

March, 2025

Suburban Scribe

Sacramento Suburban Writers' Club Newsletter

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Tim Schooley will be our speaker on Monday, March 10th, at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at 5501 Dewey Drive, corner of Dewey and Madison.

March Topic – Adventures in Historical Fiction

Travel back in time with historical fiction author Tim Schooley as he recounts his triumphs and failures in conducting historical fiction research. From Granada Spain to Istanbul to Budapest and beyond, Tim has strolled and stumbled through ancient sites, and sometimes piles of rubble, trying to capture the flavor of times past in order to achieve verisimilitude for his readers. He'll offer research tips learned during his own work in historical fiction but applicable to writers in all genres.

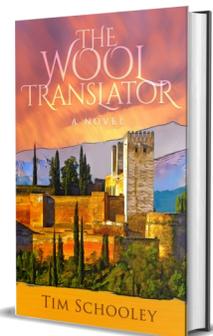
Tim Schooley's first job out of high school was a circus clown with Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Circus. When he discovered he wasn't that funny, he went to college at UC Santa Barbara and then law school at UC Berkeley. He spent 35 years as an appellate lawyer, taught appellate law at UC Davis Law School for 10 years, and worked first as a "writ attorney" and then as the managing attorney of the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, in Sacramento.

During his career Tim wrote fiction, but he waited until his retirement to publish his debut novel, *The Wool Translator*, released in July 2022. *The Wool Translator* won the University of Pacific Creative Writing Conference's Jameson Award and was shortlisted for the 2021 Chaucer Book award. Tim's forthcoming novel, *The Circus of the Vanishing Elephant*, is based loosely on his employment many years ago as a circus clown. Tim lives with his wife in Fair Oaks. His website: www.timschooley.com



PAY ATTENTION!!!

April, 2025—Sacramento Writing Workshop is hosting a 1 day event. (I went to the last one in 2019 and I highly recommend it). See here for info: <https://sacramentowritingworkshop.com/>



Hello, fellow writers and artists of all walks of life, members, and guests — EVERYONE IS WELCOME, NO MATTER YOUR ... WELL, NO MATTER YOUR *ANYTHING!*

Please join us in person at 7 p.m. at 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks in the Fellowship Hall of the Crossroads Christian Fellowship Church behind the white fence at the edge of the parking lot. We meet there on the second Monday of every month except May when we meet at a local restaurant.

We **HIGHLY** encourage meeting in person. The room has a super-large television for viewing the speaker if they are not in-person, plus there are usually goodies you can snack on. Feel free to show up early for the chance to talk to some of the hippest dudes and dudettes in the Golden Bear state.

If you **MUST** join on Zoom 7-9 p.m. from home, please contact President Ron Smith in advance for special accommodations. ronvws@hotmail.com

Ronald Smith, President SSWC

Future SSWC Speakers / Events

March - Tim Schooley, Historical
(Medieval) Fiction

April - Kim Orendor, Memoir and Young
Adult Fiction

May - Party Time! (You've gotta fight...
for your right...)

June - Anara Guard, Novelist and Poet

Future SSWC Speakers / Events

July - Catharine Bramkamp, Story Coach

2025 - It's a twisty mystery...

("I've got a blank space, writer, and I'll type
your name.")

HELP !!! VOLUNTEERS

Gondor Calls for Aid! Will You Answer?

Calling all members — SSWC is in need of volunteers. (Yes, that means you.)

Snacks/Refreshments

Publicity

Historian

Membership Committee

Nominations

There was a Newsletter position, but that spot has been taken by a Sinister Rapsallion.

No individual job takes a lot of time, and you learn a lot about the club, our members, and about writing by helping out. Plus you get Theoretical Monopoly Money which we may or may not keep track of.

Contact Ron Smith ... or any other Board member listed on the last page of this newsletter.



