

April, 2022

# Suburban Scribe

Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC) | Newsletter

[sactowriters.org](http://sactowriters.org)

On Monday April 11, (7-9 p.m.) we are privileged to hear from Michelle Hamilton.



ML Hamilton teaches high school English in Central California. Since her earliest memory, books have been an integral part of her life, so pursuing a career teaching what she loved came naturally. However, she always dreamed of publishing her own novel.

That dream came true. Her first novel, *Emerald*, was published by Wild Wolf Publishing in 2010. In 2013, the Peyton Brooks' Mysteries were born, allowing her to branch out into a new genre. To date, she's published 64 novels in three genres and sold over 300,000 books.

In addition to teaching and writing, she has three sons, a daughter-in-law, a granddaughter (on the way), two Golden Retrievers, and a cat. And sometimes a stray rabbit living under her deck. If you'd like more information about ML Hamilton, visit her website at:

[authormlhamilton.net](http://authormlhamilton.net)

## Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us on Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting.

**On your computer.**

AT 6:55 pm [CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE 7 pm ZOOM MEETING](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUUpudz09) —

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUUpudz09>

Hybrid Meeting: See page 2 for complete Zoom & Location details.

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Hello fellow writers and artists of all walks of life, to members and guests, April will be an improved hybrid meeting, through the Zoom link below, or in person at 5501 Dewey Dr., Fair Oaks, CA, in the Hall straight back from the road and parking lot, through the white picket fence gate at 7—9 pm on Monday, April 11, 2022. Or, just click on the link below, and you will be connected to the Zoom meeting.



- Ronald Smith, President SSWC

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUUpudz09>

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

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUUpudz09>

## Milestones

**Bernard Wozny** has an update on his book. It is now published through Ingram Spark. It's also available on Amazon. He hopes to get it into other retail bookstores. On Amazon.com search for Bernard Wozny in the category: Books. <https://www.amazon.com/Girl-Electric-Twin-Falls-Wozny/dp/B09SNQBGX3>

**Cle Curbo** is nearly finished with his first Sci-Fi full-length novel, *Search for Sylvane*.

**Gloria Cooksey** brought us the idea of producing podcasts: As of February 24, 2022 we have 4 SSWC Podcasts on the internet at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>. The latest podcast covers the March, 2022 Workshop topic that discusses use of Smashwords and Draft2Digital for self-publishing your works.

**Please see Gisela's Milestone on page 6.**

## Milestone and Book of Interest

**From New Member, Jim Guigli:** I have been writing stories about my Old Town Sacramento private detective, Bart Lasiter, since 2007. A recently published Bart Lasiter story, *Looking for Mishka*, appears in Issue 7 of Rock and a Hard Place Magazine, Winter 2022, now available in Kindle and print from Amazon: <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/product/B09QMRNYW4>

**WORKSHOPS BLURB**

Gloria Cooksey, Chair

**SSWC Workshops** kindly requests your presentation. Teach us something you know. Tell us of your experiences in writing and in life. Perhaps an incident in your history will inspire others to write about similar happenings or entirely opposite ones.

Follow the SSWC podcasts at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>

**The April 11 Poetry Workshop**

**Susan Wiedner, MFA, leads the April 11 Workshop.**

**Poetry.**

**April is National Poetry Month.**

**As well as leading April's Workshop, Susan Wiedner, MFA, a published and celebrated poet, is offering a poetry class:**

**Play with Poetry**

**In this 6-week course, you will learn how to read, discuss, and write poetry. She will teach you the building blocks to write poems from invention and arrangement to revision. Perfect for poets and prose writers of all levels who want to add dimension to their work.**

**The class is on Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pacific Time via Zoom from April 6 to May 11, 2022.**

**The first class is free. After that \$25 per class pay-as-you-go.**

**Susan Wiedner has an MFA in Creative Writing.  
Her poems have been published in journals.**

## **Grammar Guardian**

Printed on a sign in front of Chapman's Bookery and More, a bookstore in Ferndale, California, near Mary Lou's old stomping grounds in Humboldt County:

**I before E, except when your foreign neighbor Keith  
receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty  
caffeinated weightlifters.**

Grammar Guardian content is courtesy of **Mary Lou Edson**

## **Advanced Writers Techniques Prompt for April 11, 2022**

Advanced Writers (anyone can join the Advanced Writers meeting) will meet at 6:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Meeting Hall kitchen, and adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

April's AWT writing prompt comes from **Mike Brandt** and **Cle Curbo**.

Come prepared to write and discuss a flash fiction story of either 59 words, or 100 words, your choice. This prompt is a practice for the June AWT meeting where we will have a limited number of letters with which to write a very short story. The June prompt will be more clearly presented by a printed page to be handed out April 11.

