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# Suburban Scribe

**Newsletter of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club**

*sactowriters.org*



**Potluck = Food! Fun! Friends! Words!**

**Mary Lou**



Our next meeting is our annual potluck. It's a celebration of all things good, specifically food, friends, and writing. Plus, the obvious — the reason for the season.

We will have tables and chairs set up for easier eating. I've got lots and lots of plates and utensils and napkins and cups, oh my!



So everyone, please bring your favorite dish. We're making it truly "potluck" — no signups for specific food groups. Bring whatever you want to share whether it's a main dish, appetizer, salad, dessert, soft drink, or anything else you can think of.



There will not be a speaker, but several members have volunteered to read from their own creations. (Thank you)

This is a great opportunity to get to know other members so much better. Sitting in rows and watching the back of someone's head in front of you just does not give a lot of opportunity to chat with others. Sit with a group of friends or make new friends at the table. We are such a supportive group, full of energy, vocabulary, and creative ideas.



Make plans. Mark the calendar. Hone your culinary skills. Join us and have fun.



All meetings are held at the Crossroads Community Fellowship Church's meeting hall, 5501 Dewey Drive, Carmichael — just north of the Madison/Dewey intersection, 7-9 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month.

All writers are encouraged to attend.

*Membership is not mandatory but brings privileges. See last page.*

## Dues are Due -- AGAIN!

Mary Lou

End of the year already?!? Where did the time go?

Once again it is time to renew your membership. It was decided to keep our dues the same as last year, so our dues are still low: \$40 for individuals, \$30 for full-time students, \$55 for a couple (a \$25 savings!), and \$30 for those who are over 70. If a new member joins after the first quarter, the dues are prorated.

It is now possible to renew (or join) online. (Thank you, Westly!) Go to [sactowriters.org/members-area/join-sswc/](http://sactowriters.org/members-area/join-sswc/) or just go to [sactowriters.org](http://sactowriters.org) and click on "Members" on the menu choices.

Do it early to make it easier on Jeannie. She is a great membership chair and does a fantastic job.

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### *Tammy's Corner*

Hi Everyone,

I hope those of you who are working on your Nanowrimo (National Novel Writing Month) are writing diligently toward your goal of 50,000 words. Having a deadline makes me work harder and faster than normal.

The holidays are nearly here, so I hope you are having fun decorating and shopping for those you love. There are lots of craft fairs and festivals to attend with wonderful foods and unusual gifts as well.

Reminders:

Our annual SSWC membership fees are due this month.



The church appreciates all the donations of aluminum cans that you bring, so please remember to bring them to our meetings.



The New Year is fast approaching. That might be a good time for you to begin a new novel or short story, or to start editing your Nanowrimo story for your critique group.

Happy Holidays to you all.

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**Here are some pictures I've scanned from years past. The one on the left is from my 8<sup>th</sup> birthday party and the one on the right when I was probably 4 or 5 years old with my dad and siblings.**



## *Chasing the Sun*

### Eight months to circumnavigate the world, Five years to write the book April Edsberg

Maybe it was accidental that I kept finding myself involved in dangerous escapades. But, how could I turn down a Heli hike five thousand feet up Franz Josef Glacier? We assumed we'd be well-equipped; after all we were in New Zealand. We wore crampons and carried ice axes for this two hour hike.



After forty minutes of balancing on the ever changing narrow path, with ten to twenty foot crevasses on either side, our guide jumped ten feet and we followed. By this time we had all slipped into shallow pools of ice water. Shivering, we would stop to gaze across the glacier to the melting blocks of ice the size of refrigerators. This white world was intoxicating.

It's one thing to jump down ten feet but I was right behind our guide when he suddenly leaped onto the far side of a shear ice cliff. I gazed down thirty foot cliffs to the roaring river tumbling huge boulders towards the Tasman Sea. I jumped further than I ever have in my entire outdoorsy life. Of course I was highly motivated.

We had no safety rope.

Next month we'll revisit a tropical paradise and I'll discuss a book that helped me to change from writing scientifically to storytelling.



(Free clipart provided by: cliparts.co, clipartbest.com)

## 2016 Writers Conferences

Talk to John Powell about conferences and how the club can help!

San Francisco Writers Conference – February 11-14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 <https://sfwriters.org/>

Northern Colorado Writers Conference – March 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Fort Collins, CO.  
[www.northerncoloradowriters.com](http://www.northerncoloradowriters.com)

Las Vegas Writers Conference – April 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - <http://lasvegaswritersconference.com/>

“Chain Reaction” is a TV program on the Game Show Network. The object is to connect the first word to the last while joining each word in between with the one below it.

For example:

1 + 2, 2 + 3, 3 + 4, 4 + 5, 5 + 6, 6 + 7

This – 1

Instant – 2

Coffee – 3

House – 4

Cat – 5

Fancy – 6

That – 7

Dolly McClure wrote one for writers.

*Answers to the Nov puzzle & a NEW one w/ hints*

Dangling

Line

Up

Start

Tomorrow

Night

Mare

Picture

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

S \_\_\_\_\_

P \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

Thickens

**MEMBERSHIP** is paid on a yearly basis. If joining after March, dues are prorated by quarter for new members.

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

Membership is not required for attending meetings but provides benefits such as:

- 1) publication in newsletter
- 2) participation in club author events
- 3) participation in critique groups
- 4) grants for conferences ... & more

More information is on our website: [sactowriters.org](http://sactowriters.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Genres: \_\_\_\_\_ Published? Y/N

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website/other info/address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and email are needed to receive the digital newsletter.

### OFFICERS

#### Elected Officers:

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Vice President	Brittany Lord
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\$3 a month (3 month minimum) for members

\$5 a month (3 month minimum) for non-members

### COPY AND DEADLINES

Submit original written material such as: poems, letters, book excerpts, articles, book reviews, humor, web sites to visit, general information, fun stuff to share — almost anything **by the 25th of each month.**

Also, share info about other meetings, contests, books, book signings, classes, etc. Please keep the submission relatively short. Also, please submit electronically. There is no pay but byline credit is given — and that looks good to agents and publishers. This is a benefit of being a member of SSWC.

Contact Deanna at [neverblocked@gmail.com](mailto:neverblocked@gmail.com) or Bonnie at [bonniebair@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniebair@yahoo.com) with your submissions.

Give it up to our  
Membership Chair,  
**Jeannie!**

It's a busy time of year  
+ you are doing Fabulous!  
Thanks for all your  
Hard Work!

Share your memory of finding SSWC. Tell us what brought you here. How you found the club. What your impressions were. What made you come in the first place. What made you come back....

Send your submissions in. Help us celebrate this, our 60th year of existence.

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