

The Pen & Press

Northern California
publishers & authors



Thursday 13 APR 2017

6:30pm-8:30pm Regular Meeting

13 APR ~ Sharon Darrow on IBPA Conference ~ Topic: IBPA & More

Denny's (in the Private back room)

3520 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento (Auburn Blvd @ Watt Av & I-80)

No-host food & beverage ... it's not mandatory to make a purchase

You might want to bring a light sweater

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wednesday 19 April~ 12N-2pm ~ LUNCHTIME MEETING

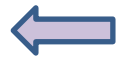
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AGENDA: Discussions and Q&A's relating to all things writing & publishing



**SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2017 ~ NCPA AWARDS BANQUET
CHERRY ISLAND GOLF COURSE
Elverta, CA**



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW ~ ONLY \$25



2ND Thursday Evening Regular Meetings * 6:30PM – 8:30PM

11 MAY: Jeri Chase Ferris: How to write NF & Historical Fiction, dig up (true) facts, work with Editors & Publishers, plus much, much more

8 JUNE ~ Pending

13 JULY ~ No speaker ~ Networking

10 AUG ~ Stephanie Chandler ~ Advanced Book Marketing and Launch Strategies

14 SEP ~ Pending

3RD Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings AT DENNY'S * 12N-2PM

17 May ~ NO SPEAKER

21 June ~ NO SPEAKER

19 July ~ NO SPEAKER

16 Aug ~ NO SPEAKER

20 Sep~ NO SPEAKER

18 Oct ~ NO SPEAKER

NO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE THIS MONTH

I apologize for a totally late March newsletter, and no President's Message this month, but there have been a major abundance of extenuating circumstances for both Sharon and me. (That sounds awfully awkward, but I've been told it's proper grammar and the only reason I'm saying "me" instead of "I" is because we're all writers! If I'm wrong, somebody PLEASE correct me, because I always struggle with that ... the me/ I, not the writers part!)

Sharon's been dealing with family health issues plus more, and I've been fighting with AT&T since 14 March, the day they disconnected my Internet service in anticipation of setting me up with U-Verse ... they never came back to finish the job, and three (3) scheduled appointments later ... with 3 no-shows and 3 no-calls to advise, today, 30 March, I'm still without the Internet ... but ... they're scheduled to be here tomorrow (31 Mar) to hook me up, and once more, I've received two phone calls reminding me they'll be here tomorrow. Just like they've done the other 3 times ... I'm not holding my breath. (I know, both the paragraph and sentence are too long, but I'm still mad, and rushed, and I have a tendency to babble even more at those times.)

I have to be at the library before 5:30pm to get this out TODAY, in case AT&T flakes on me again tomorrow. The library's closed tomorrow for Cesar Chavez Day, so I can't do it then, and it's going out in March, .no matter what I have to do!

This newsletter is going to be ONLY BOOK AWARDS BANQUET related, because I'm now so far behind on publicizing for ticket sales. *Norma Jean*

Ticket deadline 10 April 2017

**Hurry and get them now! Pay online at norcalpa.org
or send a check Northern California Publishers & Authors (NCPA)
PO Box 214673 ~ Sacramento, CA 95821**

NCPA's 2017 Book Awards Banquet

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NCPA Special HONOR

During the Book Awards Banquet on 23 April, in addition to NCPA's \$1,000 Scholarship to a local high school senior headed for college with an interest in writing or publishing, NCPA will also honor Ken Umbach and Laurie Hoirup by giving a donation in their names to 916 INK.

Rosa Umbach and J.R. Hoirup have been invited to be guests of NCPA for the presentation and dinner.

Michael Marks, Your Produce Guy, from CW31 ... and Host for California State Fair Kitchen Events, will be our Emcee

Katie McCleary from 916 INK (www.916ink.org) will be our Guest Speaker and will give a short presentation on their writing program for kids of all ages. Anthologies written and published by the kids will be available for sale.

MORE ON 916 INK

916 Ink empowers students through creative writing to become strong writers and effective communicators. We partner with nonprofits, after-school programs and libraries, public schools, and youth detention facilities.

