

# The Write News

A Monthly Newsletter - June 2010

*"One Hundred Years of Excellence in Writing"*

## The California Writers Club - Mount Diablo Branch

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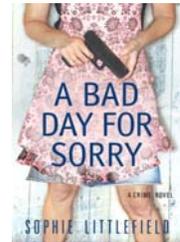
*Sophie Littlefield*

*June 12, 2010*



**"Finish That Book!" is our June speaker's topic. Crime fiction author and writing instructor Sophie Littlefield (*Bad Day For Sorry*) will inspire us to use the summer months to move our current project forward to completion. Whether we're stuck in our first chapter or somewhere around the sagging middle, we can go from *frustrated* to *finished* faster than we imagined. Sophie promises to give us both writing tips and a roadmap for achieving our writing goals. Here's a sampling of her literary tough-love:**

- ~ Use the time you have efficiently.
- ~ Find time you didn't know you had.
- ~ Get your rear end in the chair every day.
- ~ Stop sabotaging yourself.
- ~ Renew your passion for the book that *only you* can write.



**This is our final meeting of the 2009-2010 season. Don't miss it. Please join us for this informative session to be held at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant. Everyone is welcomed to come, learn, and network with local writers. The CWC, Mount Diablo Branch website address is [www.mtdiablowlriters.org](http://www.mtdiablowlriters.org).**

### June Meeting Details

**Date & Time:** Saturday, June 12, 2010, with sign-in at 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Zio Fraedo's Restaurant at 611 Gregory Lane (near the corner of Pleasant Hill Road and Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill). Parking is available both in front and behind the restaurant. The restaurant's phone number is (925) 933-9091.

**Cost:** \$20 for CWC members; \$25 for guests

**Menu:** Zio Fraedo's sumptuous buffet.

**Reservations:** Reservations are required and must be received no later than noon on Wednesday, June 9. To make a reservation, contact Jean Georgakopoulos, via e-mail at, [jeaniegpopps@comcast.net](mailto:jeaniegpopps@comcast.net), or by phone at (925) 934-5677. Expect confirmation only if you e-mail your reservation.

## ~ *Coming Attractions* ~ *Upcoming Speakers for 2010*

**July and August: No meetings**

**September 11: C.D. Payne ~ Author of the "Nick Twisp" series  
(*Youth in Revolt & Revolting Youth*)**

**October 9: Second Annual Jack London Lecture ~ Robert Dugoni,  
Best-selling author of legal thrillers (*Wrongful Death*)**

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### **President's Message**

**By David George**



My tenure ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> as your president. I encourage every member to attend our June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and cast your vote for our new officers of the branch. Our current Vice President, Bill Stong, has a strong business and writing background and will be an outstanding president for 2010-11. He will be assisted by Vice President, Elisabeth Tuck, Secretary Barbara Bentley, and Treasurer, Joanne Brown. Please come and show your support for your hard-working officers and board.

We have accomplished many improvements to our branch operations during my tenure. I'd like to focus, in my last President's Message, on our contributions for this past year alone. First and foremost, I am pleased that six new board members have joined our active team. Bill Stong, Elisabeth Tuck, and Aline Soules joined late last year, and Betty Iverson, Don Maker, and Peter Hjersman joined up more recently. All have taken one active role or another, forming a great core of new ideas to complement the experience of continuing board members.

This year, we are making a transition to an interesting, new way to raise needed funding for our Young Writers Contest – Buck-a-Book. I heard nothing but rave reviews for our first Buck-a-Book held during our March meeting. As a result, we will be holding our second Buck-a-Book fund-raiser during our June meeting. Thanks, Jack Russ for dusting off an old idea and making it fresh and new.

We also introduced two new workshops this year in November and April. Janice Cooke Newman's fall workshop focused on improving non-fiction characterizations, and Marta Engber's spring workshop helped us identify that one central character trait that carries a story. Again, I have heard great reviews of both workshops, and they certainly helped my own writing. We will continue to bring valuable learning opportunities through two workshops next year.

