

Sacramento Suburban Writers' Club

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Join us on Monday evening, August 10, at 7 pm at the Fellowship Hall of the church at 5501 Dewey Drive, Sacramento, CA (near the Madison and Dewey intersection and across the street from Safeway).

Amy McGreevy, Teacher Librarian, will share secrets about libraries.

Amy McGreevy is a Teacher Librarian with the Elk Grove Unified School District, and will be speaking on everything an author needs to know about how a librarian selects books, and how to get your own book in shape and in front of the public.

Amy was born in Anaheim and graduated from Folsom High School, where she earned several gold medals in speech from the statewide California Academic Decathlon competition. She earned a B.A. with honors in English from Brigham Young University, where she wrote and produced a national-award winning play that was performed in Washington, D.C. Plus she earned a Master's in Library Science from San Jose State University.

Amy was drawn to education while living in Japan for nearly four years, where she taught English as part of the prestigious JET Program (Japan Exchange and Teaching Program) and learned fluent Japanese.

As an experienced librarian, Amy knows everything there is to know about getting your books into libraries and where they can be found by readers.



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August M I N G L E

Writers' Mingle

Elevator speech, Storyline, Logline and More.

Saturday, Aug 15, 2026, From 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Denny's Restaurant, 122 Sunrise Ave, Roseville (Sunrise and Douglas)

All writers are welcome. No charge & this is interactive. Bring ideas and suggestions.

August's Mingle

This is an interactive discussion related to an elevator speech and discussing the differences between a Storyline and Logline. If you have written an elevator speech, storyline or logline, please bring any and all to share with the group.

Trivia

- **August 2:** Friendship Day
- **August 7:** National Handloom Day
- **August 9:** International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- **August 12:** International Youth Day
- **August 15:** Independence Day (India)
- **August 19:** World Humanitarian Day and World Photography Day
- **August 23:** National Space Day (India)
- **August 26:** Women's Equality Day
- **August 29:** National Sports

PAULIE'S WEDDING

Anthony Marcolongo

2020



I remember the day Bobo's kid, Paulie, was getting married. My cohorts and I were invited to the reception, along with several other young teenage hoods from the New York Borough we affectionately referred to as The Holy Land: Brooklyn, naturally.

Carmine and his gang were there as well, but they hailed from the Bronx, the place we referred to as ... Purgatory.

No matter, for this event we all declared a truce and managed to get along, after a fashion. That is to say, we simply ignored each other throughout the afternoon.

Now Paulie, his brothers, and his father, Bobo, were essentially gangsters. No exaggerated postulations, as one might encounter in other parts of the country. No, these guys were the real deal.

To us kids they were role models, heroes, if you will. As budding teenagers, we looked up to them, and wanted to be like them when we grew up — nice suits, highly shined shoes, fancy cars, lots of fast women, and shoulder holsters.

But, today was Paulie's wedding, so we put our aspirations aside for the celebration.

After the cake-cutting ceremony, some people chatted at their tables while sipping champagne, and some couples danced to the live music.

Eventually, everyone lined up, one by one or in pairs, and approached the Bride and Groom with gifts. Family and close friends gave practical things like toasters, silverware, coffee pots, china, towels, and such, but Paulie's associates gave the bride envelopes stuffed with cash. Be that as it may, with each gift, the donor got to kiss the bride. All the children got to kiss the bride, too, but of course, kids didn't have to give any gifts.

Now, I would like to point out that at the time I, as an unaccomplished drinker, had no idea of the impact champagne could have upon my conduct. Thus, I quickly became inebriated, though I had absolutely no clue of my condition. So it was that I sat there, spinning yarn after yarn, entertaining my friends, when Paulie sauntered to our table, leaned over and placed an arm around my shoulders.

"Rackets," he said.

"Yeah, Paulie?"

Rackets was my street moniker at the time.

"You know I love you, right?" he asked as he turned my face to him and patted my cheek.

I felt he was being quite skillful about something he wanted to say. I thought, *is he about to make an apology to me. For what?*

"Sure, Paulie, I love you, too."

"Good," he began. Then he dragged his fingers across my cheek and turned them up for me to see. They were covered with lipstick.

"Cuz," he continued, "if you get back in that God-damned line to kiss my wife one more time, I'm gonna ... (censored)."

Later, my laughing friends told me I had been in that line at least six times.

To this day, I can't stand champagne.



Can We Sing?

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Flaunt your colored feathers
Like a turkey in spring,
But positive words you say
Will blossom and sing.

Flaunt your muscles,
With pushes and shoves
Not much power without space
Birds will be escaped doves.

The heart can repair
If we dare to think and try
The changes were so many
Sometimes we feel like goodbyes

Don't fly only for your own gain
Perch but listen to hear another
The branches extend to pair
Gather food no need to smother.

Put the creative and practical
In parallel for a good blend,
The talents we share are a tapestry
Knitted together if we want to mend

We traveled inside and out
In our hearts, minds and souls
Fly in some magic and colors
An adventure for our future to unfold.

SSWC Authors This is shamelessly promoting members' books because they VOLUNTEER to help keep SSWC running smoothly.

M. L. Edson (Mary Lou) has books available on Amazon/Kindle – suspense thrillers, writing assistance from the Grammar Guardian, poetry, and more. Just point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right to see her books ... and maybe order something.



Bryson Kilmer (Ron Smith) Besides the many books Ron, er Bryson still has to finish editing or add refining touches to (or are still bouncing around in his head), he has published *Point Hope*, which is available on Amazon/Kindle.