Every month AWT meets independently of the regular meeting and discusses advance writing techniques. We share ideas of how to tell our non-fiction and fiction stories better with characters of interest, dialogue, descriptions, scenes, plot, etc.

AWT meets 6:15 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. at the Crossroads Christian Church, Fellowship Hall. Practice innovative skills to create a book, essay, memoir, short story, poem, or collection that readers will love.

## **Writers Conference!!!**

**"Our Life Stories: A Cross-Generational Writers Conference,"**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022, on Zoom.**

Sponsored by the City of Sacramento's Hart Senior Center and Consumnes River College with the support of the ACC Senior Services. This annual event focuses on collecting and writing of family stories and memories.

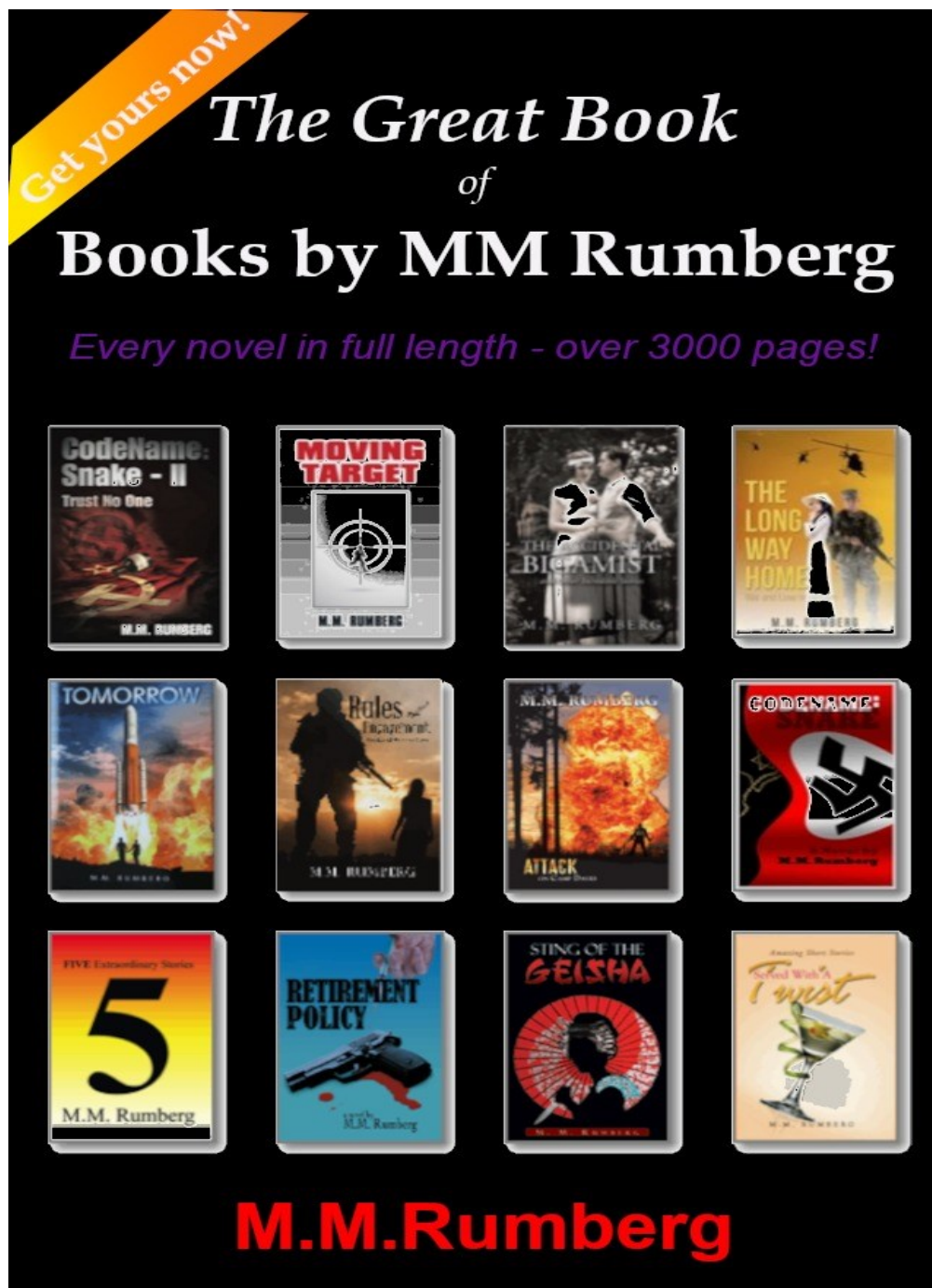
Maeley Tom is keynote speaker. Experienced and nationally recognized writers will lead the workshops. More information, visit [www.ourlifestories.org](http://www.ourlifestories.org) or email:

hartcwritersconference@yahoo.com. Or, you may call Janeen Thorpe or Linda Thao at 916.808.5462.