And we accomplished an outstanding Young Writers Contest Awards Banquet this past month. Over 500 submissions were received – by far a record, and over 160 attendees were on hand to hear some of the great sentences and poems these kids wrote – again a record.

We have much to accomplish this coming year. Thanks to all who completed our Membership Pulse online survey. The board is pouring over the result, scores, and comments to see how we can improve your membership value and experience. Stay tuned for a great encore performance!

## CWC - Mount Diablo Branch Proposed Slate of Officers

By Jack Russ, Nominating Committee Chair

The following list is the official proposed slate of officers for the 2010/2011 year. The election will take place at our regular branch meeting on June 12, 2010.

President: Bill Stong  
 Vice President: Elisabeth Tuck  
 Secretary: Barbara Bentley  
 Treasurer: Joanne Brown

The following are CWC members we will be adding to our Board of Directors:

Peter Hjersman, Critique Group Chair  
 Don Maker, Programs Co-chair  
 Betty Iverson



### Life Membership Program

*A Message from our CWC State Membership Chair, Dale King*

Greetings! Please tell your members that our discounted Life membership program, which coincides with our Club centennial, will expire on June 30th. Life memberships are only an option for existing Active Status members and cost \$599. They pay for themselves in 12-13 years. Our membership total statewide is now at 1,305! Write on! **Note:** If Mount Diablo Branch members are interested in becoming Life members, please contact Branch President David George or Branch Membership Chair Jody Denison.



### CWC Centennial

At the left is the newly approved colorized, stylized version of the California Writers Club Centennial logo. On the right is a photograph of the Life Member combination of pin and "rocker tab." The pin is available for purchase at our monthly meetings. The rocker tab is available for Active members who pay the Life membership fee of \$599. Those members will receive both items as a gift.



### Buck-a-Book

Buck-a-Book was a great success at our March CWC meeting, so, we are planning a second Buck-a-Book table at our June 12 event. It is a new way for members to donate some of their gently used books and to buy, for a dollar each, books they might like to read. This is a book sale run on the honor system. Bring your books and your own bags, bring out your bucks, and browse, and buy. Bag your purchases and your leftover books (if any) and take them back home with you. Proceeds will go to our Young Writers Contest in addition to the raffle.



In accordance with our contractual agreement with Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, the club is charged for every reservation confirmed on the day before the meeting. If you are not able to either attend this meeting or if you do not cancel your reservation prior to noon on the Friday before the meeting, you will be asked to remit a \$20 "no-show" payment.

# A Glorious Tradition Returns



At the dawn of the Twentieth Century, Jack London and his literary pals often gathered at the home of Joaquin Miller in the Oakland hills for picnics and conversation. In 1909, those informal outdoor literary salons – “a blanket and a basket of chow” – evolved into the California Writers Club. For many years, CWC honored its heritage by maintaining the tradition of an annual picnic at Joaquin Miller Park.

On July 10, 2010, you are invited to join your fellow CWC members as we revive the tradition of food and fellowship in the majestic setting of Joaquin Miller Park.

~ Gentle-to-ambitious walks in Writers Memorial Grove ~ Potluck Lunch

~ See Joaquin Miller's home ~ Visit Woodminster Amphitheater and The Cascades

All this on Saturday, July 10, 2010 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Fire Circle at Joaquin Miller Park, 3594 Sanborn Drive, Oakland

Admission is free; reservations are requested. Contact our Central Board representative, David George, at [davegeorge7@comcast.net](mailto:davegeorge7@comcast.net), or by phone at (925) 255-3018.

## From the Editor's Desk

By Catherine Accardi



We have **good** news and **bad** news this month. The bad news is Clayton Books had their closing party and wake on Sunday, May 23. Even though there was festive music, tasty treats, wine, and 75% off all remaining books, there was a lingering sadness in the air, the sadness of losing an independent bookstore. Many of us had our first book-signing author event at Clayton Books. Bye-bye bookstore!

