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The Pen & Press

Northern California
publishers & authors

April Meeting: Thursday 12 April 2018

NO SPEAKER ~ State of NCPA, Housekeeping & getting ready for Awards Banquet

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

**2018 Book Awards Banquet
Sunday 22 April 2018**

Cherry Island Golf Course, Elverta, CA

Get your
BANQUET
TICKETS
NOW

An Email will be sent a few days to a week prior to EACH WEDNESDAY LUNCH MEETING, asking for an RSVP if you plan to attend. If we don't receive the minimum amount required another Email will be sent, notifying that the meeting has been canceled. **PLEASE SEND AN RSVP EMAIL to normathornton@yahoo.com if you plan to attend this month's NOON meeting.** Thank you. It's either this, or stop the Wed meetings completely.

2018 * 2ND Thursday Evening Regular Meetings * 6:30PM – 8:30PM

10 May ~ Angelica Jackson: Setting up a Website with WIX

14 June ~ Rae James: Writing a Series, How to Plot a Mystery * Bouchercon 2020

12 July ~ **NO SPEAKER**: Schmooze-time and Catch-up

9 Aug ~ Jennifer Grainger: Ghostwriting

3RD Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings AT DENNY'S ~ NO GUEST SPEAKERS

18 April

16 May

20 June

NO MEETING IN JULY * FAIR TIME!

March 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you all!

This will be my last President's message since I will no longer be your President after the elections. I will get the ballots out to all members early next week, and everyone will have ten days to vote.

There are no "races" since all the volunteers for each office are running unopposed, but your vote is still very important. Your vote shows that you are involved and care about the group. Your participation and involvement is very important for the officers -- they need your energy and enthusiasm to inspire them to keep the NCPA growing and improving.

It has truly been a privilege to serve as NCPA President for the last three years. Getting to know so many of you personally has been a pleasure, and I'm proud of what we've accomplished.

Next year I will be the Vice President -- no one else volunteered! -- to assist Michelle Hamilton. She is an incredibly prolific and talented writer and someone I admire more than I can express.

Michelle is also an extremely busy person, so your suggestions and assistance will be important to help her keep the group as vital and helpful as possible.

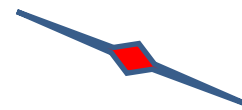
The judge's luncheon was held Saturday, and many of the decisions were extremely difficult. We had more entries (a total of 32) than ever before. There were two very large categories -- Fiction with 12 entries, and Poetry with 5 -- with many outstanding books. One thing you can be sure of, the judges all understand what courage it takes to send your "baby" out to be judged. So from each of the judges, I want to send you congratulations for being a winner in their eyes for having published your work and for having enough courage and confidence to enter the competition.

Now we have to turn our eyes toward the banquet, where the awards will be presented, on Sunday, April 22nd. All the details are on our website, norcalpa.org, so please check it out and make your plans to attend. Your entry fees covered one ticket, but if you are bringing a cheering section of family and/or friends, they need to purchase their tickets. Tickets are \$30 each and are available on the website as well, on the bottom part of the above link. We do need to know if any of you want the vegan entree, since the venue staff needs a count to make enough for those who select that choice.

See everyone at the Awards Banquet Sunday 22 April 2018.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart,

Sharon Darrow, NCPA President
NCPA Membership Chair
NCPA Book Awards Coordinator
916-803-1665 sharon@sharonsdarrow.com



Note regarding SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER (N/L)

I'm more than happy to add things to the newsletter (N/L) but don't always have time to look them up for more info. Please, if ANY of you want something included in the N/L, either send it written as if it's your by-line, or at least give more information. I can always edit and rewrite as necessary, if for no other reason than space, but I don't always have time to do the research on an item.

