



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE OF FAW'S MEETING PLACE

We are leaving DeVry University beginning with our June 24, 2017 meeting. We will be at the Round Table Pizza at 37408 Fremont Blvd., Fremont.

This is located between Peralta and Central. The pizza parlor is located one block from the big white Holy Spirit Church and across the street from the old Center Theater. The meeting will be held in the big room that fronts Fremont Blvd.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Dues for the upcoming 2017-2018 year is \$45.00. The dual member fee is \$25.00 (if you are already registered with another branch, please specify which one). Student member fee is \$10.00.

FAW'S SUMMER PICNIC

The FAW's Summer Picnic will be held on July 8, 2017 Saturday at 2:00 pm at the Union City Historical Museum Picnic Area , 3841 Smith St., Union City. Bring your favorite dish and beverage. Direction: Alvarado-Niles Rd West – Go straight the road becomes Smith Street.



Fremont Area Writers

The Centennial Branch

The Whys, Hows and Trends of Indie Publishing in 2017

New Location: Round Table Pizza on Fremont Boulevard!



Is "indie publishing" the best route for me? How can I publish an e-book? What are the choices in indie publishing? Come find out at this inspirational meeting!

This is Mark Coker's FOURTH appearance at Fremont Area Writers. In 2005, Mark and his wife co-wrote "Boob Tube", a novel about the wacky world of TV soap operas. Their dream was to see "Boob Tube" at Barnes & Noble.

Instead, publishers turned them down because previous soap opera-themed novels had sold poorly. So he designed an e-book self-publishing platform to make it fast, easy and free to publish an e-book.

Mark's goal was to give every writer in the world the freedom and opportunity to publish and to give readers the freedom to decide what was worth reading. He and his wife launched Smashwords in 2008, and today they help authors publish and distribute over 200,000 titles.

Mark has also written two more books: the Smashwords Book Marketing Guide (how to market any book for free), the Smashwords Style Guide (how to format, produce and publish an e-book) and The 10-Minute PR Checklist (helps entrepreneurs and business managers think more strategically about public relations. It's not written for authors, though some authors find it valuable.)

For more information on Mark and Smashwords, go to: www.smashwords.com.

Writers and Poets Open Mic!

When: 7:00-9:00 pm
Monday, June 26th

Where:
Suju's Coffee
3602 Thornton Avenue
Fremont

Mark Coker of Smashwords
Sat. June 24th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Round Table Pizza
37408 Fremont Blvd., Fremont

Fremont Area Writers is a branch of the
1,800-member California Writers Club.

Robert Garfinkle, President
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Get that Book out of Your Head and onto the Page

On Tuesday, June 13 at 1 p.m., several FAW members will participate in the panel *So You Want to Write a Book* on the Literary Stage at the San Mateo County Fair. FAW member Chris Dews, author of *The Druid and the Bracelet*, and Doris Nikolaidis, author of *Don't Eat the Flowers*, will be joined by Sacramento memoirist Carrie Pepper whose latest work in progress is *How NOT to Self-Publish a Book* and Sunnyvale mystery writer Andy MacRae. Tish Davidson is the panel moderator. The Literary Stage is sponsored by the Peninsula Branch of CWC and Sand Hill Review Press.

Fair hours on June 13 are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is free *that day only* for people age 62 and older and \$2 for all others. More fair information is at

<https://www.sanmateocountyfair.com>

Whether you are thinking about writing, have already started but are hitting roadblocks, or have finished and are uncertain what steps to take next, this panel of published writers will offer tips and answer questions to help make your book a reality.

FAW Panelists



Nikolaidis



Tish Davidson



Chris Dews

Hi CWC branch newsletter editors,

The CWC has arranged two new discounts for members.

1. Family Tree Magazine (for genealogical writers and researchers) has offered CWC members \$3 off a one-year subscription (7 issues). Price would be \$24 vs. the \$27 “standard intro price.” California Writer's Club members can receive a discounted Family Tree Magazine sub rate for 7 issues for \$24.00. When ordering by phone (888-403-9002) club members should mention source key: 87DCWC. Expiration on this agreement is 6/30/18.

2. Writer’s Digest has offered a discount to CWC members. Current online cost is \$21.96 for print or digital. They offer the same options (print and digital) to CWC members for \$14.95 for either one. Expiration on this agreement is 12/31/17. The link: https://ssl.palmcoastd.com/0768P/apps/COMBO_CW2?ikey=C**W41. An opt-in box will appear reading “Please send me Writer’s Digest’s and F+W’s FREE newsletter plus exclusive offers via e-mail. You’ll also receive special offers from our marketing partners. You can unsubscribe from those newsletters via the newsletters themselves. We will not share your e-mail address with any third party without your consent. For more information, please read our privacy policy.” Members who do not check the box to opt in, will exempt themselves from these offers and the discount would still apply.

Donna



Tish Davidson’s 11th book, *Vaccines: History, Science, and Issues*, from ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press, explains the science behind vaccines in clear, non-technical language. The book also traces the history of vaccine research and the feuds among their developers.

Controversy has surrounded vaccines from the start, and this book investigates past and current

debates surrounding their use. *Vaccines* is a valuable resource for libraries, doctors’ offices and for anyone wishing to understand the real vaccine story.

