

# Suburban Scribe

Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC) | Newsletter

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At the **Sacramento Suburban Writers Club** meeting of **Monday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.**, we'll be privileged to hear from our members, who will be feasting on the **1st floor** at **The Old Spaghetti Factory, 731 Sunrise Ave. in Roseville. No Zoom meeting. Dinner cost is \$25 and includes food and a drink. Pay at the door: cash or check to SSWC.** If you have a five minute piece you'd like to read, please bring it. There may be time. For our June 13 meeting, we're pleased that Melissa Glover of the Barnes & Noble store in Roseville will speak to us about publishing. More about this in June's newsletter.

## For New Members of SSWC as of this Newsletter Publication Date.

Every new member starting as of the publication date of this newsletter will be able to choose one free book. See authors and titles listed below.

L Paul Turner: *The Space Trade Update*. The book explains how the private sector economy benefits all humankind. Email [lpaulturner2050@gmail.com](mailto:lpaulturner2050@gmail.com).

Cle Curbo: *In the Garden of Mistress Bloom*. This collection of 5 science fiction short stories won 1st Place in Sci-Fi in 2021 in Writer's Digest's category of self-published e-books. Please email [cle.curbo@gmail.com](mailto:cle.curbo@gmail.com) for your new SSWC member free copy.

Westley Stark: *Ex Terra Expeditions*. A group of young men in their twenties go on a last adventure before going separate ways in the adult world. They plan a campout as they used to do in scouts, but this time campout entails travel to a distant planet. Contact [Westley.Stark@gmail.com](mailto:Westley.Stark@gmail.com) for your new SSWC member only free copy.

## Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us in Person on Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting.

**Downstairs at The Old Spaghetti Factory  
731 Sunrise Avenue, Roseville.**

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**Hello fellow writers and artists of all walks of life, to members and guests,**

**May will be a meeting in person only at The Old Spaghetti Factory at 731 Sunrise Avenue, Roseville.**

**- Ronald Smith, President SSWC**

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### **WORKSHOPS BLURB**

Gloria Cooksey, Chair

**SSWC Workshops** kindly requests your presentation for meetings beyond May, 2022. Teach us something you know. Tell us of your experiences in writing or in life. An incident in your history may inspire others to write. The June workshop will be a powerpoint presentation on writing SCAMS. I wonder how?

Follow the SSWC podcasts at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>  
Author interviews are being planned.

### **Scholarship Milestones**

Two of our members, **Karen Sephmansour and Linda Covelli**, are helping SSWC move forward with the scholarship fund. Here is their plan.

The following is a summary the SSWC intends to pursue to move forward with the Scholarship Fund. In the next couple of months, our goal is to establish new guidelines that will encourage young writers to apply.

1. Content of the submissions, including topics, length, & deadlines.
2. Targeting high schools in Sacramento, El Dorado, and Placer Counties, where advertisements can be posted or given out.
3. Re-visit our funding to establish possible ways to raise funds, i.e., raffles, book sales, donations, or other welcomed ideas.
4. A committee of at least three people is needed to review the submissions. The committee currently has two members but needs one more.

Please email [karensepah@gmail.com](mailto:karensepah@gmail.com) for any input you'd find helpful to the goals.

## Gramma's Grammar

Oh the slips in meaning and the sudden reversal of understanding when grammar is not adhered to.

“I’m giving up eating chocolate for a month.

Oops, sorry. Bad punctuation.

I’m giving up.

Eating chocolate for a month.”

(With apologies for one incomplete sentence.)

Saying from Linda Covelli. Apology added by Cle Curbo.

## Advanced Writers Techniques Prompt for June 13, 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**.

Finish the flash fiction constrained by the hand-out sheet, using each of the letters on the sheet only once. See, page 4 for the handout sheet.

Every month AWT meets independently of the regular meeting and discusses advanced 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.

## **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

Cle Curbo has a new book as of December 23, 2021. Go to [Smashwords.com](https://www.smashwords.com) and search for Cle Curbo. Book title is: *Enter Living –Harry and Seek— Book of the Dead*.

## Advanced Writers Techniques Prompt for June 13, 2022

### THIS IS A CREATIVE WRITING EXERCISE.

Use as many tiles as possible for a short story, but you can only use a tile once.

The story must be original.

It cannot refer to anything related to an alphabet.

