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Suburban Scribe

Newsletter of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club

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Speaker for Monday, November 8, 2021 —

Leanne Watkins will speak at the SSWC meeting about:

Growing Into Your Writing: Observations from a Millennial Author

Come learn about what it's like to be a burgeoning author in 2021 from up-and-coming local author Leanne Watkins.

Leanne grew up reading and loving stories, but didn't plan to become an author until she took a creative writing class in her senior year of college at UC Davis. Her final exam was to write a short story, and through that process, she fell in love with writing. Shortly after graduating, Leanne attended the Mount Hermon Writer's Conference in Santa Cruz, where she made connections with editors and agents, and began pitching her story ideas. She attended the Mount Hermon Writer's Conference for the next four years.

Leanne got her big break when she began volunteering at the West Coast Christian Writer's Conference and received a free ticket to attend in February 2021. There, she met her agent, Sharon Elliott of Authorize Me Literary Agency, and signed her first contract a month later. She is currently working on her book proposal, with an editor waiting in the wings. After the final proposal is edited, the agent will begin shopping it around to different publishers. Leanne hopes to see her first book, which is non-fiction, published in 2023. The title is: *Get Empowered to Navigate Self-Harm: How to Support, Understand, and Communicate with the Self-Harmer You Know When You Don't Know What to Do or Say*.

In addition to writing non-fiction, Leanne writes speculative fiction and creative fiction. She works full-time for a university and raises service dog puppies in her spare time. She is currently the co-leader of a six-week writing class at Bridgeway Church in Roseville. She can be contacted at: leannewatkins14@gmail.com



Leanne Watkins.

Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us on Monday, November 8, 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=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUUpudz09>

See page 2 for complete Zoom details to join the meeting.

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Hello fellow writers and artists of all walks of life,

Join Sacramento Suburban Writers Club Monday night meeting, November 8 at 7pm.

We will learn about an up-and-coming millennial author's journey into the writing world.

Leanne Watkins found writing during her senior year at UC Davis. After attending the West Coast Christian Writer's Conference, she made some contacts and met her agent, Sharon Elliott of Authorize Me Literary Agency, and signed her first contract a month later. She will share her story and take questions. I hope to see everyone on Zoom.

Ronald Smith, President SSWC

Just click on the link below, and you will be connected to the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUputz09>

2nd way to join the meeting, log into your Zoom account and enter:

Meeting ID: 252 171 5779

Passcode: 7JjTpg

Cell Phone use:

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 252 171 5779

Passcode: 816451

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbamTXnyKv>



Position opening

NEWSLETTER EDITOR / PUBLISHER

It was decided by the Executive Board of SSWC that the pay for the Newsletter's Editor/Publisher position would be doubled. Wow! What jobs will do that? (3rd grade math review at the end of this article)

Apply now.

Requirements:

Ability to write.

Ability to know how to use to, too, and two as well as they're, their, and there and other problem words.

Suggested but not required:

Knowledge of specific publishing programs is not required. MS Word or a similar program will work.

Sense of humor (not required, but it will help)

Contact Mary Lou Anderson (mledsonanderson@yahoo.com) for details.

Math review — Zero times anything is zero. Sorry.

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	YOU ?????
Sunshine	Nan Roark
Website	Wes Turner
Workshops	Gloria Cooksey

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

WRITING INSPIRATION

Last month, "Do you sometimes get that feeling of *déjà vu*?" was asked.

This month let's try — Do you sometimes come to the end of the day and you want a do-over?

Did something go so terribly wrong, that you want another chance?

Would you like to change the outcome of something you said or did?

Then write the events of your day ... take another try at getting the day right.



MEETING INFORMATION

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Next meeting:

Monday, November 8

via Zoom

*All writers are encouraged to attend. Membership is not mandatory but brings privileges — like **publication in the newsletter!***