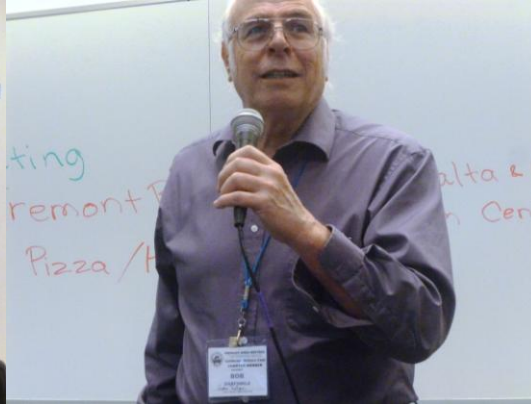
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AUTHOR RICK ACKER ADDRESSED FAW MEMBERS

In a special double-session seminar, Fremont Area Writers hosted Christian legal suspense author and lawyer Rick Acker last May 27, 2017.



Rick Acker



Robert Garfinkle



The Attendees

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Robert Garfinkle

I'll keep it short and simple this month. As I wrote last month, it is that time of the CWC year when each branch starts looking for officers for next year. We will hold nominations at the May general meeting and announce the candidates. The positions that need to be filled are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Even though the incumbents for all of the positions, except president, have expressed their willingness to serve next year, you can still run for that office if you want to help our branch. Elections will be held at our June general meeting with the new officers starting their terms in July. We really need someone willing to take on the role of President for the next year. Please give it some thought; we need the consistency of a full term president. You will have a strong supporting cast of experienced officers to help you. Look over the branch Policies and Procedures to see how easy the job of branch president is.

Myrla is in the process of setting up our branch picnic. The event will be held in the picnic area behind the Union City Historical Museum at 3841 Smith Street in Union City on the afternoon of July 8. Myrla will post additional information in Inkspots.

Feel free to contact me either via phone (510-489-4779) or email (ragarf@earthlink.net.)

Take care.

Bob Garfinkle

Note: No club meeting in July . We will have the club picnic on July 8. Next club meeting – August 2017.

Presidents: (A shared position this year)

Carol Hall -August, September, October

Shirley Ferrante - November, December, January, February

Robert Garfinkle -, March, April, May, June



Knuti Van Hoven
Acting Vice President



Secretary – **Joyce Cortez**



Treasurer – **Cherilyn Jose**

FREMONT AREA WRITERS OFFICERS



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



Tony Pino, Open Mic.



Andrew Halligan
Membership



Art Carey –Signage



Bruce Haase
Authors Table Sound Equipment, Book
Exchange



Carol Hall
Facebook Page, Meetup,



Jan Small, Book Signing



Pat Van den Heuvel
Hospitality, Volunteers



Liz Breshears
Community Outreach



Evelyn LaTorre
Central Board Representative



Chris Dews
NorCal Representative

FREMONT AREA WRITERS CHAIRPERSONS

Hospitality, Volunteer - Pat van den Heuvel
Meet Up, Facebook Page - Carol Hall
Open Mic - Tony Pino, Bruce Haase
Historian - Bob Garfinkle
Membership - Andrew Halligan
Newsletter - Myrla Raymundo
Publicity, Website & Newsletter Liaison
Knuti Van Hoven
Book Signings - Jan Small
Central Board Rep - Evelyn LaTorre
Community Outreach - Liz Breshears
Authors Table, Book Exchange, Sound
System - Bruce Haase
Signage - Art Carey
CWC Advertising and Promotions Chair
- Cheryl Jose
Nor Cal Rep - Chris Dews
Welcome New Members -

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 – 37408 Round Table Pizza, Fremont.

OPEN MIC – Fourth Monday of the month 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Suju's Coffee Meeting Room, 3602 Thornton Ave, Fremont

FREMONT AREA WRITERS REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Fourth Saturday of the month, 2:00 pm -4:00 pm, – 37408 Round Table Pizza, Fremont.



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Ink Spots Newsletter

This Editor welcomes you to our June 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.

**There will not be a July issue.
Next issue is August 2017.**

FAWS WRITERS CORNER

Tumult



By Teresa Connelly

Words spew forth like a waterfall
A frenetic jumble of phrases
That slowly meld together
Forming cognizant thoughts
At times, soft and comforting
At others, cannonballs capable of destruction
Annihilating warships
Armies wielding sharp swords in response.
But I am neither a warrior nor a politician
So lack the voice, the platform.
Instead fences hold hate at bay

Protecting me from enemies seen and unseen
Hulking behind a line drawn on a map.
Instead of battle, words float through air
Drifting far away, ignored, unheard
Carried by a breeze that unfurls flags,
Allowing them to flutter like the
Wings of a butterfly.
Peace comes, descending like a dream.
Gentleness wipes away troubles,
Leaving behind a cleansed spirit.
All is well at last.

FREMONT AREA WRITERS CLUB

PICNIC



JULY 8, 2017 -2:00 PM

PICNIC AREA BEHIND

UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

3841 SMITH ST.

UNION CITY, CA 94587

PARK AT THE MUSEUM PARKING LOT

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH &

BEVERAGE



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