Writers' Mingle

**Now At The
Luckiest Location**

Now meeting at Denny's Roseville on Sunrise (at Douglas)

122 Sunrise Ave, Roseville, CA 95661

Saturday March 15th, 2025 --- 9 am to 11 am
All are welcome --- No toll fee for the Bridge Troll

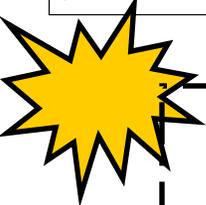


This Month's Topic:

"Using Blue Sky Social instead."

By Jim Miller





Heaven Sent Me a Poem Meant for Lovers True

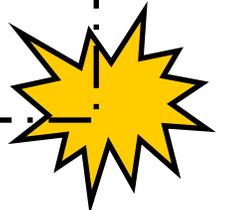
A poem made into lyrics on YouTube

By Cle Curbo (aka Paul Turner)

Heaven sent a poem
meant for lovers true
when I left you yesterday
I should have given it to you
but I delivered it to Julie's house and I couldn't step a-
way fast spent the night and had a blast
it was because those, those thoughts I had of you
and my best friend
I saw you with him yesterday
heading round the bend
now I wander thru the bars
in our town and the next
got to find me a strong true love
to fix my midlife dark upset
you know our life is truly blown
cause you're a witchy woman
not knowing which way is true
when my best friend commands
each night alone with you
now baby I'm on the road again
counting three nights in
a row I'm at my bitter end

Heaven sent a poem
and it's meant for lovers true
Tomorrow in a brand new bar
and I'll find somebody good.
Tomorrow in a brand new bar
I'll find somebody real and good

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCQOyYqYB4A>



SSWC Raffle Table

By M. L. Edson / Mary Lou Anderson)

SSW wants to once again have a Raffle at the end of each meeting. It is a major fundraiser for our club, helping to pay for speakers and supporting the Scholarship Fund.

If you have a “white elephant,” or even an elephant of ANY color, and think someone else could find a new use for it or a place to display it, bring it with you to the Monday meeting on March 10. Add your once-precious item to the table.

Then buy a raffle ticket (price - \$1 each or 5 for \$3) so you will have a chance to get a new family heirloom from the table.

Until we get someone to take control of the raffle items, we ask that if your donation is not claimed at the end of the meeting by a ticket holder (or even a shoplifter), please take your item back home with you and maybe try again next month.

If you would be willing to help out with the Raffle Table, please let someone know at the meeting. It isn't a tough job but would be a big help to the group.

“Poison Gas”

By Jim Miller

Appaloosa Radio has returned to YouTube with an original horror story, Poison Gas. Check out the video link ---

https://youtu.be/tb-ZW_yZbjA



Ronald Smith, El Capitan of SSW and fellow Lava Waterfall Connoisseur,
Recommends the following:



Poets Robin Gabbert

&

Gini Grossenbacher

Invite You to



The Art & Sense of Poetry
VIRTUAL WRITERS WORKSHOP SERIES

Transform your words into sparkling, resonant poetry using
artwork and the five senses to create vivid,
sensory-rich experiences.

Wednesday evenings, 6-8 p.m. PST

March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

\$25 per class, take one or all!

Take 6, get one class free!

*Perfect for poets who want to deepen
their craft and bring their words to life!*

Tickets at Eventbrite

New Poets Welcome!



SAN RAFAEL WRITERS & ARTISTS
CLASSES, COACHING, COMMUNITY

Special Guest Poet:
Terry Tierney, PhD

This space is reserved for your short story or poem next month.

It can't be as nightmarish as a choir of crying screaming babies on the red-eye flight across the Atlantic ocean while a child behind you keeps kicking your chair the entire flight...

Please email your submission to kevincastle32@gmail.com

P.S. If you're nice to him, he won't make you learn Entish (unless you want to, of course). Submissions are for members only. Annual membership is super cheap and may or may not give your superpowers. Feel free to email Kevin the Newsletter Goblin with questions.

This page is intentionally repeated each month.