Received the following, as-is, for the N/L from California Writers Club (CWC) Sorry; I know nothing more than what's written here, regarding a Pitch-a-thon in SF. I don't know if it's CWC related, or something else. Some of you might know exactly what it is, but there are many more who don't, OR who might like other pertinent info prior to clicking on a link. *(Editor)*

UPCOMING Local & Closeby Writing Events (pay close attention to Cap Crimes)

- Annual Pitch-a-thon in San Francisco. Pitch-O-Rama (S.F.)
<http://wnba-sfchapter.org/pitch-o-rama-2018/> **3-31**
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- GOOD DAY SACRAMENTO is now running a Weekend Book Club. email **Tina Macuha** gooddaytina@kmaxtv.com Info from non-members of NCPA, Elizabeth & Hannah Jorgensen their book, *I Love You More*, was featured Sat 3 March 2018. (That's Channel 31)
- Ncpa Book Awards Banquet : 24th Annual **Sun 22 Apr 5-9pm** Cherry Island Golf Course ... \$30 Buffet ... sign-up at norcalpa.org
- **NCPA Publishing Seminar ~ 11am-3pm Wed 16 May or Thu 17 May** : your choice of day ~ \$10 Student, \$20 NCPA Member, \$30 Non-NCPA Member

California Writers Club CWC: **9am-11am Fri 6 April** First Friday Network Coco's, 7887 Madison Av **C.H. Roger S. Peterson**, Editor, Writing Coach, Business Writer Friends in High Places Maintain Your Credibility by Avoiding Language Misuse by Those We Might Otherwise Follow!

Bring Market Leads & Marketing Tips (purchase off menu if you wish)

FREE Genealogy classes scheduled ~ Sundays, 1-2:30pm more details on page 6 Central Library:

Central Library: Sun April 8: Make Sense Out of Census Records -- An Overview: Fact or Fiction? - Bill Cole
Central Library: Sun April 29: The Top 10 Skills Every Genealogist Needs – Nancy Loe

California Writers Club (CWC) **11am-1:00pm Sat 21 April** Cattleman's 12409 Folsom Blvd, **R.C. Jacqueline Doyle**, Essayist, Multiple-Time Pushcart Prize Nominee, Professor, CSUS East Bay: Focusing Your Memoir or Family History through Photographs, Bring a photo of a relative in a previous generation (preferably 1-2 people, or 1-2 you can single out in a group photo) for a short writing exercise
\$15 members/ \$20 guests, lunch included

CAPITOL CRIMES **1pm-3pm Sat 21 April** monthly meeting Rancho Cordova Library ~ FREE
four Authors share tips & tools about **Marketing & Promoting**: ~ **ML Hamilton (Michelle)** ~ **Cherie O'Boyle** ~ **Lisa Slabach** - **Marie Sutro** (Note of interest: Michelle is NCPA's incoming President)

FYI: You can make it to both the CWC and Cap Crimes meetings on Sat 21 Apr, since they're only a few miles away from each other, off Folsom Blvd. You might have to leave CWC a few minutes early, or get to Cap Crimes a few minutes late, but you'll still be able to get most of each. I do that each time I can attend.

UPCOMING NCPA EVENTS FOR 2018

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- **Sun 22 Apr ~ BOOK AWARDS BANQUET ~ CHERRY ISLAND Golf Course**
- 10 May: **Angelica Jackson: Setting up a Website**
- **Wed 16 May ~ 11am-3pm NCPA 4-hour PUBLISHING SEMINAR:** Barry Schoenborn, Past Pres
- **Thu 17 May ~ 11am-3pm NCPA 4-hour PUBLISHING SEMINAR:** Barry Schoenborn, Past Pres
(Seating will be limited to 10 each day. 1st come, 1st serve. Save your date today! We'll start taking reservations soon YOUR CHOICE of either day ... or if you like it so much, take it twice!)
- 14 June ~ **Rae James: Writing a Series, How to Plot a Mystery, & Bouchercon 2020**
- 12 July ~ NO SPEAKER: Schmooze-time and Catch-up
- 9 Aug ~ **Jennifer Grainger: Ghostwriting**
- 13 Sep ~ **Sherry Joyce: What One Learns After Publishing 1st Book**
- 11 Oct ~ **Eleanor Russell: Bringing Other Countries & Cultures to Life & Research Surprises**
- 8 Nov ~ **Danna Wilberg:** Presentatiuon TBD
- **SUNDAY 1 or 8 Dec ~ 2nd Annual Holiday Luncheon, Black Angus : TENTATIVE dates**
- 13 Dec ~ NO Speaker: **BOOK DISPLAY**, Sell, Share & Schmooze
- 19 Dec Wed Lunchtime meeting **** NEW**** ~ NO Speaker, **BOOK DISPLAY**, Sell, Share & schmooze during Wed meeting, also, but you must RSVP for this one.

