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Suburban Scribe

Newsletter of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club

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Speaker for Monday, September 13, will be Wes Turner. He will talk about self-publishing.

What truly is SELF-Publishing?

Many of us in the writing world talk about Self-Publishing...but do we really know what that entails? Does it count if we have a trunk full of books printed by 48-hour books? Does it count if we let Amazon (KDP) sell, print, and distribute our books? Does it count if we let Xlibris edit, design, or market our book? Of course, being picked up by one of the Big Five isn't Self-Publishing...but what is???

Westley will discuss the various steps required to be published and who does which one. Along the way, we'll discover just what is involved in PUBLISHING and what YOU'LL have to do to be a truly SELF-Published author. We'll also learn that most authors would really rather NOT be self-published—instead they want someone else to be in charge, to take care of all the little details, leaving the author to focus on the writing. We'll uncover the ONE item that identifies the Publisher and how you CAN do it all yourself...if that's what you actually want.



So who is this Westley guy? And why should we listen to him?

Having been raised by a pair of school teachers (his mother taught English, his father music), Westley grew up understanding the importance of proper communication: "If you aren't doing something else, read something," was oft heard around the house, and cereal boxes were regularly passed around the breakfast table for closer perusal. Often used to prove a point or clarify an idea, a dictionary, a thesaurus, and a set of encyclopedias were always within arm's reach at the dinner table.

Initially not knowing that writer groups actually existed, Westley happened upon SSWC many years ago and fell in with fellow writers—for a few years fulfilling the role of president of the club. Branching out to other writer groups in the area, he served as a non-member judge for the Northern California Publishers and Authors Books Awards for multiple years and has spoken at both the California Writers Club Friday meeting and the Gold Country Writers Wednesday meeting. He was also called on to speak at the Conference on Creative Writing held on the UOP campus in Stockton, where he had been asked to speak on what he looks for when he is judging books in a contest.

Studying book formatting and layout, including front and back matter, allowed him to prep a book (non-fiction) that sold out its first printing the weekend it was released. Over the years, he has edited stories, books, and encyclopedias. Currently he is running his own editing service, so if you are in need of any help along the path to publishing, be certain to check out TurnerEditing.com

Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us on Monday, September 13 at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting time.

On your computer.

AT 6:55 pm [CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE 7 pm ZOOM MEETING](#) —

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyZz0OUudz09>

See page 3 for complete Zoom details to join the meeting.

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Join the Club!

We are a vibrant club with active writers, have several critique groups (with room for more), and stay wonderfully supportive of each other.

SSWC supports local writers and encourages everyone to write and publish. Attending meetings is free, but membership brings benefits, such as publication in the newsletter and anthology, use of our club's library, qualification for grants to attend conferences (limits apply), and ability to join our first-class critique groups.

MEMBERSHIP is paid on a yearly basis. If joining after April, dues are prorated by quarter (unless you are just really late in maintaining your membership!).

_____ Individual \$40 / year

_____ Couple \$55 / year

_____ Full-Time Student \$30 / year

_____ Platinum Senior (70+) \$30 / year

More information is on our website: sactowriters.org

Name: _____ Genres: _____

Published? Y / N (yes, includes self-published) Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Website/other info/address (optional): _____

MAIL YOUR DUES TO: Jeannie Turner. Her address is in the Directory. If you don't have a copy, email Jeannie at turnerjeannie48@gmail.com and she will let you know where to send it.

OFFICERS

Elected Officers:

President	Ron Smith
Vice President	Brittany Lord
Secretary	Linda Covelli
Treasurer	Julie Beyers

Chairs:

Coffee/Treats	Al Gilding
Conferences	John Powell
Critique Grps	Brittany Lord
Historian	Pat Biasotti
Librarian	Ron Smith
Membership	Jeannie Turner
Newsletter	YOU ?????
Nominations	YOU ?????
Prgm/Speakers	Laura Kellen
Publicity	Paul Turner
Raffle	MaryEllen Dempsey
Sunshine	Nan Roark
Website	Wes Turner
Workshops	Gloria Cooksey

There's a spot in the list above for YOU!



WRITING MOTIVATION

A great writing prompt is experiencing someone's success ... then being inspired and motivated by it.

Just this last week our fellow club member and secretary, Linda Covelli, published her first novel. *Discarded* is now available on Amazon, as either an e-book or a paperback.

CONGRATULATIONS, Linda. (By the way, she uses the pen name Veatrice Chapin.)

So, go to Amazon and order her book, read it, then write your own story. Write. WRITE!

The words are inside of you. Get them out. Write! Do it!



MEETING INFORMATION

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Next meeting:

Monday, September 13

via Zoom

All writers are encouraged to attend.

Membership is not mandatory but brings privileges — like

publication in the newsletter!

Complete Zoom Log-in information ——— By Ron Smith, President, SSWC

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Click below to join the September 13th meeting on Monday night at 7pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUpudz09>

Second method to join, log into your Zoom account and enter:

Meeting ID: 252 171 5779

Passcode: 7JjTpg

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