In addition, we offer free creative writing classes, workshops, and field trips at our whimsical 916 Ink Imaginarium in South Sacramento. We have transformed more than 3,000 marginalized children and teens into confident authors, leading them on a path to increased literacy skills and improved academics.

Our students' work is featured in more than 75 published books which can be purchased online at www.916ink.org. In 2016/2017, 916 Ink will provide more than 36 hours of writing instruction to over 2,000 low-income youth and publish them in over 30 books. Our annual budget is \$750,000.

Improves writing and reading proficiencies at every grade level and in addition, 5th-12th graders are given pre and post assessments about their writing skills.

In a typical 12-week writing workshop, 30 youth:

- Write for 24 hours with 5-6 trained adult volunteers
- Read 24 new pieces of literature
- Engage in the revision process and excel their grammar skills
- Polish 5 pieces of writing for publication
- Collaborate with peers to create a title for their anthology
- Learn public speaking skills for the book release celebration

One of their students from Futures HS, Gateway Community Charters, has already submitted an entry to NCPA's \$1,000 scholarship ... and her entry's impressive!!

FINAL ENTRIES TO THE 2016-17 BOOK COMPETITION

1. Reneau Z. Peurifoy Anger Taming The Beast General NF
2. Reneau Z. Peurifoy Why Did God Give Us Emotions General NF
3. Elaine Russell Martin McMillan and the Sacred Stones Children YA
4. Mary M Roy Coming To America, An Immigrant's Voyage NF Memoir
5. Tom Kando Humanity's Future, The Next 25,000 Years General Fiction
6. P.R. Steele See Dan Run General Fiction
7. Ronald Javor Sam and Sue's Space Adventure Children's
8. Elaine Faber Mrs. Odboddy Hometown Patriot General Fiction
9. Francis X Biasi Slaughter House Chronicles General Fiction
10. Mark McLaughlin Snowbound! Legendary Winters of the Tahoe Sierra General NF
11. A.K. Buckroth (Andrea Roth) Kisses for Cash T1D meets T2D Book 3 Young Adult
12. John P Szeker Countdown: Cannon Steel General Fiction
13. M.D. Kambic (Science Thrillers Media) Everest Rising General Fiction (Publisher)
14. Sarah Armstrong-Garner Sinking Yung Adult
15. June Gillam House of Eire: A Hillary Broome Novel General Fiction
16. Judy Ann Pierce The Surprising Scary Day Children's
17. Virginia A. Simpson ~ The Space Between: A Memoir of Mother-Daughter Love at the End of Life
Non-Fiction Memoir
18. John Mayfield Body Intelligence A New Paradigm General Non-Fiction
19. Norma Jean Thornton Soups & Beans, Chowders & More 1-Pot Stuff ~ Gen NF Rustic
Cookbook
20. James Perry The Fiery Women of Angel's Four General Fiction,
21. Karlene Ryan Genevieve Has A Very, Very Periwinkle Day Children
22. Lisa Monroy Gilbert the Great Children

**Support your fellow authors ~ attend NCPA's 26th Book Awards Banquet
5pm ~ Sunday 23 April 2017 ~ Cherry Island Golf Course, Elverta CA**

2016-17 BOOK AWARDS BANQUET

SAME PLACE < SAME MENU > SAME PRICE (Great Birthday or Holiday Gift!)

***Sunday 23 April 2017 * 5 PM * TICKET DEADLINE 10 APRIL 2017**

***CHERRY ISLAND GOLF COURSE ~ 2360 Elverta Rd ~ Elverta, CA 95626**

\$25 Buffet includes all you can eat ~ **NO HOST BAR**

- **Silent Auction for 2018 Scholarship**
- **3rd year for \$1,000 Scholarship to local HS student college-bound for Pub or Writing**
- **The 2016 on-site bookstore* went so well, it'll be back * Must Be Present to Sell Books**
 - **NEW THIS YEAR ~ Donation to 916 INK (more info about 916 Ink on page 3)**
 - **NEW CARD RAFFLE WILL FUND this donation.**

TICKET DEADLINE 10 APRIL

CONTACT AMY ROGERS for rules and to make sure you qualify



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Don't miss out on a really easy way to sell your books! You don't even have to do it yourself!