The good news can be found at <http://hubpages.com/hub/Get-Paid-To-Write>. Is this, the California Writers Club centennial year, the break-through year for you? Not quite there yet? If you need a little incentive, check out the Hub Pages website, especially the section titled "51 Get Paid to Write Websites". This would be a great year to **Sail On!**

## Member Profile

By Jody Denison



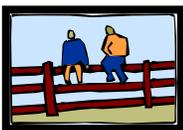
### Profile: *Don Maker*

Our newest Active member is Don Maker. He was born in Texas, but has lived all over the world thanks to his Navy father. When he was ten he began writing poetry and short stories, and even tried his hand at a science-fiction novel. He said he had to give that up when he realized how little he knew about fiction, let alone science. That would have to wait until he was in his forties when he had done a lot more research. Don became a lover of good stories and read everything he could get his hands on and also listened to radio shows and TV. As a result, his novels include literary, social satire, sports, a mystery novel and a Young Adult novel. Participating in a lot of amateur theater, he tried his hand at stage plays and discovered he was good at dialogue, so he says he “migrated” to the screen. He has an epic historical drama that is currently being considered by BBC Films. Successful migration, eh?

Don has been published since he was in his twenties, writing for a sports magazine and a San Francisco variety magazine as well as writing short stories for children, poems and non-fiction articles. He is doing the same thing now but for a number of internet sites, primarily [www.associatedcontent.com](http://www.associatedcontent.com), a “pay for view” site, and others.

Don is a credentialed secondary school teacher. He earned an A.A. in Speech Arts from San Diego Mesa College, his B.A. in English and Comparative Literature from the University of California, San Diego, and his M.A. in Education from Chapman University. He is married and has a daughter and a son.

When asked if there was anything else he'd like the group to know about him or his craft he replied, “First, try writing anything that interests you. If you write articles on care giving, try a fiction novel about the subject. Whatever. I've found that exploring multiple forms and genres of writing gives me a lot more skill and confidence in whatever I try. Second, the Internet offers incredible avenues for marketing yourself and your writing without ever leaving your house. It definitely takes time, but if you really want a career in writing, no matter how old you are, you can find one if you are not shy about getting your name and your work out there. You MUST have a website! They can be both free and easy. Mine is: <http://donmaker.yolasite.com>. Don has given some really good advice and sounds like he is more than willing to share.



### The Back Fence

Have you visited The Back Fence lately? That would be our Mount Diablo Branch site featuring topics of interest to writers. You can also sign-up for Back Fence e-mails. It's easy just by visiting <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWCBackFence/>. Click on "Files" at the left of your screen. Topics of interest to writers are arranged in order as you work your way through the publishing process. Do you have any tips to share under the main topics? Do you have another topic you feel needs to be addressed? Members who want to add their tips can open a folder and easily add a file. If you haven't yet joined the Back Fence, go to the link above and follow the simple sign-up process.

## Contest

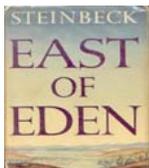
**Branson Stars and Flags**, aka [www.starsandflags.com](http://www.starsandflags.com), would like to announce the 3rd Annual Branson Stars and Flags Book Awards, an award program which is quickly becoming a premiere competition for military book writing for all authors. The main purpose of the contest is to foster awareness in the finest Military books written.

Entries will be accepted between March 15 and August 10, 2010. Books must have been written within the last ten years, and the subject matter must relate to the military in some fashion. Entry fees, prizes, guidelines and application are available at [www.starsandflags.com](http://www.starsandflags.com), or can be obtained by contacting Nancy Smith at 417-338-6101, or by email at [nancysentertainment@yahoo.com](mailto:nancysentertainment@yahoo.com).

The awards will be awarded during Branson's famous Veterans' Week Celebration, November 5 -11, 2010. Last year they were presented by the Oak Ridge Boys' own Joe Bonsall and Vietnam veteran, Eddie Beesley in front of thousands at the opening ceremony. Between 60,000 and 100,000 veterans and their spouses attend the celebration each year.

## Festivals and Conferences

**The High Desert Branch** of CWC is announcing a writer's conference that will take place in Apple Valley on Saturday, September 25, 2010. Their goal is "to put on the best presentations possible, the best catered continental breakfast and lunch, the best value for an event of this type-- ever! For more information, go to <http://hdcwc.org/HowlAtTheMoon.aspx> and [www.hdcwc.org](http://www.hdcwc.org).



