

# The Write News

## California Writers Club ~ Mount Diablo Branch

A Monthly Newsletter

April 2010

### The California Writers Club ~ Mount Diablo Branch

“One Hundred Years of Excellence in Writing”

Presents

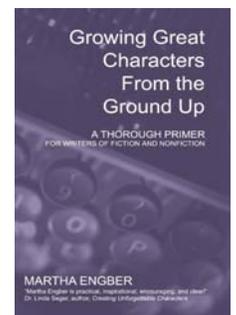
“Pyramid Tipping: How to Build Great Fiction and Nonfiction  
Characters From the Top Down”

A Morning Workshop With Instructor  
*Martha Engber*

April 10, 2010



Whether writing a memoir, novel, screenplay, or creative nonfiction, the characters we write about must spring to life. At stake is getting the attention of agents and publishers and, ultimately, our readers. Through writing exercises and discussion, we will learn how to find and isolate that one telling detail upon which we will base each character. Workshop instructor Martha Engber is the author of *Growing Great Characters from*



*the Ground Up*. She also maintains the Q&A blog, “Growing Great Writers from the Ground Up” at <http://www.marthaengber.blogspot.com>. In the fall of 2009, she received a 5-star “original and highly recommended” rating from *Midwest Book Review* for her literary novel, *The Wind Thief* (Alondra Press). Visit Martha on the web at <http://marthaengber.com>.

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.mtdiablowriters.org](http://www.mtdiablowriters.org).

#### April Meeting Details

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 10, 2010, with sign-in at 9:00 a.m.; workshop from 9:30 a.m. to Noon, followed by lunch.

**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:** \$35 for CWC members (lunch only: \$20), \$40 for non-members (lunch only: \$25)

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

**Reservations:** Reservations are required and must be received no later than noon on Wednesday, April 7. To make a reservation, contact Jean Georgakopoulos, via e-mail at [jeaniepops@comcast.net](mailto:jeaniepops@comcast.net), or by phone at (925) 934-5677. Expect confirmation only if you e-mail your reservation.

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

**May 15: Writers Banquet ~ Melissa Manlove, Editor, Chronicle Books**

**June 12: Sophie Littlefield, Author of *A Bad Day for Sorry***

**No meetings in July and August**

**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



April begins an active time of the year for writer-oriented events. I know most of you will want to sign up for our April 10<sup>th</sup> morning workshop with Martha Engber. You'll find sign up information on page one or on the home page of our web site. And, I know some of you will also be attending the CWC writers retreat in the Santa Cruz mountains this month – enjoy!

All you screenwriters will not want to miss the free “Adapting Sideways” 90-minute workshop at Read Books on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. This workshop is being presented by renowned story editor, Charlotte Cook of the Berkeley Branch and features Jon Miller discussing how to successfully translate screenplays into novels. Read Books is a new Danville bookstore located in Blackhawk Plaza.

The following day, Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> the Friends of Joaquin Miller Park will host the “Walkin’ in Joaquin’s Footsteps” day in the park. This fun event will feature informative self-guided tours and presentations by local experts. Joaquin Miller was a world-famous poet and early California Writers Club member who donated his home and his large property in the Oakland Hills to the City of Oakland. This land became the Joaquin Miller City Park. Our Club helped build a spectacular cascade and waterfall through a magnificent grove of redwood trees in the center of the park, all planted and dedicated in memory of great California authors. The event begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 3 p.m. For more information about the event, please click on <http://www.oaklandnet.com/JoaquinMillerPark>.

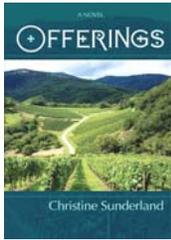
And I would be remiss if I did not mention that the Mount Diablo Branch will have a display set up in the Pleasant Hill Main Library entrance display case all month. The display will highlight several of our author’s works, membership information, and details about our Young Writers Contest. You should swing by during the month and check it out. The address is 1750 Oak Park Boulevard.

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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.

Sales and Salutes



**Christine Sunderland's** second novel, *Offerings* (OakTara 2009), about a spiritual journey through France, has received Honorable Mention in the Reader Views Literary Awards. Christine has also authored *Pilgrimage* (OakTara, 2007), and *Inheritance* (OakTara, 2009). All author proceeds are given to charity.