Just take them with you to NCPA's 26 Anniversary Awards Banquet, hand them over to NCPA Treasurer Amy, and enjoy the festivities, the camaraderie, the fun-emcee, *Michael Marks, learn about 916 Ink, and of course the food!

It's time to start purchasing those tickets to the awards banquet on Sun 23 April 2017

- Support your fellow NCPA members and others, in their quest for a book award
- Bid high on your favorite items at the Scholarship Silent Auction ~ lots of goodies
- Meet the new \$1,000 scholarship winner
- Take your chance for big \$\$\$ with our new Card Raffle ~ Share the results with 916 INK in honor of Ken Umbach & Laurie Hoirup
- Meet members of 916 INK, and check out their children's work in published Anthologies
- Sell your books ~ more information to come in the March newsletter and on the website
- Meet our Emcee, **Your Produce Man, Michael Marks, Good Day Sacramento** ...**AND** ...he also Emcees all of the California State Fair's Cooking Events, including the Kitchen Competition. He and wife Julie share that job at times. Michael is a bowl of good fun, and you'll laugh, hearing his tales about a cookbook and his first attempt at making an angel food cake for his mom. He has plenty of other stuff to delight your senses.
- What better way to celebrate National English Language Day ...
- And the final thing ... National Nose-picking day! But we'll have none of that there that night! If you must, do it before you get there!



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GENEROUS DONORS to 2017 SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AUCTION

YOUR NAME &/or BUSINESS COULD ALSO GO HERE ~ IF YOU DONATE!

- ★ **Back again ... just like clockwork, Grand Oaks Inn B&B in Clements California ... annual donation, since day one of our Silent Auctions, even prior to the Scholarship.**
- ★ New York Times, USA TODAY Best-Selling Award Winning **Romantic Suspense** Author Brenda Novak donated her signature classy mini-tote, plus the entire 10-book-set of her Whiskey Creek Series ~ **\$100 Value** www.brendanovak.com Repeat donor numerous years
- ★ For the 2nd year, the Antelope Marketplace **Tugboat Fish & Chips** has donated a gift card. This is my very favorite Tugboat location ... clean, friendly, and always excellent food! ... including their tasty little chicken lumpia! And their homemade tartar sauce ... made daily!
- ★ Also for the 2nd year, our host venue, **Cherry Island Golf Course**, has donated one day of golf for 4, golf-cart included. **\$212 Value** www.golfcherryisland.com 916-991-6875
- ★ **NEW DONOR:** NCPA member **Andrea Roth**, writing as **A.K. Buckroth**, has donated 10 pages of Proofreading, from **Buckroth Enterprises Proofreading Services** ~ **\$250 Value** mydiabeticsoul@pacbell.net * 916-489-1599
- ★ For the 2nd year, **NCPA will offer a 3 year Membership, valued at \$120** ~ Thank you Ron Javor for being high bidder this year.
- ★ **NEW DONOR** Author & Contributing Editor to Writer's Digest, **Steven James** : Signed Book: "**Troubleshooting Your Novel**":
- ★ **Also back again SHARIF'S Jewelers** has once more donated a lovely ring ~ Valued at \$500
- ★ **Another Repeat, Lodi Zinfest Wine Festival** is back for another year, this time with 4 tickets
- ★ **NEW DONOR Elaine Faber & Husband ... Restored Record Player**
- ★ **DONATING \$100 cash:** Very Generous NCPA Members, **Karl Palachuk** and **Elaine Faber** and **Horation Alger Society** via NCPA Past President **Barry Schoenborn**
- ★ NCPA member, guest speaker, and Author-Literary Attorney Susan Spann will be donating a basket of goodies from her trip to Japan when she returns.
- ★ NCPA member, author Margie Yee Webb will donate a "Kitty Basket"

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