**The 2010 East of Eden Writers Conference** will take place from September 24 - 26, in Steinbeck Country, Salinas, California. The conference is a CWC Club-sponsored event. For more conference details, visit [www.southbaywriters.com](http://www.southbaywriters.com).

## Agents Day – Open to all CWC Members

**Who:** CWC Redwood Branch      **Where:** Flamingo Hotel, Santa Rosa, California  
**What:** Agents Day with a dozen agents to pitch to, hosted by Jeanne Jusaitis  
**When:** Sunday, June 6, 2010, Noon – 4:30 p.m. with check-in at 11:30 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$55 for CWC members, includes lunch, post-pitch dessert & networking session  
**Details:** [www.redwoodwriters.org](http://www.redwoodwriters.org).

## For Your Information: (Submitted by Liz Koehler-Pentacoff)

Here's a tip from Beverly Lauderdale and a good way for many of you to move up from associate membership to active membership! Write for Demand Media. An online group that needs writers and editors, you can apply now. Payment is \$15 per short article. You can create your own schedule and sign up for the articles you desire. Apply online of course!

<http://emediavitals.com/article/16/demand-media-s-content-assembly-line>  
<http://www.demandstudios.com/>

## Sales and Salutes



**Nannette Rundle Carroll** has been doing interviews and writing articles pertaining to her new book, *The Communication Problem Solver*. <http://www.communicate2go.com>. The book snagged a spot on “The CEO Refresher’s” Best Books of the Year List.

### Awards/Honors

Nannette was the Alum featured in her college’s February e newsletter “Alumnae Spotlight” in February 2010.

### Interviews/Radio Shows

In addition to interviews for various podcasts earlier this year, Nannette was recently featured on two radio shows:

Ilene Dillon, host of Full Power Living, “Meet the Communication Problem Solver” 4/8/10.  
Beverly D. Flaxington, host of The Confidence Coach, interview 5/7/10.

### Webinar

Nannette wrote and led a live webinar, “How To Be a Communication Problem Solver” for The American Management Association in Manhattan on 4/29/10.

### Articles - Recent Articles published include:

“Communication is King: Eight Steps to Expert Communication” in Professionally Speaking, Spring 2010 edition (print magazine of the Northern California Chapter of the National Speakers Association)

“Why You Should Do Your Own Coaching” in The CEO Refresher February 2010. This is a worldwide online for senior executives.

“Talk is Cheap” in Projects at Work, a global online for project managers.



**B. Lynn Goodwin** has been asked to help judge two online writing contests. One is for the National Association for Baby Boomer Women and the other is for Story Circle Network. Google the organizations if you are curious, and if you are a member of either one, please submit your work.



**Christine Sunderland's** second novel, *Offerings*, the second in her Trilogy of Western Europe, has won a Bronze Medal in the IPPY, Independent Publisher Awards for 2010. See <http://www.independentpublisher.com/article.php?page=1362>, #16, Religious Fiction.

## Members – Would You Like To Be Saluted?

We would like to salute you in *The Write News*. Please let newsletter Editor, Catherine Accardi know if you have been published recently. Your name and writing achievement will be highlighted in the “Sales and Salutes” section of the newsletter. Send along a photograph of yourself and we shall include it as well. You may contact Catherine via e-mail at [caacat@comcast.net](mailto:caacat@comcast.net).

# CWC Membership Renewal Time

By Jody Denison

REMINDER: For all members, your membership expires on June 30, 2010. Dues for the upcoming 2010/2011 year are \$45.00. Mail your check and membership renewal form below to: Membership, CWC Mount Diablo Branch, P.O. Box 606, Alamo CA, 94507. And don't forget – one of the members who renews prior to May 31 will be selected in a drawing for a free lunch at our June meeting.



## It's Annual Membership Renewal Time Again!

There really is such a thing as a FREE LUNCH! Renew your Membership by May 31st, and your name will be entered in our drawing for a FREE LUNCH at a future meeting of your choice. Don't wait. **RENEW TODAY!**

Please complete this form, and include it with your \$45 check. We're updating our member database and we want to make sure we have correct information about you. PLEASE print clearly!