NCPA member Andrea Roth has coordinated with NCPA to set up a series of FREE Book-selling events she's titled "**Authors Showcase ~ Meet the Authors!**" and is working on more.

The following library dates and locations are scheduled, but logistics are still being worked out. Once Andrea knows how many authors there will be room for, she'll let us know and we'll start confirming your requests. Remember, it's on a first-come, first-serve basis. NCPA members and potential members (one-time) only. Please be sure to provide website address OR other address where your book(s) may be located, plus your Email address and phone number.

Upcoming Author Showcase Events Date & Library so far:

If you're interested in being one of the authors, would like to join us for any upcoming Library Events, or would like your local library to be included in upcoming events, please contact: Andrea Roth (w/a A.K. Buckroth) 916-396-3414 or normathornton@yahoo.com

- **Saturday 28 April 12Noon-2pm, Rancho Cordova**
 - **Saturday 12 May 2018 Elk Grove**

Andrea advertises with press releases to the Rio Vista Beacon * Sacmag.com * American Messenger * Around Here Magazine (includes readers through the Carmichael Times and Arden Arcade newspapers), and contacts * Nextdoor Neighbor * American Towns * plus adding to FB.

Reinforcing the mantra that we have to promote ourselves, Andrea encourages everyone to do the same with their area media outlets, and suggests if an outlet requests a picture, use the poster/flyers that she will send you.

Thank you Andrea, for taking on this huge task for all NCPA members

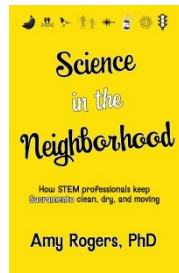
MEMBER NEWS : HEALTH UPDATE: Got an Email from **Cindy Sample** today (Tue 27 Mar). She was just headed out the dxor for a Chemo Class at Kaiser. She says nothing's new, except her chemo starts next week. Cindy also thanks everyone for thinking about her.

HEALTH UPDATE: Email from **Andrea Roth** relating that her sciatica is worse and she's now been diagnosed with Lumbar Stenosis and Disk Disease on top of her Diabetes.

Get better soon, you two!

If you, or any other NCPA member or family have any personal or health issues (including pregnancies ... greats, or grands ... marriages or engagements, etc.), let me know so we can acknowledge it.

NEW RELEASE March 28 is release day for **Amy Rogers'** first nonfiction work, *Science in the Neighborhood: How STEM dry, and moving*, an updated and INSIDE publications over the past four



professionalists keep Sacramento clean, expanded collection of her articles from years.

"In this fascinating collection, Dr. Amy pets a snake, listens to an iron lung, climb a ladder, buys earthquake plant, and much more as she explores Sacramento transportation, weather,

Rogers holds her nose at a landfill, votes for a science idol, watches fish insurance, visits a water treatment the science and engineering behind utilities, ecology, and health.

Whether you live in Northern California or not, you'll find answers to questions you took for granted, and practical tips that you can use at home—because science is in everybody's neighborhood." Available in paperback and eBook formats.

MORE GREAT NEWS FOR AMY *The Han Agent*, a thriller novel written and published by NCPA member **Amy Rogers**, was just named a finalist in the 2017 Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards in the category of Adult Fiction: Thriller & Suspense.

As part of its mission to discover, review, and share the best books from independent publishers (and authors), Foreword Magazine hosts its annual awards program each year. Finalists represent the best books published in 2017.

After more than 2,000 individual titles spread across 65 genres were submitted for consideration, the list of finalists was determined by Foreword's editorial team.

Winners will be decided by an expert team of booksellers and librarians—representing Foreword's readership—from across the country and announced June 15, 2018.

The Han Agent was also recently named a finalist in the Chanticleer Book Awards, category Global Thrillers & LabLit. Winners will be announced April 21.(That's a day before our NCPA Book Awards Banquet, where *The Han Agent* is also entered in the competition.