Follow the SSWC podcasts at:

<https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>

Spotify (<https://open.spotify.com/show/0UHX19RTviPkRXMzkysg6V>)

RadioPublic (<https://radiopublic.com/sactowriters-694Q1Z>)

Pocket Casts (<https://pca.st/z1e83qlq>)



Which Club Members Have Published?

Check out the SSWC website. You will find a list of members and their book on our club's website: <https://www.sactowriters.org/books-by-our-members/>

If you are a member and have published material, send the information to Wes Turner, including any links to your own website and/or to a site that sells your books (eg Amazon). His email is listed in our club roster. Wes will add your book(s) to the list.

R U Done Yet?

Have you finished another book? Had any kind of material published recently? Finished a BIG Milestone on your current project?

Are you holding a Book Launch or Public Reading to let the world know what you have accomplished? Let the other members and readers know so we can support you!

Send a brief announcement (including links and your contact information) to kevincastle32@gmail.com and have it included in the next newsletter. Please include a copy of the cover.

Members — Wanna be Published?

Submit your own short story, article, poem, or excerpt of your own book to the newsletter for publication. (Please keep it to under 450 or so words ... or it will have to be serialized.)

It would give you bragging rights as being published if you are going to be in contact with an agent and/or publisher.

Send all Submissions to Kevin The Newsletter Goblin: kevincastle32@gmail.com

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Note that the article to the left is directed to "members."

So, if you do *want to be published* in any future newsletters, make sure your dues are up to date.

Join the Club!

We are a vibrant club with active writers, have several critique groups (with room for more), and stay wonderfully supportive of each other.

SSWC supports local writers and encourages everyone to write and publish. Attending meetings is free, but membership brings benefits, such as publication in the newsletter and anthology, use of our club's library, qualification for grants to attend conferences (limits apply), and ability to join our first-class critique groups.

MEMBERSHIP is paid on a yearly basis. If joining after April, dues are prorated by quarter (unless you are just really late in maintaining your membership!).

_____ Individual \$40 / year

_____ Couple \$55 / year

_____ Full-Time Student \$30 / year

_____ Platinum Senior (70+) \$30 / year

More information is on our website: sactowriters.org

Name: _____ Genres: _____

Published? Y / N (yes, includes self-published) Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Website/other info/address (optional): _____

MAIL YOUR DUES TO: Jeannie Turner. Her address is in the Directory. If you don't have a copy, email Jeannie at turnerjeannie48@gmail.com and she will let you know where to send it.

OFFICERS

Elected Officers:

President	Ron Smith (El Capitan)
Vice President	Brittany Lord (And Lady)
Secretary	_____
Treasurer	Mary Lou Anderson (Ms. Money Penny)

Chairs:

Coffee/Treats	_____
Conferences	_____
Critique Groups	Brittany Lord (And Lady)
Historian	_____
Librarian	Ron Smith (El Capitan)
Membership	Jeannie Turner (Voice of the People)
Newsletter	Kevin Castle (Goblin)
Nominations	_____
Prgm/Speakers	Laura Kellen (Speaker Herder Extraordinaire)
Publicity	_____
Raffle	_____
Scholarship	Karen, Wes, and Linda (Cerberus)
Sunshine	Nan Roark (The Good Witch)
Website	Wes Turner (Technowizard)
Workshops	_____

There's a spot in the list above for YOU!

WRITING PROMPT (450 Words or Less)

On the 9th of March, we will lament the loss of 1 hour as we participate in Daylight Saving Time.

For this month, channel your inner anguish for losing an hour of sleep and write about it.

Don't forget to send it to your favorite Newsletter Goblin!

MEETING INFORMATION

7:00 - 9:00 PM

We meet the second Monday each month, year round. Be there or be square. 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks, CA Just north of the Madison/Dewey intersection, across from the Safeway. In the Friendship Hall through the white fence.

All writers are encouraged to attend.
(Yes, that means you!)

Membership not mandatory but brings privileges
such as publication in the newsletter!