


## June 2005 meeting of the Mt. Diablo Branch of CWC

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The meeting took place at Hungry Hunter, Lafayette

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Branch President, Jack Russ, welcomed our members and guests.

He made a couple of announcements and we were requested to vote on Officers for the Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the floor - the Board's slate was elected by affirmation by those members who were present.

Jack Russ, President; Al Garrotto, Vice President;

Danard Emanuelson, Treasurer; Lani Longshore, Secretary

The winners were introduced to a round of applause

### Members' Awards

Jack then described an honorary award the Branch gives out every year. *The Distinguished Service Award* recognizes excellent performance of one of the Branch's important functions for a significant length of time.



Distinguished Service Award winner, Lynn Goodwin,

gives a big smile as she receives a pat on the back from

Jack. Lynn handles all publicity for the Branch, a very

important job. Among her other talents, she manages the

website [WriterAdvice](#). Lynn's name will be added to the

plaque that hangs on the front of the speaker's rostrum.



The California Writers Club *Jack London Award* may be presented each year (it's not mandatory), to one nominee from each branch for significant contribution to the aims and functions of the CWC.



Our Board chose this year to honor patron member

**Al Villaire** for his many years of dedicated service

to the Mt. Diablo Branch. He published (and helped to edit)

our newsletter, *The Write News*, for 10 years. He created our

website six years ago and still spoonfeeds it monthly. Al has been

helping the 'technologically challenged' among our members to keep

their computers fit. This has become especially important with the

advent of our new electronic newsletter. He will be honored, along with the other branches' nominees, at CWC's 'All Branch' luncheon,

to be held in Novato in October. You're invited! (Contact Jack Russ for info).

Previous Jack London Award recipients from our branch -

1989 Helen McGrath

1991 Mercedes Gardner

1993 Ted Fuller

1995 Pat Edwards

1997 Joan Brennan  
2001 Al Garrotto

1998 Ray Martell  
2002 **Denise Kalm**

1999 Liz Pentacoff  
2003 Jack Russ

2000 Bev Lauderdale  
2004 Danard Emanuelson

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