Way to go Amy! Good luck! <https://www.forewordreviews.com/awards/finalists/2017/thriller/>

FREE on AMAZON: Elaine Faber's *Black Cat & the Lethal Lawyer*, 2nd in her Black Cat Mysteries, is FREE at Amazon this week (28 March) <http://tinyurl.com/q3qrgyu>

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GENEALOGY ~ CLASSES & More : Interested in Genealogy, doing Family research, want to, and don't know where, or how to begin? Did the **DNA** test, so now what? Find classes below:

Also FYI : Reruns of **Long Lost Family** is back on the TLC Station on TV if you're interested in watching real **DNA** help in finding lost families. Hopefully the new season will start soon.

- **Ancestry.com FREE on computers at all Sacramento County Libraries**
- **LDS Family Research Library on Eastern Av: Public Classes and Research are FREE**, and **ALL** are welcome. You do **NOT** have to be a member of the Church to visit the Library and use their services.. Check out their Pubic Classes and more,. At <http://www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org/> (Thanks NCPA member **Kristy Taylor** for info)
- **Central Library 828 I Street, downtown Sacramento** has FREE Classes on Genealogy. All lectures are on **Sundays, 1:00–2:30pm**, in the West Meeting Room on the 1st floor. There is no registration. For information, please contact Beth Daugherty, Librarian, at bdaugherty@saclibrary.org Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Phone: 916-264-2920. Website: <http://www.saclibrary.org>

Following upcoming classes scheduled at CENTRAL LIBRARY:

- April 8: Make Sense Out of Census Records – An Overview: Fact or Fiction? – Bill Cole
- April 29: The Top 10 Skills Every Genealogist Needs – Nancy Loe
- May 6: Johnny's Gone for a Soldier: Civil War Records Prolific & Powerful – James Baker
- June 24: **GEDMatch and Managing Autosomal DNA Test Results** – Carol Dove
- July 15: Getting the Most from Internet Archive – Gena Philibert-Ortega
- Aug 12: So Many Stories So Little Time : Why the Back Story Matters Kathryn Marshall
- Sept 16: Understanding Land Records – Melinda Kashuba
- Oct 7: Open Pandora's Box: DNA Finds Unexpected, Improper Ancestors James Baker
- November 4: Who's In Your F-A-N Club? – Glenda Gardner Lloyd
- Dec 2: Key Decisions When Conceptualizing Your Family History Book Kathryn Marshall

If you need a copy of the handout for any presentations Beth Daugherty will be happy to send them. Contact her at: (916) 264-2979 or bdaugherty@saclibrary.org – To watch videos of some of Central Library's previous genealogy presentations, go to the library's YouTube webpage. Watch those videos anytime by clicking on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwtrWI_IBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGWXeQ6Rmjn

The Central Library is located at 828 I Street in downtown Sacramento. When you enter the library on I Street, the West Meeting Room will be immediately on your left in the lobby. Street parking near the library is free on Sundays. If you park in a garage, the least expensive option is the City of Sacramento garage, located on 11th Street, just south of I Street. It has a flat rate of \$5.00 on weekends. You can also find information about parking on the website Parkopedia (<http://www.parkopedia.com/>). Type in the zip code "95814" and then select the hours for your arrival and departure. There is a charge to park in the Sacramento County Jury parking lot between 8th, 9th, F and G Streets.

Beth Daugherty Genealogy/Reference Services Librarian Sacramento Public Library Central
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Web Corner ~ Sites of Interest

Thanks to **Andrea Roth** for the following: a list of book promotional websites from **Brittany of Sacramento Suburban Writers Club**

“Free fiction sites are websites where people go to find free novels, short stories, and poems online. Though most offer nonfiction areas, most people seek out these sites for fiction. They are a good place to both practice writing for feedback and to garner a fan base. Giving out a free book that is not [necessarily] the one you are trying to sell.”