**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).



**Welcome New Members**

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to the Mount Diablo Branch of the California Writers Club:

Don Bowyer  
Melanie Denman  
Lisa Franklin  
Kymberlie Ingalls

Dodie Katague  
Mary Edith Lanstrom  
Harry Michaels  
Nancy Norris

Paul Sheckler  
Tony Vecchio  
Kathleen Curtis Wilson  
Louis Wu



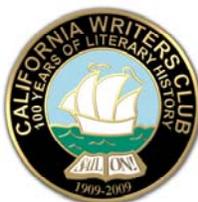
**Life Membership Program**

**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 1305! 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**



On 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.



## Centennial Writing Contest

By Joanne Brown

Discover the Jack London, John Muir, or Joaquin Miller in you. Get out your pencils, find your definitive how-to notes, and write an award-winning query letter in the voice of one of these CWC founders. Read on for details.

### The Mt. Diablo Branch of the California Writers Club

invites you to participate in our

### ~ Centennial Writing Contest ~



**Contest Theme:** Query Letter

**Eligibility:** Membership in Mt. Diablo or Tri-Valley Branch of CWC

**Submission Guidelines:**



- Write as though you are one of the founding members of CWC: Jack London querying his short story, "To Build a Fire," or John Muir querying his essay, "Save the Redwoods," or Joaquin Miller querying his poem, "Columbus"



- Write as if the author of your choice is working in today's world.
- Address your letter to an agent, publishing house, or publication (real or imaginary) that you believe would be receptive to the chosen work given today's marketplace.
- Submit query letter on one 8-1/2 x 11" page printed in 12 point Times New Roman, single spaced, with one inch margins.
- Mail submission to Centennial Writing Contest, P.O. Box 606, Alamo, CA 94507.
- Include a 3 x 5 card with your name, address, email address, and phone number.
- Do not include your name or other identifying information on your query letter.



**Timeline:**

- Submission deadline April 15, 2010
- Winners announced June 1, 2010, in the Mt. Diablo Branch newsletter
- Prizes awarded June 12, 2010, during Mt Diablo Branch meeting at Zio Fracdo's

**Prizes:**

- First Place – Opportunity to pitch your own project to the agent/judge of your choice; \$100; publication of winning entry in Branch newsletter; free lunch at June meeting; certificate
- Second Place – \$50; publication in newsletter; free lunch; certificate
- Third Place – \$25; publication in newsletter; free lunch; certificate

**Judges:**

- **Amberly Finarelli**, a literary agent with Andrea Hurst & Associates Literary Management
- **Michael Larsen**, founder of Larsen-Pomada Literary Agents
- **Lisa Westmoreland**, Project Editor at Ten Speed Press

For links to "To Build a Fire," "Save the Redwoods," and "Columbus," and judges' bios, visit [www.mtDiabloWriters.org](http://www.mtDiabloWriters.org).

## Walking in the Footsteps of Joaquin:

### *The First Annual Gathering of Friends of Joaquin Miller Park*

By Nina Egert

A Frosted Mini-Wheat jumps up on a kitchen table, and quizzes a schoolboy using the mnemonic rhyme, "Columbus sailed the ocean blue..." \* In so doing, he is unwittingly quoting the most famous poem of one of CWC's founders, Joaquin Miller.

A colorful character, Miller was a core member of the flourishing, turn-of-the-century literary scene that included Jack London, John Muir, and poetess (and sometimes mistress), Ina Coolbrith. First meeting as a writer's support group, the collective formally incorporated as the California Writers Club in 1909. Members of the club picnicked frequently at The Hights (sic), a property on the grassy hills above Oakland's original Spanish rancho that Miller had purchased for a writer's retreat in 1886.

In his autobiography, "The Story of Yone Noguchi", Miller's Japanese apprentice (the poet later responsible for instigating the practice of writing haiku in English), wrote of The Hights:

*"... lo ! there the golden sun was sinking heavily down through that gate, as if a mighty king or poet at his departure for "Far Beyond." When I was told afterward by Miller that this was the very place where John C. Fremont, the path-finder, once pitched his tent and was inspired to give the name of Chrysopylae or Golden Gate, the place became thrice more romantic..."*

After Miller's death in 1913, the CWC lobbied the City of Oakland to purchase The Hights, and turn it into a public park. In the 1930's the CWC began planting trees to memorialize deceased members. In 1934, the CWC convinced the city to create Woodminster Theatre and a series of art deco fountains known as "The Cascades". With expansive views of the bay, the outdoor theatre and fountains are exquisite examples of WPA workmanship.

