

Sacramento Suburban Writers' Club

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WRITERS CLUB MEETING

Join us Monday evening, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the **Fellowship Hall of Crossroads Christian Fellowship Church**, 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks, CA, near the corner of Dewey and Madison, across from Safeway.

The Writers Club is an independent community group. Our meetings are informative, informal, and supportive, and **ALL are welcome.**

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Led by Westley Turner

Entire group invited to participate.

EVERYONE



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September MINGLE

Writers' Mingle

Building a World

September 19, 2026, From 9:00 am to 11:00 am — 3rd Saturday

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

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

This is an interactive discussion related to building a world for your story.

Technique suggestions.

Making the world real for the reader.

Bring your ideas to share with everyone there.

Something Silly

From an ad:

“How to remove a smell from a house that won't go away.”





TIME

2026

Tony

I tried speaking to time today. Not an easy task because it is always out there ahead of me, & my words struggle to keep up. Regardless, it hardly cares anyway, as busy as it stays. It leaves portions of itself behind just for me. These I find I can spend, but not save. How odd. When it began for me, I was totally unaware, as will I be when it ends for me.

I do not ask much of it, just some conversation. Of course, it knows I am lying, knows I want more. I want control. The sounds of its laughter at my ambition scream at me in high winds. How selfish it is, but then how selfish am I, also.

I have to walk within it second by second for what seems an eternity. However, that eternity belongs to it and not me. It will only parcel out a scant few decades for me, if it likes me, that is. If it does not like me, I am most-likely doomed on the morrow.

Such a powerful, fathomless force, whose very existence gives rise to many jealousies. Sometimes the jealousy angers me, because the unknowns that await offer only extinction, obliteration.

If I possess any possible cognitivity on the other side, I promise to continue pestering it about its function & its parsimonious insensitivity towards us. After all, without us to torment, it will be alone. Hah, a useless blabber; it was alone long before us.

ERIN GO BRAGH

Anthony Marcolongo

2018

A gust came echoing thru the hills,
Erin, it howled, 'tis green,
And born of the spirit,
Of all those yearnings,
That make an Irishman's dream.

As the breeze shuffled on,
There rose such a hurrah,
For the wind was shouting aloud,
A heavenly chant that rolled on and on,
The mantra ... Erin Go Bragh!

Overheard

Submitted by Jeannie Turner

I overheard an interesting, well, sort of interesting, conversation today. I was sitting in a booth next to this chattering group. One man mentioned that he would be attending a funeral this week, and then somewhere in the conversation, another person said that later this week she and a friend were going to a dinner lecture on cremation. Then a third member of the group told of an even newer way than burials or cremation: composting. This was a bit shocking to some of them. Well, one thing led to another, and soon they were making up limericks about it.

As if you should make up a limerick about such subjects as funerals and death. But they were. It seemed to turn into a "can you top this?" Here are a few I was able to catch:

Are you requesting a toasting?
Or would you prefer the composting?
Which way that you go
This one thing I know
Your fam'ly will probably start boasting

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There once was a quirky old host,
Who worried about his death post.
He thought, "Shall I burn,
Or to mulch shall I turn,
Or perhaps I'll end up just as toast?"

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The fire was roaring and bright,
Reducing my frame to the light.
"Oh, this is quite warm,"
I said through the storm,
"A lovely and fitting goodnight!"

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When my time on this planet is through,
I'll bid all my sorrows adieu.
Just turn up the heat,
Make my exit complete,
And scatter my dust with the view.

* * *

There once was a man in an urn,
Who said, "I have nothing to learn.
My ashes are cool,
I broke every rule,
But this is my ultimate turn."

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When breathing has finally ceased,
And life is completely released,
The body will break,
For nature's own sake,
To feast every bug and wild beast.

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There once was a fellow named Clyde,
Who returned to the earth when he died.
With wood chips and hay,
He composted away,
And bloomed as a tree with great pride.

What is Marriage?

Karen Sepahmansour

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Marriage is a sacrament
A spiritual bond between two.
Not always meant for the many
Sometimes only a few.

It's two hearts committed
In sickness and health
A partnership of giving
Regardless of paper wealth.

The richness is in the day to day
Of many challenges not yet known
Do not expect compliance
Your partner is not your clone.

While one likes this
And you may like that
Stop listen and think first
Don't be such a fat cat.

The differences can be understood
At a dinner and perhaps a scheduled date
Remember the spark and love
When you open your ears to your mate.

Space available for your poetry, short-short story, information, community events, suggestions for writing better.

Please send them to me — Mary Lou Anderson (aka M. L. Edson, author) at mledsonanderson@yahoo.com.

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

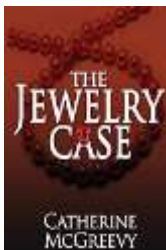


Bryson Kilmer (Ron Smith) Besides the many books Ron, er Bryson still has to finish editing or add refining touches to (or are still bouncing around in his head), he has published *Point Hope*, which is available on Amazon/Kindle.

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, they are interesting, delving into personalities of the characters. **Use the QR code to the right to access her books.**



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.



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!

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

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Coffee/Treats	Everyone / Anyone
Conferences	
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Historian	
Librarian	Brittany L
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Prgm/Speakers	
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MEETING INFORMATION

Future Meetings

Monday evening, September 14

Mingle, Saturday, Sept. 19

Monday evening, October 12

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

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.

