@gmail.com. Please don't get ruffled if I wait a month. Articles that are time-sensitive have to come first and I greatly appreciate having a backlog.

Copyright Issues: Reminder, I can *not* just copy and paste articles taken from the internet. The most important info can be summarized and referenced (like an old school report) or direct permission regarding the article. There is plenty helpful information at the U.S. Copyright office for those questions on what is risky and what is not, available at www.copyright.gov/help/faq/faq-fairuse.html or just Google the US Copyright Office.

Do keep sending stuff! Please remember this is a member privilege. The newsletter can be a great way to give people a glimpse of your writing or art, and your website or contact information if you're trying to go public.

Style: (not set in stone but do this for me and I'd be very thankful!)

- Single-space your lines and not leave the text in auto or however the info came from the internet, that would save me time and keep you in practice formatting things for distribution. Kindly proofread the work.
- Don't just type the title of your book. If your work is available online, hyperlink it. Why? The general public is more likely to just clicky click rather than type a name into Google and spend a few minutes researching. Patience and willingness to research is not terribly popular these days. This generation wants their info fast.

We have over thirty published authors in our club and I only have two of your websites memorized because I see them with most emails from those people. I can spit them right out: mmrumberg.com and mydiabeticsoul.com. Both are easy for me to remember, too. I'd like to give an example on the importance of including contact info and using hyperlinks on your contact information. Most business people do it, such as my finance guy (below). He uses a banner or “masthead” with his pic and he includes website links, and usually, the Facebook and Twitter link. Does it seem like overkill? What if this was *your signature* in each email that sported links to your books?

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Of course John gave me permission to show off his “signature” :)
May your fans find you fast! Have a good month. *Your newsletter Scribe, Berta*

WRITERS WORKSHOPS from Mort Rumberg mmrumberg.com/

John Freeman is a writer and literary critic. Formerly editor of *Granta*, with work appearing in *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, and *The New York Times*, plus hundreds of newspapers.

Brenda Miller Returns June 21st & 22nd

Brenda's workshop is titled "A Case Against Courage in Creative Nonfiction."

Workshop will be capped at 12 students. Early bird tuition (paid before May 1st) is \$400. After May 1st, tuition is \$425. Tuition must be paid in full to guarantee a spot.

The next Sacramento Master Teacher for FICTION is Gina Frangello July 26th and 27th. A longtime editor, Gina teaches about the “industry” in her workshops

More information about Midtown Writing Workshops and the Master Teacher Weekend Workshop Series at <http://valeriefioravanti.com/master-teacher-workshops/>
Mailing address: Sacramento Writing Workshops 1229 E Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Writers Retreat Cancelled:

“Due to lack of correspondence and/or interest, the “Authors Retreat” between April 24, 2014, and April 27, 2014, at Ghost Mountain Ranch in Pollock Pines, CA, has been canceled. This specific offer began in January, 2014. Notification of interest was due on or before April 1, 2014. Five SSWC members responded. We needed a minimal group of ten people to take advantage of a full weekend of relaxation and entertainment.

Your SSWC Event Coordinator, Andrea K. Roth.

Andrea Roth (aka: A. K. Buckroth)
MA, CA Notary Public, Author, Speaker
Sacramento Writers Event Coordinator
Gold Country Writers Member
www.mydiabeticsoul.com
Global Diabetes Awareness Advocate

Forwarded by Andrea Roth: *If you're interested, contact the Tonna Boyette (below).*

This offer originally went to a number of our members on April 25. The first event is over, but there might be some spots still available for the June 7 date. Worst case scenario, Tonna Boyette could give you information for future events. The following includes the original announcement:

Sidewalk table spaces became available for **Sat, May 03 and June 7 from 11am - 4 pm**. The table space is **FREE to authors with books on display in the store**. We ask you to send customers into the store to pay. The commission fee is reduced to 25% during the sidewalk sale.

For more info, contact **Tonna Boyette**, General Manager Email: tonna@marketplacefolsom.com.

LOCATION: 1325 Riley St, Folsom, CA 95630-5543

The Market Place, Open 10 am - 7pm Monday - Saturday 70+ Local Businesses, Unique Gifts, Granite, Art, Books/DVDs, and so much more.

GENERAL INFO

1. Space locations are assigned and need a RSVP, starting from the front door going around the sides of our building. Your name would be posted on your space.

What you would need to bring: 1- table (maximum 8' long) and chair(s), The space is 4' X 8'.
1 balloon for your table (**Dollar store, to get people's attention**), **separate box for money, etc.**

DONATING CANS FOR RECYCLING:

Dear SSWC Members,

I'm you all know how very lucky we are to have the wonderful meeting place that we do. We are being permitted to use this wonderful facility at an unusually low fee. I like to return kind gestures whenever I can. I thought that it would be nice to give something back to the facility that so graciously allows us to use their building at such a nominal fee. I asked the office personnel if they would like to have us donate aluminum cans as an added bonus or thank you from us. They said that would be greatly appreciated.