As CWC expanded into other areas of the state, the club became less involved with Joaquin Miller Park, leaving others to adopt it. Today, neighbors hike and jog along its redwood-lined trails. Couples perform outdoor weddings near the romantic fountains. The Friends of Sausal Creek run a native plant nursery on the grounds, and each summer Woodminster Theatre hosts a series of Broadway musicals,

Recently, through the office of Vice-Mayor, Jean Quan, a number of park users have begun to collaborate on improvements with the City of Oakland. On April 25 this group, "The Friends of Joaquin Miller Park", is planning its first annual meeting and celebration. People can join the Friends (dues, \$25) or take a self-guided tour of the park's various monuments to learn about Oakland's artistically rich history.

Any CWC members who would like to participate by reading poetry or serving as a docent for a portion of the tour can contact, Linda Brown at [BrownCalifornia@aol.com](mailto:BrownCalifornia@aol.com). Sunday, April 25, 10AM-3PM, Meadow Area @ Upper Sanborn Drive, Oakland. For more information, go to [www.oaklandnet.com/joaquinmillerpark/](http://www.oaklandnet.com/joaquinmillerpark/) RSVP 510-867-0669 or [sbenavidez@oaklandnet.com](mailto:sbenavidez@oaklandnet.com)

\* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+ZPwquVCucFo&feature=related>

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**WriterAdvice** seeks flash fiction, memoir, and creative non-fiction that mesmerizes the reader in 750 words or less for our fifth annual Flash Prose Contest. The deadline is April 15, 2010. Entry fee: \$10 per submission. First prize: \$150. Former prizewinners are the judges. Complete guidelines, mailing address, and prizes can be found at [www.writeradvice.com](http://www.writeradvice.com).

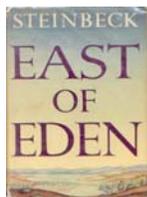
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## Festivals and Conferences

**The 14th Annual 2010 Los Angeles Times Festival of Books** takes place on April 24 and 25, 2010, at the University of California-Los Angeles campus. CWC will have a booth at this event. The event is America's largest book festival and offers exhibitors the opportunity to sell, sample, and display books and product/services related to literacy, the arts, education, music, and culture. For more information on the festival, go to [www.latimes.com/festivalofbooks](http://www.latimes.com/festivalofbooks).

**The Northern California Publishers and Authors Conference** takes place on April 24, 2010 at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, Arden Village. This is an opportunity for emerging and established authors and publishers to hear firsthand from experts. Detailed information is available at [www.norcalpa.org](http://www.norcalpa.org), or by phoning (916) 342-7556.

**The Northern California Storybook and Literature Festival** is scheduled for July 31, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Roseville California. This is a great opportunity to participate and support the literary community of the area. All authors, illustrators, editors, literary agents and publishers who are interested in appearing need to fill out an application by May 1, 2010. The application can be found at: <http://www.roseville.ca.us/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=1956&targetid=5>. For more information, you may also contact Jamie Finley with the Roseville Public Library at (916) 746-1201, or at [www.roseville.ca.us](http://www.roseville.ca.us).



**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. CWC members who register before April 15, 2010 will save \$110 off the regular price and a \$50 savings compared to the public early registration fee. For more conference details, visit [www.southbaywriters.com](http://www.southbaywriters.com).



### CWC Anthology

Many of you have justifiably been curious about the latest status of our Club Anthology. As you recall, many of us submitted short stories and poems 'way back' in 2007, hoping they would be published in our Club's Fifth anthology. The South Bay Branch is now sponsoring this project. South Bay President, Dave LaRoche has detailed the latest status of the Anthology below for your information. ~ *David George*

#### ***Dave LaRoche, South Bay Branch President's Message:***

The following status and questions are currently from Kelly Harrison, our *Westwinds* editor:

- § Query letters going out, one to Heydey in Berkeley so far
- § Mss complete in a month
- § Acceptance/rejection letters going out now/soon
- § Anyone recommending a publisher may contact Kelly with details and she will mail out a query.
- § How long shall we wait for a publisher before going indie or self published
- § Anyone wishing to help proof read, please contact Kelly

## Member Profile

By Jody Denison



### **Profile: Catherine Accardi**

For someone whose use of the English language did not start until the first grade, Catherine has certainly become a mistress of it. Maybe it is because her first language was Italian and its lyricism gave her such a love of words that she looked forward to her writing assignments.

A native of San Francisco, Catherine retired early, happily, from a career in urban planning and transportation analysis. She was now able to focus on her love of writing. She has published numerous articles regarding historic preservation issues in *San Francisco Heritage* and *California Preservation*. Also, *The Mystery Readers Journal* has used eleven of her articles. Catherine had university degrees in photography, urban planning, and historic preservation. Catherine enjoys “visiting the fog” of her beloved City and it certainly seems to have provided her with many ideas.

