

April, 2025

# Suburban Scribe

Sacramento Suburban Writers' Club Newsletter

[sactowriters.org](http://sactowriters.org)

**Kim Orendor will be our speaker on Monday, April 14th, at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at 5501 Dewey Drive, corner of Dewey and Madison.**

## April Topic – Organizing Your Ideas

The top question from friends and family after my memoir was published was, “How did you remember all of that?” I’d typically respond, “Thankfully, I didn’t have to remember it all because I had my journals and emails.”

I’d like to share with authors how to prepare and organize thoughts before writing a single word of their manuscript. While writing non-fiction and fiction may seem very different, for me, I found similar steps in creating them. I also understand some writers need a full outline before starting and others like to “wing it.” My tips could work for both.

Bio: Kim Orendor is a former journalist and award-winning independent author. Her young adult novel, *To Whom It May Concern*, won the 2024 Next Generation INDIE Book Awards gold medal for YA twelve to sixteen years old. Her first book, *Unbound Feet*, is a memoir covering the author’s spiritual and emotional growth while living in central China for five years. Before moving overseas, Kim was an award-winning sports reporter and editor with *The Davis Enterprise*.

The Sacramento State graduate returned home in 2018 to care for her father after he was diagnosed with a rare neurological disease. He passed peacefully in 2022. Kim continues to live in Northern California with her mother.

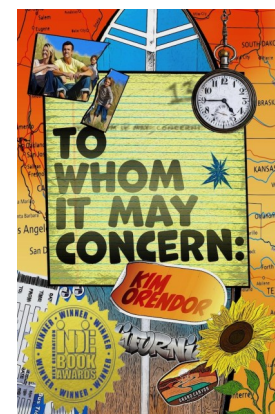
Visit Kim's website at: <https://www.kimorendorwriter.com>



## **PAY ATTENTION!!!**

Sac County is hosting an Indie Project “Contest”

<https://indieauthorproject.librarieshare.com/indieauthor/org/saclibrary/>



**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](mailto:ronvws@hotmail.com)

Ronald Smith, President SSWC

### Future SSWC Speakers / Events

April - Kim Orendor, Memoir and Young Adult Fiction

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

June - Anara Guard, Novelist and Poet

July - Catharine Bramkamp, Story Coach

### Future SSWC Speakers / Events

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

NEWSLETTER

Publicity

Historian

Membership Committee

Nominations

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.



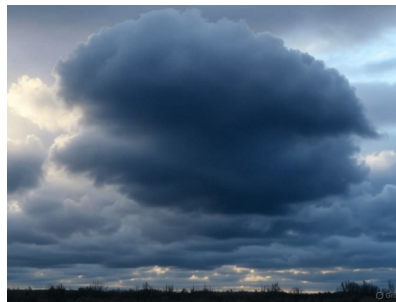
# Writers' Mingle

## Now At The Rainiest Location

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

122 Sunrise Ave, Roseville, CA 95661

Saturday April 19th, 2025 --- 9 am to 11 am  
*All are welcome --- No toll fee for the Bridge Troll*



This Month's Topic:

**"Branding!"**

*By Mike Brandt*



## SSWC Raffle Table

By M. L. Edson / Mary Lou Anderson)

SSWC 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.

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## Let's Make It Happen!

By Jeannie Turner

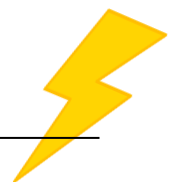
Our May banquet is coming up soon, but this isn't just any ole banquet, this is our big SEVEN-OH!

For this very big celebration everyone born in 1955 gets recognized at this special occasion, so let the leaders know if 1955 is your year—we want to have enough gifts for every Fifty-Fiver! You might think that a **bigger** occasion like this would call for a **bigger** ticket price, but you would be wrong. This is *THE SACRAMENTO SUBURBAN WRITERS' CLUB*, after all. We do things ~~write~~ right!

There will be games and prizes galore  
(Do you know 1955's top dance music? Price of gas? Hourly wage?)

I know you want to be there, so be sure to get it *on your calendar right now*—May 12, 2025. Get tickets for yourself and your friends early—yours at the special member price. We're going to have a lot of fun and we hope to have you there. With those balloons strewn across the ceiling—why we might even start dancing.

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## Ride The Waves

By Karen Sepahmansour

A bounce in the air like a wave,  
Sitting on a plane, calmer than the past.  
Immersed in the pages reading,  
Not thinking about getting there fast.

Saw too many who passed  
Now each minute revered in a glow  
Time evolved into a new place  
Gentle breezes and plants to sow.

Finding a way to create a story  
Filled with interest and plots  
Some way to untie and be  
Unraveling my knots.

Two places conflicting in my heart  
Where trees converge with flowers  
The howling wind a distance sometimes peace  
The hearts meet in sun-filled showers.



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

It can't be as sluggish as a horde of nonagenarian zombies chasing you across town. Trust us, we know.

Please email your submission to (insert YOUR email here)

P.S. The Newsletter Goblin is retiring, so the fate of the universe is up to you. Yes, even YOU.

Submissions are for members only. Annual membership is super cheap and may or may not give your superpowers. Feel free to bombard board members with questions.

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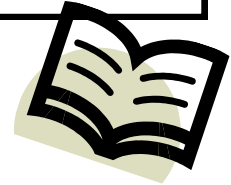
### Follow the SSWC podcasts at:

<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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Retired  
 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)

It's Spring Cleaning Time! Get those brooms out and sweep out those dusty corners. ACHOO!

And while you're doing that, clean out your dusty writing corners. You know, all those half-formed ideas you have floating around on scraps of paper.

Your challenge this month is to sit down, record them, flesh them out, and work on them. You got this!

## 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!*