

May 2026

## Sacramento Suburban Writers' Club

# SCRIBE

### Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Come one, come all, to the grandest SSWC banquet of them all!



That's right, the annual May Banquet is here again and you are invited. Next Monday there will be food, good company, some readings, and our scholarship winner will be announced. It will be a great time for all.

Despite the rise in costs of everything else, the price of our banquet hasn't risen at all. It's still only \$25 for members and \$30 for guests to dine at this grand event (drinks not included). So grab a friend or two and come to this wonderful night. When? Monday, May 11, 7 pm. Where? The Old Spaghetti Factory on Sunrise, Roseville. **Families and friends welcome.**

Dinner Choices:

Chicken Marsala  
Spaghetti with Marinara  
Baked Lasagna

**Beverages are not included.**

**Again - \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. (CASH or CHECK only)**

**Please RSVP to our club president, Ron Smith, to confirm that you will attend the banquet. His number was emailed a few days ago.**

# SSWC's Scholarship Winner

Karen Sepahmansour



Our SSWC High School Seniors' Writing Scholarship Team has been conducting this outreach event for several years and is proud to be announcing our winner and two runners up this May 11, 2026 at our SSWC Annual Banquet.

Westley Turner, Linda Villatore and Karen Sepahmansour have been organizing the distribution of flyers to many Sacramento high schools to advertise the annual award to whoever writes the best story, based on criteria such as content, organization, grammar, transitions, etc.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Spaghetti Factory on May 11, 2026 to celebrate our SSWC annual event. We hope to see members, interested students, teachers and other writers who would like to be a part of our writing community.

## MINGLE

### Writing Habits

We will talk about which methods/habits we use, formal or informal, to write consistently.

Join us on the third Saturday each month for a chance to meet other members, talk about advanced writing skills, and motivate everyone there to write, write, write.

We meet at the Denny's restaurant at the corner of Douglas and Sunrise in Roseville from 9 – 11 am.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Hope to see you there.

## Nothing Changes

Thoughts During and After Covid

M. L. Edson

One day flows seamlessly into the next.  
Nothing to do but eat and text.  
No one's around, just food to ingest.  
And nothing changes.

Running out of fun things to do,  
Books to read are down to a few.  
What's next? I haven't a clue.  
And nothing changes.

One roll of TP left with no more in sight.  
Can't buy any — things are really quite tight.  
Should I steal some? I just might.  
And nothing changes.

No more fun, not one moment of jest.  
Another reported case, one more death,  
And not from driving, alcohol, or meth.  
And nothing changes.

We'll get through this, the politicians claim.  
Yet their speeches are always so lame.  
Every one of them sounds exactly the same.  
And nothing changes.

Though most got through, the cries still haunt  
Because too many friends forever just aren't.  
The horrid numbers increased by day and night  
While we all kept our distance in fright.  
And yet still nothing changes.

Too much of my work in this newsletter? (Yep, even just one thing can sometimes be *too much!*)

Then volunteer to work on it and publish YOUR work here (if you can get away with it.) Get your name out there.

Be a *published* author!

**VOLUNTEER**

Aim your phone's camera at this QR code ---



And now, a few "illegal" plugs, entered while waiting to get more info for the newsletter.

My books are available on Amazon / Kindle. *The Six Rivers Killer, Sierra Heist, Not Even a Shadow*, and more.

Also, I do fused glass art, and my items are available at the Artists' Collaborative Gallery in Old Sac and at the Auburn Old Town Gallery in, guess where? Yep. It's in Auburn.

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

### OFFICERS

#### HELP FILL THE VOIDS

#### Elected Officers:

President	Ron S
Vice President	Brittany L
Secretary	
Treasurer	Jake A

#### Chairs:

Coffee/Treats	Everyone / Anyone
Conferences	
Critique Groups	Brittany L
Historian	
Librarian	Brittany L
Membership	Cathy M
Mingle	
Newsletter	<b>YOU!!!</b>
Nominations	
Prgm/Speakers	
Publicity	
Raffle	Cathy M
Scholarship	Karen S
Sunshine	Nan R
Website	Wes T
Workshops	Mary Lou A

### MEETING INFORMATION

#### Future Meetings:

**Monday, May 11 – Banquet at The Old Spaghetti Factory,  
Roseville 7 pm**

**Families and friends welcome.**

**Saturday, May 16 – Mingle held at Denny's, corner of  
Douglas and Sunrise, Roseville 9-11 am**

**Monday, June 8 – Club meeting held at the Crossroads  
Church Friendship Hall, 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks**

*All writers are encouraged to attend.*

*Membership not mandatory but brings privileges ...*

*like publication in the newsletter!*

When everyone thinks "I don't need to do it ...  
Someone else will," there's a good chance **no** one will  
do it and nothing will get done.

