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## Next Program and Events Calendar

Join us on Saturday, April 9 for our branch meeting and luncheon:

### *Why Do We Write?*

You can register online (see “registration details” below for cost) [Buy Now](#)



### *Tamim Ansary*

#### What You Will Learn

- Why writing is so hard.
- Why we do it anyway.
- What to do when the piece refuses to be written.
- What’s the best that can happen when you write?

Afghan American author [Tamim Ansary](#) writes memoir, history, fiction, and essays on politics, current events, arts, sports, philosophy and whatever else captures his imagination.

Tamim teaches through the Osher Institute, edits for other authors, and writes fiction and nonfiction about Afghanistan, Islam-and-the-West, democracy, education, history, current events, social issues, his cat, and other topics as they come up!

He wrote the celebrated literary memoir *West of Kabul, East of New York*, selected as a One City One Book pick by several cities, including San Francisco, California and Waco, Texas. Currently, he runs a six-week [memoir writing workshop](#) limited to five participants, and he also hosts a literary blog dedicated to the art of telling real-life stories at [www.memoirpool.com](#).

## Registration Details

Make life easy. Register *before* you arrive: [Buy Now](#)

- Sign-in: 11:15 a.m.-12 noon
- **Luncheon** from 12 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Speaker: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA
- **Cost:** cash and check on site Members \$25/Guests \$30; PayPal (click "buy now"; pay \$27/\$32).  
**NOTE:** Due to Internet access problems, credit card transactions are currently not possible at the door.
- **To attend:** contact Robin Gigoux at ragig (at) aol (dot) com, phone 925-933-9670, or click "buy now" for reservations (don't forget to add \$2 for the transaction fee). **Reservation deadline:** Wed., April 6, 2016 at noon.\*

\*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 attend this meeting and do not cancel your reservation prior to noon on the Friday before the meeting, you will be asked to remit the relevant fee as a no-show payment for the event.*

## Events Calendar for 2016

**Jan. 9:** Tamara Monosoff, **Five Simple Strategies to Boost Your Income Now!**

**Feb. 13:** Roy Mash, **Words to Woe By**

**Mar. 12:** C. S. Lakin, **The Twelve Fatal Flaws of Writing**

**Apr. 9:** Tamim Ansary, **Why Do We Write?**

**May 14:** Heather Mackey, **Turning Ideas into Stories**

**June 11:** LeeAnne Krusemark, **Composing Irresistible Query Letters and Elevator Pitches**

**Sept. 10:** Anita Amirrezvani, **TBA**

**October 8:** Marilyn Atlas, **TBA**

**Nov 12:** **TBA**

**Dec. 10:** **TBA, Three of Our Own**



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