



Our Mission ~ Support Local Writers

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GCW Club Officers Installation



At the July 6, 2016 meeting, club officers for Gold Country Writers were installed for the new term. Pictured above from left, doing the honors of installation is Susan Korn, with Skip Michael – President, Betsy Schwarzentraub – VP of Internal Affairs, Chery Anderson – VP of External Affairs, Michael O'Haver – Secretary and Kathleen Ward – Assistant Secretary. Not shown is Joy Hemp – Treasurer.

The club is initiating a two-year rotating term for officers. The following individuals will serve through 2017 – Skip Michael and Chery Anderson.

The following individuals will serve through 2018 – Michael O'Haver, Kathleen Ward, Joy Hemp and Betsy Schwarzentraub.

At the same meeting we were all blown away with the Castaway Party with a Gilligan's Island theme. For more pictures see page 3.

Day Apart Encourages Writing

On Saturday, July 16, five GCW participants drove the mountain roads to join Betsy Schwarzentraub for a writing retreat at her home in Garden Valley. Marianne Barisonek, Joy Hemp, LJ and Jane Jester, and Susan Korn got off and away to work on individual writing projects and encourage one another in their writing endeavors. Thanks to those who attended the day apart for inspiration and community!

Submitted by Betsy Schwarzentraub

Babette Donaldson – Keys to Writing Children’s Books

There are three reasons to write children’s books, listed in preferential order:

1. It is the best art form for the story you have to tell.
2. It is something shared with a child – relative or friend.
3. It is an easy market and takes less words or work.

- + Don’t talk yourself out of writing children’s books. Anyone who can communicate with children and accept or create a fantasy world can write for them.
- + Cultivate niche markets.
- + Schools are good niche markets.
- + Have end material for teachers.
- + Have activity pages for kids.
- + Do reviews it’ll help both authors.
- + Visualize your books like movies.
- + Get illustrators you can communicate with.
- + Make a storyboard for your book before getting illustrators.
- + If going with Kindle (Amazon) start with a less favorite book for the experience, and then do your favorites.
- + Use a two-way template if you plan on a print book as well as e-book.
- + Look at online illustrator directories with work samples.
- + Get illustrators who can make it look like the same character in all needed poses and situations.
- + You have challenges either way you publish: traditional or self-publishing.
- + Have other writers & readers read you books out loud; you learn a lot.



Join the **Gold Country Writers** each Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 1279 High St., Auburn 95604. Our regular monthly schedule is:

First Wednesday: Business Meeting to discuss administrative issues for the club (all members are welcome to come and contribute). This is followed by a closed meeting of the club’s Board of Directors.

Second & Fourth Wednesday: Drop-In Critique. This is the time when members present samples (a maximum of five pages, double-spaced) of their writing to the group and everyone gets to offer their critique.

Third Wednesday: Special program of general interest to the club members. This changes each month. In December it is our club Holiday Party. See Page 4 for the Speaker of the Month.

Fifth Wednesday: On the rare occasion that there is one, we meet at Mel’s Diner (at corner of Hwy. 49 & Luther Rd.) for breakfast/lunch and socializing with other club members.

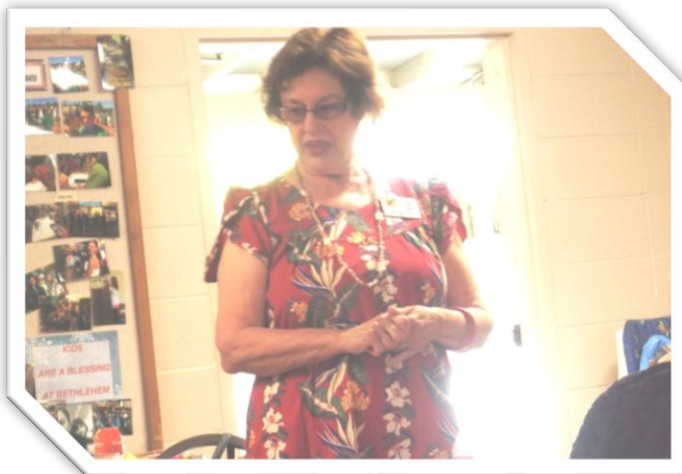
Castaway Party



Skip Michael and Kathy MacHold



Left is Kate Luce & Right is Susy McMinn



June Gillam (Book Mama)

Prose



From the Pres

Susan Korn is organizing our 2nd year of Mentoring. The kick-off meeting will take the place of our 5th Wednesday brunch at Mel's. It will be at the church, our regular meeting place. It will feature a panel discussion with those who volunteer to be mentors giving a short 5-minute presentation on what they have to offer. There will be time after for mentor and mentees to get together and network. All who want to be mentors need to contact Susan on or before August 31. 530/888-9971

On Thursday the 21st of July the GCW officers, Lead Team and Board members met at Susan Korn's house to work on plans for the coming year. It was a very productive meeting. I am blessed to have a fantastic team of well-qualified men and women to plan the events for next year. We came away from the meeting with great ideas on how to improve our club, produce events, and give our members outstanding value for their membership. You will be hearing more about what is planned at meetings and in future newsletters. There was one thing that kept coming forth. We need people to step up and help make club membership a valued item. If everyone will help a little, big things can be accomplished. Talk to me or any club officer to offer your services.

Skip Michael

Special Events

August 17, 2016

10-Noon at the church

Special Guest Doug Green Presentation on **From Conception to Completion - Editing Lessons Learned from My First Book**

August 31, 2016 –

Special 5th Wednesday Program

Mentor Program Kick-Off Meeting, Susan Corn,

Panel Discussion with future Mentors presenting at the Church

**Open Mike at Auburn library canceled for July
& August (Not a GCW Event)**

Placer's Gold Toastmasters

Meets each Tuesday from Noon to 1 at 2929 Richardson Dr. at the Placer County Justice Center, Community Meeting Room.

Visitors are always welcome, Contact Michael O'Haver
(Not a GCW Event)

Specialty Critique Groups

Book: Contact Betsy Schwarzentraub 530/333-0852, they meet at Depoe Bay, on 2nd & 4th Wed, 12-3:00 PM

Science Fiction/Fantasy: Contact- Hester Jones 805/905-9034

Memoirs: Contact-Linda Franklin 530/878-2138, they meet at Depoe Bay on 3rd Wednesday's 12-3 PM

Novel: Contact Ann Reh 530/823-1870, they meet every other Monday, 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

J. K. Rowling

"It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends."

Writer's Quote



NEW as of 7-1-16 Officers & Board Members of Gold Country Writers

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