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Main Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Addr. \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Active Member  Associate Member  Supporting Member Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Genre \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Genre(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Security Note: Membership information is not made public at any time.

Make your check for \$45 payable to "CWC-Mt. Diablo Branch". Mail this form with your check to : CWC-Membership, P.O. Box 606, Alamo CA 94507. If you have any questions call Jody at (925) 838-0058, or e-mail denisonjd@sbcglobal.net.

## Young Writers Contest Donor Club Form

Please consider joining a Donor Club in support of our Annual Young Writers Contest. Your gift furthers our mission to provide support and encouragement not only to our adult writers, but also to identify and reward excellence among Contra Costa County middle school students. Your gift enables our club to continue and to expand our outreach to young writers. You can designate a gift in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one. Your gift is fully tax deductible. Thank you!

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Please list my membership in the following donor club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (checks or cash only, please)

Acknowledge my gift in honor of/in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to: *CWC-Mt. Diablo Branch* Mail to: CWC Mt. Diablo Branch, Attention: Young Writers Contest, P.O. Box 606, Alamo, CA 94507.

## 2010 Young Writers Contest Winners

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry

**1<sup>st</sup> Amelia Harrison “At Night”**  
Charlotte Wood: Jamelle Angelelo

**2<sup>nd</sup> Priya Canzius “I am from . . .”**  
Athenian: Chris McCulloch

**3<sup>rd</sup> Maximilian Jennings  
“Firelight”**  
Athenian: Meg Freedman

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry

**1<sup>st</sup> Gita Mallya “Writing Blocks”**  
WCI: Linda Linton

**2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Rivera “Morning Bird”**  
Sequoia: Susan Sutherland

**3<sup>rd</sup> Piper Mik “The Ocean”**  
Dorris-Eaton: Terry Salteil

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry

**1<sup>st</sup> Carissa Yen “Pen”**  
Iron Horse: Lynette Gonzales

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sejal Jain “Dancer”**  
Gale Ranch: Deborah Bernard

**3<sup>rd</sup> Caitlin Kloess “Bandstand”**  
Windrush: Kai Marks

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Short Story

**1<sup>st</sup> Michaela Peterson  
“The Winter of the Snow Fairies”**  
Sequoia Middle: Jane Enloe

**2<sup>nd</sup> Belle Goodson “1906”**  
Pine Valley: Robin White

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mikaela Magwili “The Dream to  
Dance”**  
Queen of All Saints: Katie Perata

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Short Story

**1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Sweeney “Death Song”**  
Joaquin Moraga: Patti Forster

**2<sup>nd</sup> Zhill Olonan “Stranded”**  
Adams: Lauren Griggs

**3<sup>rd</sup> Andrea Ouyang “Escape!”**  
Iron Horse: Cheryl Keller

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Short Story

**1<sup>st</sup> Gabriel Ostler “The Thin Line”**  
OI: Barbara Gunderson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sean Lee “The Soul Within”**  
Windemere Ranch: Jennifer Sabri

**3<sup>rd</sup> Katherine Alfaro “Fallen Doves  
and Crumpled Letters”**  
Dorris-Eaton: Deenie Schoenfeld

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay

**1<sup>st</sup> Gabriella Respicio “The  
Tsunami”**  
St. Patrick: Karen Francis

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Joo “Now I Miss Her”**  
Diablo Vista: Bonnie Meyers

**3<sup>rd</sup> Jenna Grigsby “A Helping  
Hand”**  
Pine Hollow: Leeat Medina

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay

**1<sup>st</sup> Isadora Palmer-Collins Stern  
“Intertwined”**  
Orinda I: Cecilia Kilmartin

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bianca Palmer-Collins Stern  
“Riptide”**  
OI: Cecilia Kilmartin

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vanessa Tang “Vertical Velocity,  
V2”**  
Dorris-Eaton: Terry Saltiel

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay

**1<sup>st</sup> Varun Iyengar “Medusa”**  
Windemere Ranch: Robert Loney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tiffany S. Zheng “The Athlete’s  
Dream”**  
Dorris-Eaton: Deeni Shoenfeld

**3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Montano “Nothing  
Was the Same”**  
St. Jerome: Margo Watson

## 2010 Young Writers Contest Winners



**Page nine has a listing of all the 2010 Young Writers Contest Winners.**

### The Young Writers Contest Needs YOU!

No time to give to your community? No worries! Choose a group that asks you only for a ONCE-A-YEAR commitment!