So, henceforth, I'll be saving all the aluminum cans that pile up around my house during the month, bag them up and bring them with me to the SSWC meetings. I would ask for your thoughtfulness in joining me in this endeavor, to show our gratitude for the use of such a perfect space for us to meet.

Please don't forget. It's such a small thing to do, and costs us no more than a few minutes of our time.

Tammy Andrews

Honorable Mention to a Junior Writer

I'd like to include a short story written by Dolly McClure's great (!) grandson. I'm glad to see that some kids still write and with polishing, could be darn good. I could only hope that more youngsters put forth the effort. I scanned it in for the full effect. Before you start critiquing, remember the age of this writer, who threw this together for a school assignment.

How old is Jordan again, Dolly? Around age 10? Great job, kid!

Your Newsletter Scribe, Berta

Protector OF Skyrim

In a far away land the kingdom of Skyrim was in grave danger. King Barron was fretful because there was a massive dragon terrorizing his kingdom. You could see the burnt houses that the impious dragon consumed with his fierce flames. So the king commissioned his benevolent son to slay the diabolical dragon. Three months had passed and still no sign of his son. The melancholy king sent his tenacious knights to retrieve his son. The future of Skyrim was bleak.

The knights set out on their quest to rescue the noble son. But the intrepid knights were terrified of the wicked dragon because he was fierce and had already destroyed many people. When they completed their journey to the dragons cave, the monster sprang out and started attacking. The knights fought back bravely. Shooting their arrows.

Throwing their spears. Finally one of the knights took up his spear piercing the dragon's side. The knights fought valiantly but they all perished in the dragon's flames. The knight's expedition was a complete failure.

Skyrim was left vulnerable to raids from their enemies. But the son was still alive! He had taken a longer route to the dragons cave. But when he arrived he discovered the desperate dying dragon helplessly lying on the ground with blood leaking out from his side. So the son snuck up to the dragon and gazed upon the vast spear lodged in his side. The son had compassion on the dying dragon when he realized the dragon had a family. Then he dislodged the spear, saving the dragons life. When the dragon recovered he and the son were friends. The dragon had become the sole protector of Skyrim.

Jordan Culbertson

OFFICERS

Elected Officers:

President	Mary Lou Anderson
Vice President	Brittany Lord
Secretary	Tammy Andrews
Treasurer	Tom Hessler

Chairs:

Achievements	Mary Lou Anderson
Anthology CC	Tom Hessler
Chairs Chair	Westley Turner
Coffee/Treats	Rotates
Conferences	John Powell
Critique Groups	Tom Hessler
Directory	Westley Turner
Historian	Roberta "Bert" D
Librarian	Ron Smith
Membership	Jeannie Turner
Newsletter	Bert & crit team
Nominations	Westley Turner
Program/Event	Andrea Roth
Publicity	Therese Crutcher-M
Raffle	Mort Rumberg
Sunshine	<i>Group Effort</i>
Speaker Coord.	Therese Crutcher-M
Facebook	Bert (and ? help!)
Web Masters	Wes, Bert, & Brit
Workshops	Eve Wise

MEMBERSHIP may be **prorated if you join/rejoin after Jan 1st**

Individual	\$40.00/yr	Couple	\$55.00/yr
Full-Time Student	\$30.00/yr	Platinum Senior (70+)	\$30.00/yr

Membership is not required for attending meetings *but is* needed for: 1) publication in newsletter, 2) club author events, 3) participation in critique groups, 4) grants for conferences, & other perks. More info @ sactowriters.com.

Name: _____ Genres: _____ Published? Y/N

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Website/other info/address (optional): _____

Your name & email is needed to receive the digital newsletter.

DANCING THRU THE LEAVES

Anthony Marcolongo (2012)

Dancing thru the leaves
 I saw you sleeping there,
 And brushed your cheek
 With loving care,
 Tho you were not aware.

Softly did I
 Blow the dust from your eyes,
 And sang you praises,
 You did not hear,
 Yet, did I fear,
 That you awake,
 And flit away,
 And scatter the leaves
 That hath made my day,
 Leaving me alone
 To wonder and say,

Who are you?

AD: Need a notarized affidavit to travel with your kids, buy property, or transfer a vehicle? How do you do this stuff? You can email mydiabeticsoul.com or call Andrea at (916) 396-3414 or (916) 489-1599. Ask for Andrea Roth, CA Notary Public, Member of the National Notary Association since 1996.

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7:00 - 9:00 PM

Writers, musicians, artists, & guests are welcome to attend. You do not have to be published. Membership is not mandatory but brings privileges.

For membership info, call or message Jeannie Turner At 916-635-5797 turnerjeannie@yahoo.com Or see the Websites:

Sactowriters.com
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Art by Roberta "Bert" D,

