

November 2006 meeting of the Mt. Diablo Branch of CWC

Photos by Al Garrotto

The meeting took place at Hungry Hunter Restaurant in Lafayette

Branch President, Al Garrotto, attended and prepared this writeup:

Writing coaches, Jane Anne Staw and Donna Levin, shared insights into the writing process, with 58 members and guests of CWC/Mt. Diablo Branch. The workshop titled, "Break Through and Beyond," addressed the problem of writer's block. The speakers offered practical techniques for making steady progress from blank page/screen to completed manuscript. Essentially, their message was, "Don't keep rewriting Chapter 1 for the next five years!"

Attendees were unanimous in their assessment of the value of the morning (9-Noon) workshop, which was planned and produced by workshop chairman Igal Levy. Hungry Hunter Restaurant provided an excellent continental-plus breakfast that helped fuel the writers' creative spirits.

Another morning workshop is planned for Saturday, March 10 (topic to be announced).

Igal introducing Donna Levin



Jane Anne Staw



Igal and Jerry Vaught (Critique Group Leader)



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