**Dear Sacramento Suburban Writers Club Members**  
Do You Have a Recently Released Book? If so, please inform our  
Newsletter Editor Cle Curbo at [balloonwhisperer@gmail.com](mailto:balloonwhisperer@gmail.com).

## Books of Interest

Books of Interest is a new column for the SSWC Newsletter. Let us present to the world your publications, whether it be non-fiction, fiction, chap book, book of poetry, or even a new song with lyrics attached. - Cle Curbo, Editor



## **Gisela's Milestone**

Life is unpredictable.

I've been working hard on my home, yard and also pool. The work never ends. My husband passed away through cancer and all this work is on my shoulders. My kids live far away, one in Idaho and my oldest in Coronado, California. I miss my dear husband every day. It has been eight months. We did everything together. I talk to him daily and often I hear him upstairs, but it is just a flying dream. I have lots of friends, it helps me not being too isolated.

Most my family lived in Germany but lots of relatives have died. My mom is 101 years old and lives in a home in Berlin. I talk with her often. (*Die Tochter aus der USA ruft wieder an*)... translated: the daughter from USA is on the phone again. A nurse will give her the phone. Mother has dementia and brings lots of stuff together. Like visiting her Father tomorrow. I agree with everything. It is just so nice to hear her voice. I often would like her comfort, like she would do so many years ago, but it is not there.

My oldest son visited me recently and I was told, "Mom, move out. This house it is way too big and the half an acre of yard too." My whole purpose in life was taken away in this moment.

I said to him, "This is all for you guys when you come and visit me. My memories are here, and I am not ready yet." God has given me the power to keep it up. I mow the lawn 14 times a year and the bushes, whenever they need trimming. I have a gardener lined up but as long I can do it, I will. My step daughter is also very helpful with my son in law.

I know many women lost their husbands and are going through what I am going through. It is a load full of responsibility, bills and taxes, all this, my husband took care of.

Love each other, this is my message.  
**Gisela**



# WORDS & MUSIC

## A BOOK FAIRE & CONCERT

SUNDAY MAY 15, 2022

10:30 AM - 5:00 PM

at the  
**Chicks in Crisis  
Ranch**

9455 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove

Meet the entertainers:



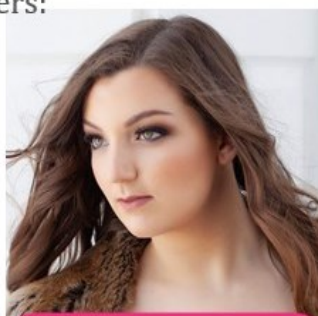
**Gary Mendoza**

*Blues and Boogie-  
Woogie*  
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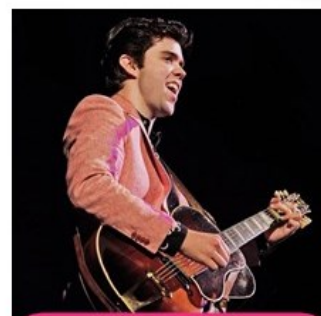
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m](https://toddmorganmusic.com)



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Tickets are \$10 and go on sale March 15, 2022



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Elk Grove Writers Guild  
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Author registration starts March 15, 2022, at [egweg.org/wm](https://egweg.org/wm)  
\$20 for table space. Bring your own table and chair(s). Share with a  
friend. The first few Authors signed up for a table can read during  
open mic sessions.

If you have questions, email: [Loyholder77@gmail.com](mailto:Loyholder77@gmail.com) or  
[nannosecond@comcast.net](mailto:nannosecond@comcast.net)

## 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](http://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](mailto: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	Paul Turner
<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Y O U ????</b>
Prgm/Speakers	Laura Kellen
Publicity	Paul Turner
Raffle	<b>Y O U ????</b>
Sunshine	Nan Roark
Website	Wes Turner
Workshops	Gloria Cooksey

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



## WRITING INSPIRATION

SSWC podcast on the internet at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters> has inspiring topics.

Keep at it. You will finish that work you're writing or planning to write.

Keep at it. You will become a published author.

Got an idea?

Put pen to paper.



## MEETING INFORMATION

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**After April, our Next meeting is:**

**Monday, May 9, 2022**

**At the Old Sphagetti Factory  
731 Sunrise Ave, Roseville**

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