She is married to Michael and they live in Walnut Creek with Desolina—the cat. Now if that wasn't enough to do, Catherine has been the Editor of the CWC-Mount Diablo Branch newsletter, *The Write News* since 2006. She contributes a history article each quarter for the *Semaphore*, newsletter for the North Beach and Telegraph Hill areas.



Now, the reason for this update: Her book *Images of America-Walnut Creek* has been published. She saw a need for a book like this because there was none in the Arcadia Publishing *Images of America* series. Catherine is currently under contract and writing her second book for Arcadia titled *San Francisco's North Beach and Telegraph Hill*, due out in early 2011. We have learned that this is typical of Catherine, where she sees a need—she fills it, even with the heavy responsibility of the Club newsletter. For that reason, she has earned the Distinguished Service Award given by the CWC Board for service to the Chapter. Well done!

## From the Editor's Desk

By Catherine Accardi

This is our California Writers Club centennial year. This is a "big deal". Think about it. For at least 100 years, people like you and I have been meeting to enjoy, discuss, and learn about writing. That is quite something.

What can each of us do to celebrate this important point in time. We can happily renew our annual CWC membership, we can faithfully attend many/all of our monthly meetings, we can work on our writing projects daily, and we can read great literature. Someone dear to me told me once that I use too many "ly" words (I counted several above) so I apologize profusely, and will focus on improving my writing skills this year. In addition, what I will do next month is continue to feature early California authors as they were described in historic accounts of their day. Nothing captures the essence of our past like accounts written at that moment in time, just as we do at the California Writers Club each month. We too are making the next 100 years a "big deal."



## 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.

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### 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.

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## 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 Committee and the Mount Diablo Board of Directors wish to thank the following donors to the Young Writers Contest from September, 2010, to the present:

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

Barbara Bentley

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*The donor list is continued on the next page.*

### Young Writers Contest Donors *(continued)*

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

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#### **The Gertrude Atherton Guild**

Nanette Cooper McGuinness

This annual Young Writers Contest for middle school students of Contra Costa County awards cash prizes for excellence in short story, poetry, and essay/personal narrative categories. Contest submissions are free and must be received on or before April 12, 2010. Winners are notified in May and presented with their awards at an awards luncheon on Saturday, May 12, 2010, at a local restaurant. 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

### **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.

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## Young Writers Contest Guidelines & Submission Forms

### California Writers Club

Mount Diablo Branch, Contra Costa County

#### YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

**Honoring a New Generation of California Writers**

See <http://mtdiablownriters.org/> for writer details

PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

First and Last Name of your English (and Humanities) Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Manuscript Title \_\_\_\_\_

MANUSCRIPT CATEGORIES (please check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Short Story (up to 5 pages typed, double-spaced)

\_\_\_\_\_ Poem (up to 30 lines, need not be double-spaced)

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Narrative/Essay (up to 3 pages, typed, double-spaced)

Mail submissions to: CWC-Young Writers Contest, P.O. Box 606, Alamo, CA 94507

**DON'T MISS OUT:** Only entries that follow the guidelines EXACTLY will be considered!

#### **CONTEST GUIDELINES:**

1. Contest open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who live in or attend school in Contra Costa County.
2. Submit 2 copies of your manuscript. Do not include artwork or a cover. Your manuscript must be typed or computer generated at 12 point, double-spaced. No staples. Paper clips only.
3. Put your name in the upper left-hand corner of each page. Number each page. Put manuscript title on the first page.
4. Multiple entries are welcome. Each entry must be accompanied by a separate application form (above) or 3x5 card noting: name; home address; home phone; school; grade; e-mail address; teacher; manuscript title; and category.
5. Deadline for submission is 4/12/10. Winners will be announced when judging is complete.
6. INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS BY STUDENTS PREFERRED. TEACHERS: PLEASE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO SUBMIT THEIR STORIES AND POEMS THEMSELVES.

**TEACHERS:** We are striving to encourage individual creativity and expression. Do not send entire class assignments. Teachers of winning students will be invited to attend the May 15 banquet.

**PRIZES:** Winning short stories and poems from each grade level will receive \$100 for first prize, \$50 for second prize and \$25 for third prize. The Betty Tenney Essay Award of \$100 will be given to the best personal narrative/essay in each grade. Second and third place prizes may be awarded in this category at the judges' discretion. Prizes will be presented to winners on May 15, 2010, at a lunch banquet. A published author will speak. Parents are welcome.

# California Writers Club ~ Mount Diablo Branch

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

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***Sail On!***