He has copies of his book, so contact him to purchase one. Or, you might be lucky and find one on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0984604359/>

Westley Stark (Wes Turner) has published ... *Ex Terra Expeditions*. This is a fun read, full of adventure and exciting experiences of a group of young men who found a way to visit another planet. Will they survive the situations they find themselves in? Will they be able to return to their home planet?

To find his book, go to <https://a.co/d/01JiWM9a> Or aim your cell phone's camera at the QR code.



Catherine McGreevy (Cathy McGreevy) has published several books that are available on Amazon/Kindle. Her chosen genre has been historical fiction but is expanding into fantasy. Her books, besides being informative, are interesting, delving into personalities of the characters. Use the QR code to the right to access her books.



See the list of ALL members' books, past and present, on our club's website <https://www.sactowriters.org/>

Then other published members of the Scholarship Committee who have books out, then ... you???

Want to be on this list? Become a member! Become an *active* member. Volunteer!

Frustration by A-nony-mouse

I'm writing this out of frustration, but there is *stuff* going on right now, in this world, in this country, in this state, that needs to be addressed, but too many people — (good grief, I'm already editing this so I don't hurt someone's feelings) — too many people are not checking the information being fed to us.

Copyrighted (good until 2070) material by Carlo M. Cipolla ("The Five Laws of Stupidity) brought to the world's attention the fact that people will go with the crowd even if they know the crowd is wrong. He showed that even intelligent people will agree with a group. It took only one member of the group to stand up and say, "That is wrong," for the others to finally look at the information with critical thinking.

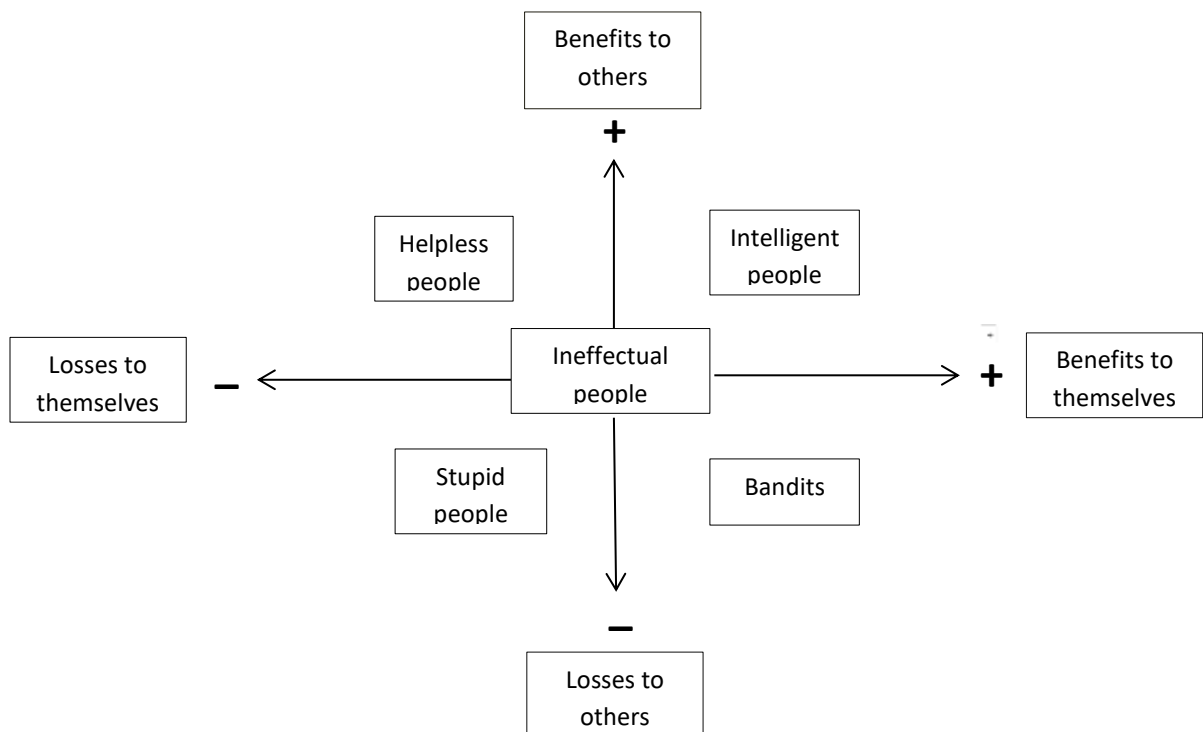
Do we see this happening today? Are we going along with others just to get along? Are we not critiquing information we are given? Or are we relying on others to set the standards of what we see, what we say, what we think? What we *do*?

Check out the YouTube video — "The End of Critical Thinking and Rise of Collective Stupidity." You just might start giving critical thinking skills a chance and make decisions on your own about this world we have allowed to be created.

This used to be a country of people who got along, all with different heritages, different thoughts and ideas, and different ways to meet our individual *and* universal goals. Yet, somehow, we had similar goals: freedom of action, freedom of thinking, thinking of different aspects of the problems that our country, our citizens, are facing.

And we stopped. Stopped thinking. Stopped using our critical-thinking skills. Stopped being able to discuss those ideas, those ideals. Stopped comparing causes and solutions, and arriving at solutions that will eventually help us all.

Where do you stand (or sit ... or sleep) on this issue. Consider the graph below that illustrates Cipolla's Five Laws of Stupidity?



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: _____

OFFICERS

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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	YOU!!!
Nominations	
Prgm/Speakers	Cathy M
Publicity	
Raffle	Cathy M
Scholarship	Karen S
Sunshine	Nan R
Website	Wes T
Workshops	Mary Lou A

MEETING INFORMATION

Future Meetings

Yes!

August 10

September 14

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

from 7 pm to 9 pm

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.

