

The Newsletter of the Fremont Area Writers, A part of the California Writer's Club

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MISSION STATEMENT: For the purpose of providing a forum of educating both members and the public in the craft of writing and in marketing their works. This is served by the monthly public meetings, workshops, and seminars, which are open to all writers and the general public, and is conducted for the purpose of educating writers of all levels of expertise

CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB NorCal Group Leadership Conference May 3, 2014-DeVry University, Fremont



FAW Attendees: Carol Hall, Robert (Bob) Garfinkle, Cherylin Jose, Myrla Raymundo, Erika Anderson-Bolden, Dave Strom & Sally Ember

The theme: SUCCESS by SHARING The Program: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm



Joyce Krieg, NorCal Group Chair opened the Program



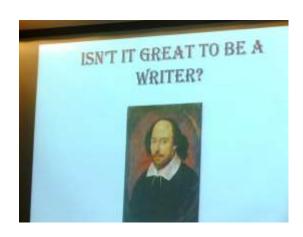
Dave George, California Writers Club President welcomed the participants



Bob Isbill, High Desert Branch was the Keynote Speaker



The Newsletter Editors





One of the fun things we did at the Leadership Conference was introduce the delegates of each branch in a fun and creative way.

The eight delegates from FAW sang a song. Here are the lyrics:

The Ballad of FAW (to the tune of the theme song from *Gilligan's Island*)

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale A tale of a NorCal Branch That started from the South Bay club By Robert Garfinkle

Our greatest strength is unity Our friendships are really strong Eight delegates are here today To learn from all of you To learn from all of you (lightning strikes) Our greatest challenge is planning where We want to go from here To form a budget and foresee Our club in five years Our club in five years

Our branch meets here at DeVry We welcome you to our home.

With Geraldine,
And Cherilyn,
There's Myrla,
And Dave.
There's Erika,
Sally and Carol
Here from F. A. Double U!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - April 26, 2014



Joan Silva talked about "How to make money from your writing"











GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 24, 2014



Overcoming Roadblocks in Writing



Lagging on the but lap while writing a book? You may need a Writer Intervention.

Bleau Martina, author of "Clinging to Deceit," a novel published in 2012, has come maggestims for ways to best processituation, doubt, four and other problems that beg down writers. She'll discuss them at the next meeting of Fremant Arma Writers on May 24.

Open Mic!

Meetina was a newspaper columnist in North Carolina and has written locally for the Tri-City

She is vice-president of the Women's National Book Association in San Francisco.

For more information about Elena go to http://www.linkedin.com/in/elenamartina

Saturday, May 24th, 2-4 p.m. DeVry University, Room 120 6600 Dumberton Circle Fremont, CA

en: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Monday, May 26th

Newpork Mall, Newark

BookSmart Bookstore. Second Floor near the elevator

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Fremont Area Writers



Writers Helping Writers

The Suspense Writer's Toolbox



Rick Acker, who discussed legal aspects of writing for Fremont Area writers last year, will be back again on Saturday, June 28. This time he'll open The Suspense Writers Toolbox and suggest techniques for adding suspense to writing, regardless of the genre.

He is the best-selling author of "When the Devil Whistles," "Dead Man's Rule," and "Blood Brothers." He also wrote the Davis Detective Mysteries for young adults.

Acker writes novels during his commute to and from his 'real job' as a deputy attorney general in the California Department of Justice.

You can find out more about him at http://www.rickacker.com/

Saturday, June 28, 2-4 p.m. DeVry University, Room 120 6600 Dumbarton Circle Fremont, CA

Writers and Poets Open Mic!

When: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Monday, June 23rd

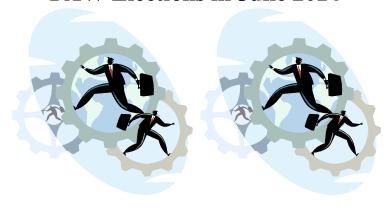
Where:

Suju's Coffee Meeting Room 3602 Thornton Ave. Fremont

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Carol Hall, President cahall@rocketmail.com cwc-fremontareawriters.org

FAW Elections in June 2014



Go for it! Hurry and put in your papers! We need you!

The Fremont Area Writers Club (FAW) will be holding its elections at the June General Meeting for the 2014-2015 fiscal year beginning in July. Officers and duties include:

President: Provides overall vision and direction for the club. Oversees the General Meetings and Board Meetings. Appoints positions of leadership such as Publicity Chair, Newsletter Editor, etc. Resolves problems and conflicts in the club.

Vice President: Fills in when the President cannot fulfill his/her duties. Obtains speakers for the General Meetings.

Secretary: Takes notes at the Board Meetings and disseminates to the FAW Board. Handles correspondence for the club.

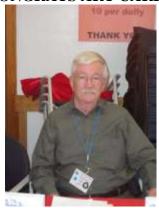
Treasurer: Takes meeting donations at each General Meeting. Handles bank deposits and checkbook. Sends financial reports to the CWC Central Board. Helps the FAW board formulate a yearly budget.

If you would like to run for office or have any questions, please contact the president, Carol Hall. More than one person can run for office.

JOIN US:

CWC PICNIC JULY 19, 2014 JOAQUIN MILLER PARK

CONGRATS ART CAREY



Art Carey's San Francisco detective story, "Never a Scam a Scammer," has been published by Solstice Publishing. It is available at Amazon.



Joyce Hornblower is now a member of the InkSpots Editorial Staff.

AUTHORS' BOOK TABLE

Carol Hall is the Chairperson of the Authors Book Table. It is a free service of the Fremont Area Writers. Two long tables are set up at each regular meeting, enough space for eight separate titles.

