

May 2025

# Suburban Scribe

Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC)|Newsletter

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

## Annual Banquet

**Join us on Monday, May 12, for our annual banquet. It will be held at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville on Sunrise Ave., specifically 731 Sunrise Ave, Roseville, 95661.**

Dinner will be at approximately 7 pm, but come as early as 6:30 to have time to chat, order drinks, and find a good seat. BTW — the elevator is working this year!

The dinner choices are Lasagna, Chicken Marsala, and Spaghetti Marinara — the vegetarian option.

Prices will, once again, be very reasonable because the club is paying a share — membership has benefits. Members' dinners will be \$25 and their guests and other non-members will be \$30.

Drinks will be extra.

Please RSVP to [info@sactowriters.org](mailto:info@sactowriters.org)

You can show up as early as 6:30 to order drinks, make a dinner selection, pay for the meal, find a good seat, and get ready for a great evening with friends.

The winner of the \$1000 scholarship will be announced.

Members and the scholarship winner have been asked to read their stories, poems, or other creations.



## CHANGES, THEY ARE A-COMMIN'.

The *Suburban Scribe* will have a new editor/publisher in the very near future since our previous talented gremlin has decided to move on.

In addition, in this era of constant "improvements" being made to our electronics, games, and programs, Microsoft, in all of its wisdom(?) has decided to no longer support the Publisher program that has been successfully used for decades to produce professional publications.

So, as this publication is converted to Word (or another program?), things might look a little different. We thank you for your patience ... AND YOUR SUBMISSIONS.

## NEW STATUS FOR SACRAMENTO SUBURBAN WRITERS CLUB

From Jim Joel Miller.

In March 2025, the IRS granted us designation as a 501.3(c) charitable organization. That means donations are now deductible from Federal income tax. We have also applied for exemption under Section 23701.d of the California Code. When that approval has been officially granted, donations will also be tax-exempt for California's income tax. These changes apply to donations made during the 2025 tax year.



More room is available for your  
short story, article, poem, excerpt from your  
book, words of wisdom,



## HELP !!! VOLUNTEERS

Calling all members — SSWC is in need of volunteers. You do have a few extra minutes once in a while, right?

Well, there is need for:

Membership chair/co-chair  
Snacks/Refreshments  
Historian

Nominations  
Publicity  
See back of last page for others.

No individual job takes a lot of time, and you learn a lot about the club, our members, and even more about writing by helping out.

Contact Ron Smith ... or any other Board member as listed on the last page of this newsletter.

## Which Club Members Have Published?

Check out the SSWC website — [sactowriters.org](http://sactowriters.org)

. You will find a list of members and their book on our club's website:

<https://www.sactowriters.org/books-by-our-members/>

If you are a member and have published material, send the information to Wes Turner, including any links to your own website and/or to a site that sells your books (eg Amazon). His email is listed in our club roster. Wes will add your book(s) to the list.



## R U Done Yet?

Have you finished another book? Had an article published recently?

Are you holding a Book Launch to let the world know what you have accomplished?

Let the other members and readers know with an article in the newsletter. (A new email address will be forthcoming.)

*Someone must be working on a book ...?  
Where do you stand in the progress?  
Just starting?  
Almost done?  
50,000 words in?  
Searching for a publisher?*

## Members — Wanna be Published?

Submit your own short story, article, poem, excerpt of your own book to the newsletter for publication. (Please keep it to under 450 or so words ... or it will have to be serialized.)

It would give you bragging rights as being published if you are going to be in contact with an agent and/or publisher.

Get your stuff ready. We will have a new submission address next month.

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Note that the article to the left is directed to "members."

So, if you do *wanna be published* in future newsletters, make sure your dues are up to date.

## 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): \_\_\_\_\_

**(We need a membership chair. Any volunteers?)**

## OFFICERS

### Elected Officers:

President Ron S  
Vice President Brittany L  
Secretary  
Treasurer Mary Lou A

### Chairs:

Coffee/Treats  
Conferences  
Critique Groups Brittany L  
Historian  
Librarian Ron S  
Membership  
Mingle Jim M.  
Newsletter Lani F  
Nominations  
Prgm/Speakers  
Publicity  
Raffle Cathy M  
Scholarship Karen Sepahmansour  
Sunshine Nan R  
Website Wes T  
Workshops Mary Lou

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



## WRITING PROMPT

What was your best April Fools' Day joke this year?  
What's your favorite April Fool's joke of all time.  
Who got pranked? (No one was hurt, right?)  
Share why it was great, how it was pulled off, and how it turned out.

Send other ideas to [mledsonanderson@yahoo.com](mailto:mledsonanderson@yahoo.com)



## MEETING INFORMATION

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

**Future Meetings:  
May 12 — Banquet**

*We meet the second Monday each month, year  
round. Same time. Same place  
5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks, CA  
All writers are encouraged to attend.  
Membership not mandatory but brings privileges  
**like publication in the newsletter!***