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# Suburban Scribe

**Newsletter of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club**

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## Scott D. Roberts Speaker at our November 9th Meeting

Awarding-winning author Scott D. Roberts, whose critically acclaimed thriller *Vengeance is Now* (<http://scottdrobertsauthor.blogspot.com/>) was published in 2013, takes the helm as 3L Publishing's new President. After working on various 3L Publishing projects since 2012, Scott D. Roberts officially accepted a partnership as President of 3L Publishing effective in January 2015.

Roberts brings years of experience working in the creative arts and publishing. He has already worked as editor, book coach and collaborator on numerous 3L Publishing projects, including the critically acclaimed and top-selling *Dropped-Off Dog (A Mostly-True "Tail")* by Catherine Lagorio, *10 Powerful Women*, and dozens of other custom published or private projects.

Roberts' own writing career has been impressive. He is the author of the award-winning novel, *Vengeance Is Now (VIN)*, which is the first story in the Tate Holloway series. *VIN* placed as a finalist in the Indie Excellence Awards and was twice-named "Best in New Fiction" for 2013 by the critics. Roberts was also voted as one of the **50 Great Writers You Should Read** by the *Author's Show*.

He's also the writer, producer, and co-director of the award-winning documentary, *Gas Hole*, narrated by Peter Gallagher and is preparing to film *Gas Hole 2* in 2015. He's written over 50 screenplays and TV shows during a career that spans over 20 years and has had his projects optioned and/or developed by New Line, Warner Brothers, Paramount, MGM, EUE/Screen Gems and Columbia. He is excited to release his second book *Hidden Agenda* in summer 2015 and looks forward to more stories involving the heroic but flawed character of Tate Holloway.

As 3L Publishing's president and creative visionary, he will be expanding book trailer and video production, overseeing print and digital publishing (eBooks), developing and acquiring manuscripts for traditional publishing, and working on the expansion of the fiction catalog. Roberts is an excellent book coach and collaborator and looks forward to working even closer with the authors to make their dreams come true.



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.*

## Color Therapy 101

*Contributed by Dolly McClure*

Legal pads are yellow for a reason. Did you ever wonder why?



1. **Yellow** stimulates the mind and may help improve memory. Yellow suggest joy, gaiety, and merriment, anything happy stimulates the mind.

You can change your mood simply by looking at a color. Most hospitals walls are painted green or blue with new colors being slowly introduced on walls and furnishings. Jail cells are painted gray or blue and some psychiatric rooms painted a pastel pink for calmness and comfort.

I think we have all said at one time or another, I feel good in this color. Or this color does something for me. Colors lift the spirit and calm our nerves.

2. Feeling down? Wear **orange**. Orange is the color of the sun giving off energy. It lifts our spirits and energizes. Fall colors are mostly orange for that last burst of energy to take us through winter.

3. **Red** signifies passion, strength, courage. It gives a sense of confidence and sensuality. Remember date night? Christmas colors?

4. **Violet** is associated with decadence and luxury. It makes us feel mysterious and sensual. Lavender soaps, slippers and velvet robes of queens.

5. **Blue** is the color of truth, devotion, calmness, and sincerity. Have you heard the saying, are you true blue?

6. **Green** signifies nature and healing and gives a feeling of renewal and rejuvenation. Many meditation sittings are in Natural Park like places.

Colors guide, direct, and motivate our way through life even when we are not aware of it.

The next time you write about romance, adventure, scary stuff and violence or your memoirs, surround yourselves in colors that fit the situation. It may help.

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



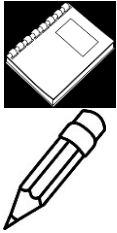
## Tammy's Corner

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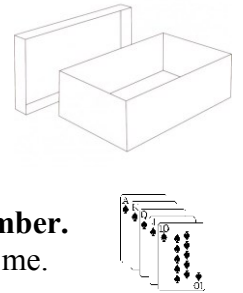
If you know any high school or college age persons interested in becoming authors, please invite them to join our Mentoring Program for writers at 6 PM, just prior to our regular SSWC meetings. In order for their writing to be considered for publishing next spring, their stories would have to be well written and accepted by our SSWC anthology editors. Please have anyone interested in attending contact Tammy Andrews, [lavendersunset54@yahoo.com](mailto:lavendersunset54@yahoo.com) for further information.

Speaking of Anthologies, this month or next is probably a good time for all of us to begin thinking about a new story idea for our SSWC 2016 Anthology.

### Please Help!



The church, which so graciously allows us to use their fellowship room, is gathering things to send out in December. Since it's always nice to help those in need, if you would like to donate something to send to the children of the Syrian Refugees, please bring small but useful things that will fit into a shoe box in **November**. I'm bringing one box of pencils, 50 notepads, and 10 toothbrushes the dentist gave me. Toothpaste and other small personal essentials would also be good.



(Free clipart provided by: [cliparts.co](http://cliparts.co), [clipartbest.com](http://clipartbest.com), [clipartpanda.com](http://clipartpanda.com), [elker.com](http://elker.com))

### Reminders from our Looking-for-a-Replacement President

- 1) Critique Groups - new ones should be formed. They do not need to be genre specific, just helpful and fun. Contact Brittany Lord at [tealya@hotmail.com](mailto:tealya@hotmail.com) to get information about groups or help in forming a new one.
- 2) If you have any butterfly pictures (your own or a family member's photo, not something off the Internet), please send them to [anthology@sactowriters.org](mailto:anthology@sactowriters.org).
- 3) The site called "[fiverr.com](http://fiverr.com)" was mentioned at the last meeting for information or help with logo design, company name ideas, business card design, and even content writing. Check it out (carefully) to see if it can be helpful.

“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 Oct puzzle got lost so here's a new one:*

Dangling

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Individual \$40.00/year      Couple \$55.00/year  
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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).

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Also, share info about other meetings, contests, books, book signings, classes, etc.

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Contact Deanna at [neverblocked@gmail.com](mailto:neverblocked@gmail.com) or Bonnie at

[bonniebair@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniebair@yahoo.com) with your submissions.

**A Big SHOUT OUT to our Amazing New Treasurer Nadya! You are doing a Great Job!**



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

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