BOOK EXCHANGE



Bruce Haase takes care of our Book Exchange. He urges everyone to bring books to our regular meetings.

WRITERS AND POETS OPEN MIC



Tony Pino, the Open Mic Chairperson, leads the group.

Open Mic is held monthly at Suju's Coffee Meeting Room, 3602 Thornton Ave., Fremont. Writers attend and read their articles and books to the audience.

Next meeting: June 23, 2014 Monday.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Carol Lee Hall

Last month's Leadership Conference was a blast. After an inspiring keynote address by High Desert Branch President Bob Isbill, the delegates split up into different breakout sessions to learn from and contribute to the discussions of various areas: presidents, program chairs, newsletter editors, website, etc.

After a delicious hot lunch, we divided into three groups to discuss how to recruit and retain volunteers, how to attract younger members, and how to work with creative types.

What I came away with from the conference was the need for the club to formulate a five year plan so that when the leadership changes each year, the vision remains steady.

As the elections for new officers are this month, I am excited to see who will step up and help grow Fremont Area Writers.

FROM THE EDITOR



Myrla Raymundo welcomes you to our June 2014 issue of the Ink Spots. It contains the latest FAW news and tidbits, poems, prose, essays and articles written by our members.

Ink Spots is issued monthly and is distributed to FAW members at the club general meeting every month. It is also emailed to those with email addresses.

Ink Spots welcomes you to write articles and submit them to this Editor at raymundomyrla@gmail.com.



FREMONT AREA WRITERS OFFICERS



President- Carol Hall



Vice President - Geraldine Solon



Secretary – **Joyce Cortez**



Acting Treasurer - Cherilyn Jose



Robert (Bob) Garfinkle – Past President, California Writers Club

FREMONT AREA WRITERS CHAIRPERSONS

Carol Hall - Donation Drawing and Authors Table

Nancy Curteman – Central Board Representative, Hospitality & Telephone Outreach

Tony Pino – Open MIC
Art Carey – Public Relations
Bruce Haase – Book Exchange
Myrla Raymundo - Editor
Joyce Hornblower – Assistant Editor

CALENDAR

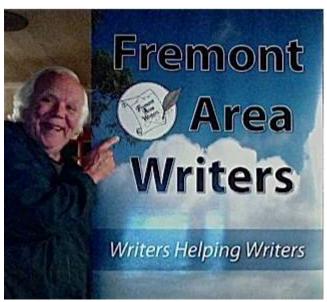
BOARD MEETING – Fourth Saturday of the month 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm – DeVry University, Fremont.

OPEN MIC – Fourth Monday of the month 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

FREMONT AREA WRITERS REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Fourth Saturday of the month, 2:00 pm -4:00 pm, DeVry University, Fremont

FAW WRITERS CORNER:

We invite FAW writers to submit their writings to our Newsletter.



FREMONT AREA WRITERS WANT YOU

The Challenges of Technology for Seniors

By Doris Nikolaidis

Nowadays, we need a GPS system to navigate the rapidly changing technology. There are IPhones and IPads; we twitter and tweet, we blog and email, we take Selfies, we are urged to store things in "The Cloud."

I published my book "Don't Eat the Flowers" last year in October. To help market the book, the publisher asked me to start a blog, start tweeting or twit – this does not even sound English to me – and go on Facebook.

I called my daughter for advice. She lately answers my phone calls with "Tech support". She suggested I start with Facebook and leave the blog for later. She helped me to navigate through the signing up process. It actually was fairly easy, even for a technologically challenged senior. But she did suggest I set up an email account that I would only use for Facebook. She added two friends for me – herself and her mother-in-law – and asked me if there were any additional friends I would like to add.

Are you kidding me? 99 % of my friends are over 65 and think Facebook is a book about how to prevent wrinkles.

A week after I joined Facebook I opened my Facebook email account. THERE WERE MORE THAN 100 EMAILS IN THAT ACCOUNT! And everybody wanted to be my friend.

I called my daughter in a state of panic.

"I have sold more than 150 books through book signing events and word-of-mouth from friend to friend," I whined, "but none through a Facebook contact."

"You are not advertising your book on Facebook," my daughter said. "Remember, you have only two friends on Facebook, your daughter and her mother-in-law, and both of them bought your book. Just delete the friends' requests you don't want," she advised.

She might have a point but I am not ready to live my life attached to a computer.

I always take a tranquilizer now before I open my Facebook email account.

Blogging, tweeting, and Facebooking? Forget it. I have enough problems getting used to cordless phones. They always seem to end up in the laundry basket. I think I'll wait till Apple invents an I-GPS for their various I-devises.

My husband, however, is determined to join the brave new world of technology. He keeps pestering me to get a GPS. 90% of our driving is done to the nearest Safeway, our doctor, or visiting friends. We know where they reside and can find them without a GPS.

On a drive to the wine country last year, a car stopped in front of us, holding up the traffic on the one-lane highway. An old woman got out of the car and approached us.

"Could you please help me," she asked.

"Of course," I said. "What is the problem?"

"Our kids gave us a GPS for Christmas," the woman said. "But my husband thinks it is a combination GPS and calculator, and we don't know how to turn off the calculator. It keeps talking to us and driving us crazy."

"What is it saying?" I asked. "Recalculating," she answered.

A young man got out of the car that was stopped behind us. "You are holding up the traffic," he complained. "What is the problem here?"

"She does not know how to turn off the calculator on her GPS system," I informed him.

The young man grinned insolently. "I'll take care of it," he said and walked over to the old couple's car.

We navigated around them and took off. My husband no longer wants a GPS.