- **Fanfiction.net** The first major site dedicated to fan fiction on the internet. This site is solely dedicated to fan fiction and tends to sway with a younger crowd of readers. With its large reader base, it is a great place to both find readers and to get feedback on your writing style.
- **FictionPress.com** A spin off of Fanfiction.net, this is for original fiction only. It is smaller, but has a dedicated fan base.
- **Wattpad.com** Dedicated to everything, Wattpad covers all ends of the writing spectrum. Fiction is still the most searched for and read on the site. The advantage is there are lots of readers. It also has a unique comment system where people can comment on specific passages if they like. The disadvantage is that it is hard to get noticed. The most popular stuff is pushed to the top and new and/or not often read stuff is pushed to the bottom. It can be hard to find new authors.
- **Tablo.io** A smaller site dedicated to original novels, poems, and journals. The advantage and disadvantage is that the site is similar so you are more likely to find readers but fewer readers than the other sites.
- **GoodReads.com** By far the biggest site of book lovers on the internet. Though not fully intended to be a place to read free novels, they can be found, read, and commented upon. The major disadvantage to this site is that most people don't go there looking specifically to read free books, but to talk with people online about books in the forums.

Miscellaneous Websites for writing-related information:

- How Long Should a Book Be? -- Word Count For Books Explained from Writers Digest (WD) <http://www.writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/guide-to-literary-agents/word-count-for-novels-and-childrens-books-the-definitive-post>
- We Have No Secrets National Association Memoir Writers (Different amount of words in memoir than from WD) <http://namw.org/2018/02/we-have-no-secrets/>
- Common Mistakes Made When Writing a Book in Microsoft Word Jera Publishing <http://www.self-pub.net/blog/common-mistakes-made-when-writing-a-book-in-microsoft-word/>

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SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW NCPA AUTHORS BY CHOOSING YOUR FAVORITE NCPA MEMBER'S BOOK, AND SEND YOUR REVIEW FOR AN UPCOMING NEWSLETTER

NO BOOK REVIEWS THIS MONTH ... COME ON GUYS AND GALS ... WE'VE ALL READ A BOOK OR TWO IN OUR LIVES ... SURELY SOME ARE BY NCPA MEMBERS ... SEND IN THOSE REVIEWS!

Book Review

THANK YOU BANQUET VOLUNTEERS!!

Many thanks to new NCPA member **Christine (Chrissi) Villa** for the great table decorations ~ she made ALL of the paper flowers and attached them to our new NCPA pencils, PLUS, she's also going to be our official photographer. In addition, she entered a children's book in the awards. . THANK YOU CHRISSE ... she immediately, and enthusiastically, jumped in with both feet, and we greatly appreciate it.

THANK YOU SILENT AUCTION DONORS (plus DONATION INFORMATION)

Silent Auction Donations so far: We have some great new donations, as well as many repeats:

Jennifer T. Grainger : MANUSCRIPT EVALUATION valued at \$450 : Professional review of your manuscript: Quality of writing : Marketability ... good for one year, until 22 April 2019 ... Donated by one of our judges,. Check out her website: JenniferTheEditor.org Thank you Jennifer! (BTW: Jennifer's also a Ghost Writer, and will be our Guest Speaker 9 August with a presentation on Ghost Writing)

Frances Kakugawa, NCPA's Poet Laureate, has donated several of her Poetry books, and will be reading some of her poetry during the Banquet, Frances also has a Book on Poetry entered.

Amy Rogers: Custom Author Website through Wix.com *

Special Reading by **Sharon** (if you missed her on KFBK, now's the time to find out what it's all about)

Doreen Irwin/ Shandoni Ranch, Elverta : Print of one of her Paintings More info to come

Barry Schoenborn (HAS), Professional Zipper Pad Holder with pad and pen

GOLF package, **Cherry Island Golf Course**

1 night stay **Grand Oaks Inn B&B in Clements** + 2nd & 3rd nights half-price

3 year **NCPA** Membership

Waiting on some, working on more ... if you have anything to donate, please let me know.

Also, you don't have to be at the Banquet to bid on an item. If you're interested in something, let me know the max you'll go and I'll follow it for you (Norma 916-991-5751) normathornton@yahoo.com

NCPA BOOK AWARDS BANQUET ~ RECORD 32 BOOKS SUBMITTED!

Sunday 22 April 2018 * 5pm-9pm

Cherry Island Golf Course * 2360 Elverta Rd, Elverta, CA

All you can eat Buffet: Chicken, Tri-Tip, Vegan Pasta, Rice, Beans, Salad, Rolls & Cake

- * Silent Auction proceeds to 916Ink, in memory of Ken, Laurie & Pam * Card Split * Onsite Bookstore *
- * Poetry Read by NCPA Poet Laureate Frances Kakugawa, award-winning International Author
- * Emcee: Sam Shane, Author and former Anchor CBS 13 & KCRA 3
- * Emcee Bitsy Kemper, Author, Strategist, AR-SCBWI CA North/Central Region, & all-round Great Gal!

