



INK SPOTS



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

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MISSION STATEMENT: Fremont Area Writers educates writers and the public by providing: a. Forums for educating members in the craft of writing and marketing their works and, b. Public meetings, workshops, and seminars open to all writers and the general public to facilitate educating writers of all levels of expertise.

Dear FAW members:

“ON THE WORKS” – by your Editor. All your stories published in our Ink Spots are included in the 94 pages. I will be waiting for more articles.

IMMORTAL STORIES

Here is the most inclusive anthology ever published before by the Fremont Area Writers Club. It contains the best-known works of the members of the Fremont Area Writers Club.



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Fremont Area Writers

The Centennial Branch
"Writers Helping Writers"



Whose Head Am I In, Anyway?: The Fine Art of Point of View



Point of View (POV) is the vantage point from which readers observe what happens in your story. Are we in a character's head? The author's? Everyone's at once? The POV you choose affects every word you put on the page and shapes how readers respond to the story. When you use POV effectively, you greatly increase your work's appeal to editors and readers.

Our speaker for February 25th, Margaret Lucke has been "flinging words around" for most of her life as a writer, writing coach and editor. Author of numerous short stories and her novel **"House of Whispers"** Lucke promises an experience that is fun and informal as well as enlightening.

For more information on Margaret, go to www.MargaretLucke.com.

Margaret Lucke
"Whose Head Am I In, Anyway?"
Saturday, Feb. 25th 2-4 p.m.
DeVry University
6600 Dumbarton Circle
Fremont, CA

Writers and Poets Open Mic!

When: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Monday, February 27th

Where:

Suju's Coffee and Tea
3602 Thornton Ave.
Fremont

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2,000-member California Writers Club.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year, FAW.

As long as I've been celebrating New Year's, it's been customary to greet the spanking new year with a list of changes to carry forth.

Well, Fremont Area Writers also partakes of that practice. There is a good chance we will change our meeting place from DeVry University to a newfound one come March. Suggestions are welcome. Please send them to me at the email address below.

Bob Garfinkle will take over the Presidency in March as we continue sharing the job along with Carol Hall.

Our Vice President, Erika Anderson-Bolden, will be resigning her office as of March, 2017. Thank you, Erika, for your exemplary job of scheduling great speakers at our FAW Saturday meetings for more than two years.

Of course, this brings me to the task of asking one of you, the FAW membership, to consider filling this office until the June elections. If you would like to pursue an interest, please attend the FAW Board meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 12:45 p.m., in Rm. 115 at DeVry for more information or contact me at shirley.ferrante@yahoo.com.

Don't forget, parking is available in the back-parking lot behind Room 115 as well as in the front when we meet.

The speaker at our meeting, Saturday, Feb. 25th, will be Margaret Lucke. Her topic: *Whose Head Am I In Anyway? How to Master the Fine Art of Point of View*.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Shirley Ferrante
President

IN MEMORIAM

Former FAW member Barbara Lyon was killed in a car accident in Fremont on Thursday morning... Barbara was still a very active 96-year old. Here is the link to the East Bay times article about the accident: <http://www.eastbaytimes.com/2017/01/13/fremont-96-year-old-woman-killed-in-crash-identified/>

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 11:00am at the Saint James' Episcopal Church, 37051 Cabrillo Drive (just off Thornton Ave), Fremont.

Hello CWC Presidents, CB Reps, Editors & Publicity Chairs:

In 2017 there will again be three issues of the CWC Bulletin published. I am addressing this email to 4 of the key personnel in your branch who will hopefully coordinate your news submissions.

For your information, and as posted on www.calwriters.org, here are the deadlines for the upcoming issues. Please put them on your respective calendars so that you can plan to submit your branch news, if possible, prior to these deadlines:

Deadline February 28, 2017 for the March publication; deadline July 28 for the August publication, and October 28 for the November issue.

Please encourage your membership to use the advertising available in The Bulletin as well as the 2017 Literary Review to promote their writing accomplishments and/or services. Ads in both publications reach approximately 2,000 potential buyers!

Advertising deadline for the 2017 Literary Review is March 30, 2017.

Please view and distribute on your Facebook and LinkedIn pages our advertising video which is on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCz4Y-ENAy0&feature=youtu.be>

Thanks and Happy New Year!



Bob Isbill
CWC Advertising & Promotions



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Twelve Reasons to Join Fremont Area Writers

1. Support and camaraderie of other writers—Fremont Area Writers has over 60 members.
2. Opportunity to hear professional speakers—Monthly meetings bring in experts from all fields—craft, publishing, tech, and more!
3. Inkspots Monthly Newsletter—submit stories and articles for a chance to be published.
4. Open Mic Monthly Gathering—share your work aloud in a comfortable and non-threatening environment.
5. Book Signing Events—Published authors can sell their books to the public.
6. Authors Table—Published authors can advertise and sell their works to other members.
7. FAW Website provides news on upcoming meetings, member bios, writers resources and links from published authors bios to their book selling platforms and author websites.
8. Free Book Table—Bring your used books to share with others and take some home for yourself.
9. Workshops on the writing craft—for newbies to seasoned pros.
10. Social gatherings like our Holiday Party in December and California Writers Club picnic in July.
11. Community Outreach events like writing contests and reading to seniors.
12. Statewide support from the California Writers Club, founded in 1909, to continue in the tradition of Jack London and friends, who believed that California creates talented writers.

