

Suburban Scribe

Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC)

sactowriters.org

Let Your Stories Go Live, All Over the World



Why do we create stories, fictional and nonfictional?
How do we share these stories?
Now there is a free service offered by one of our newest members, Jim Mounts-Miller.

www.AppaloosaRadio.Productions

MEET IN PERSON FOR FREE PIZZA and

Jim will tell us about Appaloosa at our **free pizza December Holiday Dinner at the Fellowship Hall**. Aside from free pizza, the basic concept is that members can send Jim a story in a Word document. He will put it into computer speech through text-to-speech, and broadcast it to the world. Try a short story first to see how nicely it works. The service is free. There is no monetization. I sent Jim my one page *Seven Witches* story and he added appropriate music at every twist and turn in the story. It came out great. Later, I chose to send Jim a recording of my own voice reading the story, and that is the current version on the Appaloosa website. You can listen to it at www.AppaloosaRadio.Productions and I, for one, am intending to send him much of my flash fiction. Nonfiction stories are welcome as well.



***PLEASE LET RON SMITH KNOW
IF YOU WANT FREE PIZZA,
OR JUST AREN'T EATING.***

(See the club directory for Ron's email address.)

Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us in person on Monday, December 12, at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting at 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks in the Fellowship Hall behind the white picket fence.

For people wishing to attend by Zoom, Ron Smith or Brittany Lord (Tealya) will email members the Zoom link. See, also, Page 2.

Non-members may request the Zoom link from L Paul Turner at lpaulturner2050@gmail.com.

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

December 12 will be a meet and greet and Zoom meeting. 7-9 p.m. Pacific Time. Please arrive at or before 7:00 p.m. at 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks in the Fellowship Hall behind the white picket fence at the edge of the parking lot.

The Zoom logo is a blue square with the word "zoom" in white lowercase letters.

(For meeting on Zoom, Ron Smith or Brittany Lord will send members a link by email. New guests must email: lpaulturner2050@gmail.com.)

The WORKSHOP

Gloria Cooksey, Chair

The December Workshop will be presented by Cle Curbo.

Cle will discuss his short story, *Seven Witches*, and point out what a beat is, and where they occur in the storyline.

In order to be familiar with the story, Cle suggests members visit www.AppaloosaRadio.Productions and listen in to the story titled *Seven Witches*. See you there!

SSWC Workshop

Kindly requests your presentation.
Teach us something you know.

Author Interviews Still Online at SSWC Podcasts

Visit to listen at any of the following websites:

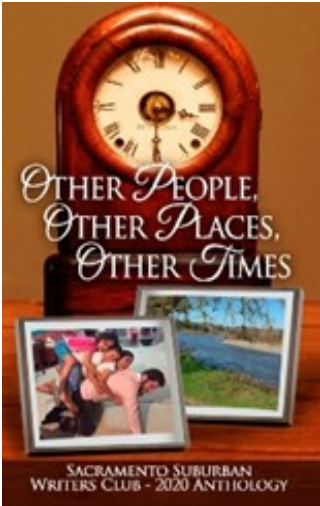
<https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>

Spotify <https://open.spotify.com/show/0UHX19RTviPkRXMzkyg6V>

RadioPublic <https://radiopublic.com/sactowriters-694Q1Z>

Pocket Casts <https://pca.st/z1e83qlq>

Books of Interest



Cover by SSWC's Esteemed and Future Guest Speaker, Tatiana Villa

Welcome to a beautiful and engaging collection of short stories and poetry created by twenty-three SSWC Sacramento area writers on *Other People, Other Places, and Other Times*. Enjoy this page-turning anthology that brings readers into the diverse and powerful worlds that Sacramento Suburban Writers have imagined.

Election of Officers & Filling Vacant Appointed Chairships

Elections were held via email and ballots counted. Results will be announced at the December meeting by Westley Stark, the noted sci-fi author of *Ex Terra Expeditions*. The Elective Openings were for officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Appointed Chairships are open to requests to be appointed. Please see page 6. In the lower left of page 6 are listed all the appointed posts. Please contact Ron Smith to apply for the posts.

Conferences and Events

Palm Springs Writers Retreat—ROHM LITERARY RETREATS & COURSES

Date: December 12-16, 2022, or Weekend Workshop, Dec. 17-18, 2022

Write with NY Times best-selling authors & literary agents.

<https://www.pariswritersretreat.com/palmspringwritersretreat.html>

1895 Gramma's Grammar

Gramma's usage: What have you?

Current usage: What have you got?

- Cle Curbo

No Advanced Writers Techniques Prompt for December 12, 2022

Advanced Writers (anyone can join the Advanced Writers meeting) **will not meet** (before the regular meeting) at 6:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Meeting Hall kitchen, and adjourn at 6:50 p.m..

See the January, 2023 Newsletter for January's AWT Prompt

AWT will not meet at the December Pizza Meeting, but, in consolation, Cle Curbo will conduct the Workshop, where he'll discuss his short story, *Seven Witches*, and point out what a beat is and where they occur in the storyline. In order to get familiar with the story, Cle suggests members visit www.AppaloosaRadio.Productions and listen in to the story titled *Seven Witches*. See you there!

Note: The evening's regular meeting Workshop will take up the topic that Cle Curbo had originally envisioned for an AWT Focused Discussion. That topic involves how to recognize a beat, or a ledge, or a change point in a story.

Usually every month, AWT meets independently of the regular meeting and discusses advanced writing techniques. *These are interactive sessions.* We share ideas on how to tell our non-fiction and fiction stories better with characters of interest, dialogue, descriptions, scenes, plot, and so on. Practice your innovative skills to create a book, essay, memoir, short story, poem, or collection that readers will love. AWT meets monthly 45 minutes before the regular meeting held at 7:00 p.m.

The AWT in-person sessions are usually from 6:15 P.M. to 6:50 p.m. at Crossroads Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks, CA.

SSWC Member Extra



A Service of the
Appaloosa Springs
Audio Theater
Collaborative

https://appaloosa_radio.buzzsprout.com/

Jim is not seeking to attract a fickle audience who surf in frantic search for mind-popping fluff. On the contrary, Jim's audience are listeners who seek relaxation, entertainment, and learning from a stable and professional source.

No short videos that blink into and out of existence like on TikTok, or YouTube Shorts.



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:

AdvWritrsTechniques	Mike Brandt
Coffee/Treats	Al Gilding
Conferences	Open
Critique Grps	Brittany Lord
Historian	Pat Biasotti
Librarian	Ron Smith
Membership	Jeannie Turner
Newsletter	Open
Nominations	Open
Prgm/Speakers	Open
Publicity	Open
Raffle	Open
Sunshine	Nan Roark
Website	Wes Turner
Workshops	Gloria Cooksey
Podcasts	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.

Believe in yourself. Write something short and send it out to someone, or to the Internet. Send it to Appaloosa Radio. See, page 1 of this newsletter for a link. Keep at it. You will become a published author if you want to..

Got an idea? Spread the word.

Put pen or printer to paper.



MEETING INFORMATION

7:00 - 9:00 PM

After December, our Next meeting is:

Monday, Jan. 9, 2023

At 5501 Dewey Drive,

Fair Oaks

And, on Zoom

*All writers are encouraged to attend.
Membership not mandatory but brings privileges*