And of course, our BOOK AWARDS ~ RECORD 32 BOOKS ENTERED * Plus MORE! * **NO HOST BAR**
\$30 tickets on sale now, at norcalpa.org or NCPA * PO Box 214673 * Sacramento, CA * 95821
Mark Regular or Vegan (FYI: One dinner ticket included in each Book Award entry)

www.LeftCoastCrime.org/2018
"Crime on the Comstock" Left Coat Crime 2018
Reno, NV
23-25 March 2018

Humorwriters.org
Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop
5-7 April 2018
University of Dayton, Ohio
Erma's Alma Mater

Bouchercon2020.org
World Mystery Convention Bouchercon is coming to Sacramento!
15-18 October 2020, NCPA's own Rae James is Chair of
Bouchercon 2020 at the Sacramento Convention Center
Registration now open

NCPA Publishing Seminar
Wed 16 May 11am-3pm * OR *
Thu 17 May 11am-3pm
Denny's 3520 Auburn Blvd Sacto
Barry Schoenborn Past NCPA Prez

**NCPA
BOOK AWARDS
BANQUET
22 April 2018**

CRIMES APR MEETING

Capitol Crimes
1pm-3pm ~ Saturday 21 April 21
Rancho Cordova Library.
Four Authors share tips & tools on
Marketing & Promoting: ML Hamilton ~
Cherie O'Boyle - Lisa Slabach - Marie Sutro

NCPA Celebrates 27th Anniversary & 24th Book Awards Banquet

5pm - 9pm Sunday 22 April 2018

Cherry Island Golf Course
2360 Elverta Rd, Elverta CA

\$30 dinner tickets * (One Dinner included with each Book Entry) now on sale at norcalpa.org
or send your check to NCPA, PO Box 214673 ~ Sacramento, CA 95821

* **Be sure to mark if regular or Vegan**

All you can eat Buffet: Chicken, Tri-Tip, Vegan Pasta, Rice, Beans, Salad, Rolls & Cake

Norcalpa.org Publishing Seminar UPDATE

NCPA 4 hour Publishing Seminar: YOUR CHOICE: 11am-3pm Wednesday 16 May 2018
OR 11am-3pm Thursday 17 May 2018

Purchasing food or drink will not be necessary, but always appreciated by Denny's.

We'll start taking reservations sometime in March ~ We're working on the Awards Banquet now

Former NCPA President, long-time owner of Willow Valley Press and Publisher for Kiyo Sato's Saroyan Award-Winning book, Dandelion through the Crack, Barry Schoenborn, will teach the seminar, and is donating his services: proceeds go to the NCPA PROJECTS FUND

\$10 Student * \$20 Member * \$30 Non-member (Drop-ins, add \$10)

It's that time again! The **NCPA election for new officers will start on April 1st. and end on April 15th**, giving you a good amount of time to complete your ballot. You will receive your ballot instructions by email, with an individual password to track the voting. All active members, as well as those whose renewals were due from January 1, 2018, will receive ballots. If you don't receive one, please be sure to let me know. That might indicate that your renewal has lapsed, or your email address is not current, or that my fingers got muddled up on the keyboard. Thank you all, and remember that even when a candidate is running unopposed, your vote means a lot. Please take the time to complete your ballot when you receive it. **Sharon Darrow**

MAKING CONNECTIONS CORNER with our Local Sister Writing Organizations

Capitol Crimes

Sacramento Chapter of Sisters in Crime

1pm-3pm ~ Saturday 21 April 21 FREE

Rancho Cordova Library,
9845 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova

**Four Authors share tips & tools on
Marketing & Promoting Your Book!**

ML Hamilton - <http://www.authormlhamilton.net>

Cherie O'Boyle - <http://www.cherieoboyle.com>

Lisa Slabach - <http://www.lisaslabach.com/wordpress1/>

Marie Sutro - <http://www.mariesutro.com>

By day, ML Hamilton (Michelle) is a high school English teacher, but by night, she's a mystery writer with 37 novels in her catalogue. She always wanted to be published, but feared showing people her work. In 2010, all that changed with the publication of her first novel, Emerald, by Wild Wolf Publications.