The Young Writers Contest Committee needs advocates to visit one or more middle schools during the year to deliver writer guidelines and posters to school offices. Although all Contra Costa private and public middle schools receive these via post office mailing, many get lost in piles of paperwork if not for this personal call.

Can we count on *you*?

We also need people to volunteer for small jobs associated with the contest and workshops that occur *only once* during the calendar year.

The committee has *one* meeting per year. If you can't make the meeting, you can still be on the committee and volunteer for a job.

If you are interested in advocating writing to a group of youngsters who need creative inspiration in this time of budget woes, please email Liz Koehler-Pentacoff via [lizbooks@aol.com](mailto:lizbooks@aol.com).

Thank you!

## **Annual Young Writers Contest**

### **Sponsored by the California Writers Club, Mount Diablo Branch**

The Mount Diablo Branch of the California Writers Club invites you to support the young writers of today by honoring the great California writers of the past. Please consider joining one of the following donor clubs. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Young Writers Contest program and in the Mount Diablo CWC newsletter. In addition, all donations are tax-deductible. The Young Writers Contest Donor Club form can be found on page eight.

The Young Writers Contest Committee and the Mount Diablo Board of Directors wish to thank the following donors to the Young Writers Contest from September 2009, to the present:

#### **The Jack London Founder's Circle**

Barbara Bentley

#### **The John Steinbeck Society**

Lee Paulson

Christine Sunderland

#### **The John Muir Member Club**

Jacque Hall

Beverly Lauderdale in memory of

Betty Tenney

Dick Tenney

#### **The Ina Coolbrith Laureate Club**

Joanne Brown

Ann Damaschino

David George in honor of Liz-Koehler Pentacoff

Liz Koehler-Pentacoff in memory of Sue Tasker

Kathy Urban in honor of Sarah Wilson

#### **The Mary Austin Writers Club**

John Gourhan

Suzanne Woods Fisher

Aline Soules

Karen Tenney in memory of Betty Tenney

Sarah Wilson

#### **The Helen Hunt Jackson Group**

Jody Denison

Barbara Hannafan & Marta Van Loan

Betty Iverson

Phyllis Nagle

Cheryl Spanos

Edward Stanislawski

This annual Young Writers Contest for middle school students of Contra Costa County awarded cash prizes for excellence in short story, poetry, and essay/personal narrative categories. Contest submissions were free and must have been received on or before April 12, 2010. Winners were notified in May and presented with their awards at the awards luncheon on Saturday, May 12, 2010. All expenses of the program are supported by individual donations and grants. Please join us in this unique program for encouraging our youth toward creative writing.

- ~ The Jack London Founder's Circle - \$500
- ~ The John Steinbeck Society - \$250 - \$499
- ~ The John Muir Member Club - \$150 - \$249
- ~ The Ina Coolbrith Laureate Club - \$100 - \$149
- ~ The Mary Austin Writers Club - \$50 - \$99
- ~ The Helen Hunt Jackson Group - \$25 - \$49
- ~ The Gertrude Atherton Guild - \$10 - \$24

# California Writers Club ~ Mount Diablo Branch

~ The California Writers Club is a designated 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation. ~

**President: David George**  
**Vice-President: William Stong**  
**Treasurer: Joanne Brown**  
**Secretary: Barbara Bentley**

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## **Advisory Board Members**

Nannette Carroll  
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Jack Russ

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The California Writer's Club (CWC) shall foster professionalism in writing, promote networking of writers with the writing community, mentor new writers, and provide the literary support for writers and the writing community as is appropriate through education and leadership.

All items in this newsletter are the opinions of the author(s) and do not in any way represent the views or official position of CWC.

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