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Presidents: (A shared position this year)

Carol Hall -August, September,
October

Shirley Ferrante - November,
December, January, May, June

Robert Garfinkle – February, March,
April



Vice President – **Erika Anderson-
Bolden**



Secretary – **Joyce Cortez**



Treasurer – **Cheryl Jose**

FREMONT AREA WRITERS OFFICERS



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



**Tony Pino, the Open Mic
Chairperson**, leads the group.
Open Mic is held monthly at
Suju's Coffee Meeting Room,
3602 Thornton Ave., Fremont.



Andrew Halligan
Membership Chairperson



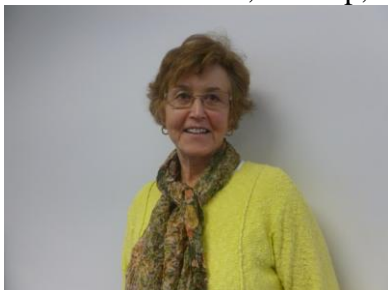
Art Carey –Signage



Nancy Curteman
Hospitality/Cookies, Welcome New
Members, Volunteer Coordinator



Carol Hall
Facebook Coord/Admin, Meetup, Flyers



Pat Van den Heuvel
Telephone Outreach Coordinator



Evelyn LaTorre
Central Board Rep



Bruce Haase
Sound Equipment
Book Exchange



Jan Small, Book Signing Chairperson



Liz Breshears
Community Outreach Coordinator



Chris Dews
NorCal Representative

**FREMONT AREA WRITERS
CHAIRPERSONS**

Book Exchange	Bruce Haase
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Newsletter Liaison	Knuti Van Hoven
Signage	Art Carey
Membership	Andrew Halligan
Historian	Bob Garfinkle
Flyers	Carol Hall
Book Signings	Jan Small

Newsletter	Myrla Raymundo
Hospitality/Cookies	Nancy Curteman
Volunteer Coordinator	Nancy Curteman
Central Board Rep	Evelyn LaTorre
Open Mic	Tony Pino
Sound Equipment	Bruce Haase
Community Outreach	Liz Breshears
Facebook Coord/Admin	Carol Hall
Meetup	Carol Hall
Telephone Outreac	Pat Van den Heuvel
Currently Need Volunteer:	
Community Outreach	½ yr.

**JACK LONDON AWARDEES
FREMONT AREA WRITERS**

2009	Robert Garfinkle
2011	Myrla Raymundo
2013	Carol Hall
2015	Art Carey

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



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Ink Spots Newsletter

This Editor welcomes you to our January 2017 issue of the Ink Spots. It contains the latest FAW news and tidbits, poems, prose, essays and articles written by our members. It also contains news from other clubs in the California Writers Club.

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 myrlaraymundoback@gmail.com or raymundomyrla@gmail.com.

FAWS WRITERS CORNER

WHO ME? RETIRE?



By Myrla Raymundo, MBA

I have a sticker in my car which reads, “I owe, I owe, so off, to work I go”. I wake up at the crack of dawn, brush my teeth, prepare for work and then off to 880. I arrive at the worksite and start earning my money right away. I’m considered a workaholic because I use all my available minutes.

Lately, “BARTING” is my favorite form of commuting. With the condition of 880 now-a-days, it’s better off “BARTING.” While on the train, I start doing my list of things to do, a question popping out in my mind, is there work after lists?

Coming home from work, I read the latest happenings of the day, the House Beautiful, the Reader’s Digest, and for light reading, the Enquirer, the magazine for the inquiring mind. At home, I put on my comfy clothes and start right away on my second job, that being a maid to my family, without pay. Then I do the laundry, the housework.

Come 12:00 midnight, it’s time to relax my brain and my body, hit the sack and build up more energy to start working again the next morning,

Oh, how I wish I am retired just like my friend from ITC, Rex, my other friend’s Cecelia’s husband, my co-workers Rey and Nadine. How I wish I can do all the things that I wanted to do, but have no time doing them.

My friend Rey retired. He was very excited about the much-awaited occasion. The announcement of a golden handshake made him decide to retire. This means he’ll earn more money in a retired status than when he’s working. That’s a good deal. Of course, his employer is just imparting in him, give way to the new blood. My friend was tired of waking up at the crack of dawn and hitting

880. We gave him a big party, a gold watch and a big card. At the party, it was fun, fun, fun. Oh! How I wish I could retire too. I started checking this out.

I learned that retirement is the time of your life when you stop lying about your age and start lying around the house. All you need is a comfy couch, a big screen TV, a warm blanket, a little icebox by your side and lots of munchies. Disregard the doctor's advice, that the best way to keep healthy is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd rather not. Just eat, drink and be merry.

My retired friend slept late, ate out, woke up late and drank to his heart's content. He was even upset when his wife didn't join him. They then travelled together and did a lot of things together. It was great.

One, two, three and six months had passed. My friend had done everything he wanted to do upon retirement. He got tired of doing the same things over and over again. He then started snapping at his wife and at his dog and he became a couch potato. It was the time of his life when he'd rather not go out and have a good time then have to recover from it.

He became a compulsive cleaner. His wife came home one night and found him bathing the tropical fish. His wife asked him to send out invitations and wanted a fast response; he asked how to spell R.S.V.P. His dog became fat; he became fat, because my friend was not getting enough exercise.

He was really acting weird, his wife though it was better off when he was working

Lately, I heard, he's busy hitting the employment agencies for a part-time job. That will even save their 25 years of marriage and will probably save the fat dog from high cholesterol and hypertension.

Today, he wakes up at the crack of dawn, hit 880 and whistles to his part-time work. He enjoys good coffee breaks with his buddies.

Who, me? Retire? I'll think about it

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