Editor's Note: (Michelle is NCPA's incoming President)

Cherie O'Boyle has been writing and publishing traditionally, as author/publisher, and freelance in both non-fiction and fiction since 1982. She will focus her presentation on marketing novels, and will outline a few steps authors can take to increase sales.

Lisa Slabach is the author of Degrees of Love, her debut novel, and is currently working on her third full-length manuscript and a collection of short stories inspired by her experiences growing up in a small farm community in Washington's Yakima Valley. In addition to writing, Lisa works for a Fortune 500 Company, leading a sales team in the financial industry.

Marie Sutro was born in the San Francisco Bay Area, which serves as the setting for her suspense novel, Dark Associations, an Amazon best-seller and finalist for the Best New Voice in Fiction award. The story is inspired by family history - her great-grandfather, grandfather and father, all having served at the San Francisco Police Department.

California Writers Club (CWC)

9am-11am Fri 6 April First Friday Network Coco's, 7887 Madison Avenue, Citrus Heights

Roger S. Peterson, Editor, Writing Coach, Business Writer : **Friends in High Places:**

Maintain Your Credibility by Avoiding Language Misuse by Those We Might Otherwise Follow!

Bring Market Leads & Marketing Tips (purchase off menu if you wish)

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11am-1:00pm Sat 21 April Cattleman's, 12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova

Jacqueline Doyle, Essayist, Multiple-Time Pushcart Prize Nominee, Professor, CSUS East Bay:

Focusing Your Memoir or Family History through Photographs, *Bring a photo of a relative in a previous generation (preferably 1-2 people, or 1-2 you can single out in a group photo) for a short writing exercise*

\$15 members/ \$20 guests, lunch included

MAKING CONNECTIONS CORNER with our Local Sister Writing Organizations

**California Writers Club (CWC)
(Sacramento Branch)**

- Monthly Luncheon Meetings generally **3rd Saturday** of each month ~ 11am – 1pm
\$15 members, \$20 non-members, includes lunch **Rancho Cordova Cattlemen's**
- Writers Network 9-11am 1st Fri monthly **Coco's** 7887 Madison Av @ Sunrise, Citrus Heights
Open to public, pay for your own breakfast (**NEW LOCATION**)
 - For information & prices on joining, go to:
cwcsacramentowriters.org

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**Capitol Crimes (Cap Crimes)
(Sacramento Chapter of Sisters in Crime)**

- If you write anything crime-related, or want to, then check out Cap Crimes.
- FREE monthly meetings, generally the **3rd Saturday** of each month, generally with guest speakers, generally crime-related. They normally meet at 1pm at the **Rancho Cordova Library 9845 Folsom Blvd in Rancho Cordova**
 - No-Host lunch 11:30am prior to meetings usually at Perko's 9647 Micron Av
Must be a member of Sisters in Crime (\$50) to join Cap Crimes (\$20)

Capitolcrimes.org

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Sacramento Suburban Writers (SSW)

- **Meets 2nd Mon of each month 7pm- 9pm**
Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church, 5501 Dewey Dr, Fair Oaks, CA
- Meetings, generally with guest speakers, are FREE ~ (\$40 membership fee)
 - Like with NCPA, you don't have to be a member to attend

Sactowriters.org

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**Sacramento Valley Rose (SVR)
(Sacramento Chapter of Romance Writers of America {RWA})**

If you write Romance, or want to, then check out SVR ~ they generally meet at 10am at the White Rock Community Clubhouse, 10488 White Rock Rd, Rancho Cordova

- **4th Saturday of each month** \$20 for members \$30 for non-members
- Contact: Deb at debjulienne@gmail.com for RSVP information & directions
 - Debbie Putnam, President: DebbiePutnam.SVR@gmail.com
 - **Suggest you go to their site for their rules & stipulations**

Must be a member of Romance Writers of America (\$99+) before joining SVR (\$30)

Sacramentovalleyrose.com

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**Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI)
(California North/Central)**

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