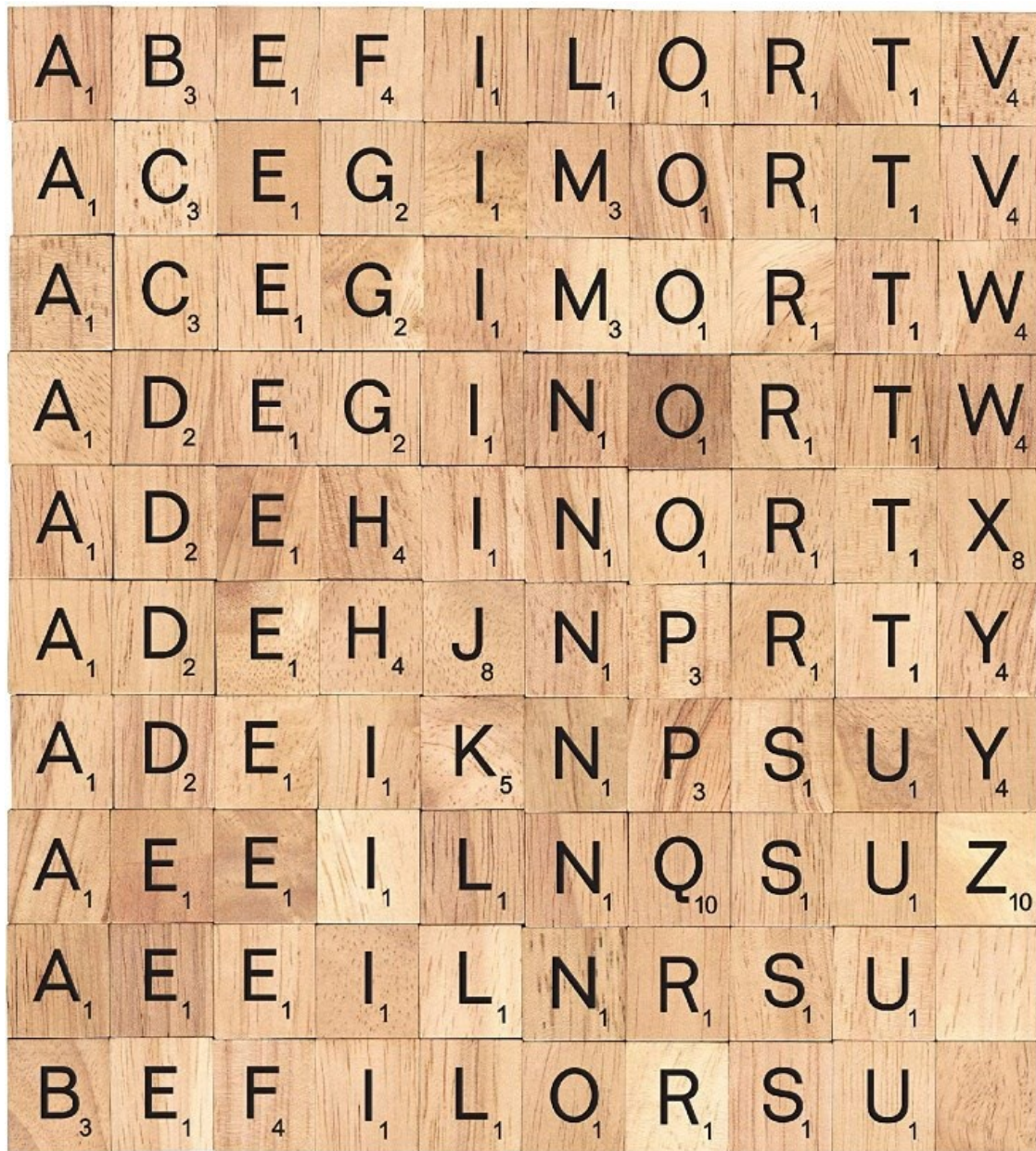
The writer who uses the most tiles is the winner.

Due June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at the in-person AWT session at Fellowship Hall kitchen, 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks.

You will have the opportunity to read your work to the group.

READING PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL.

Have fun and enjoy the exercise



## More Books of Interest

**Get yours now!**

# The Great Book of Books by M.M. Rumberg

*Every novel in full length - over 3000 pages!*

The image displays a grid of 12 book covers by M.M. Rumberg. The covers are arranged in three rows and four columns. The titles and descriptions are as follows:

- Row 1:
  - CodeName: Snake - II** (Trust No One)
  - MOVING TARGET**
  - THE BIRTH OF A BICAMIST**
  - THE LONG WAY HOME**
- Row 2:
  - TOMORROW**
  - Rules of Engagement**
  - ATTACK** (The Last Days)
  - CODENAME: SWASTIKA**
- Row 3:
  - 5** (Five Extraordinary Stories)
  - RETIREMENT POLICY**
  - STING OF THE GEISHA**
  - And With A Twist** (Featuring Short Stories)

**M.M. Rumberg**

# 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:



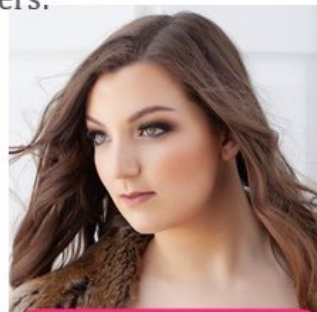
**Gary Mendoza**

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Woogie*  
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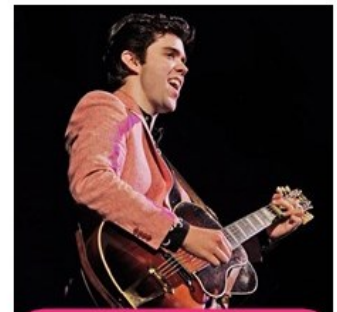
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-  Listen to an author's words, or find that perfect book
-  Be entertained by popular artists
-  Food and drinks available for purchase
-  Tickets are \$10 and go on sale March 15, 2022
-  Pay online at [egweg.org/wm](https://www.egweg.org/wm)

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Elk Grove Writers Guild  
Writers Helping Writers

Author registration starts March 15, 2022, at [egweg.org/wm](https://www.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
<b>Conferences</b>	<b>Y O U ????</b>
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	Paul Turner
Publicity	Paul Turner
<b>Raffle</b>	<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 May, our Next meeting is:**

**Monday, June 13, 2022**

**At 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks  
And, on Zoom**

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