



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.

President's Message



Hello FAW, I'm baaack. At least through February when I will hand the reigns over to our founding President Bob Garfinkle.

Thank you, Carol Hall, for leading us on through the CWC Leadership Conference, welcoming a new year, new and seasoned members and new volunteers. You are awesome and appreciated.

My fellow club members, FAW has been fortunate over the past 4 years to have had access to the DeVry University campus for our monthly meetings. Alas, this privilege may end next year. To be prepared, I'm looking for 3 or 4 members to form a "New Venue Committee." Does anyone have a suggestion as to a convenient and available meeting place? If so, please let me know. We have a varied and creative membership that could possibly have knowledge and connections that would further this quest.

On a serious note, I respectfully request the FAW membership to lend its support to our venerable Newsletter editor Myrla Raymundo. Myrla's wonderfully supportive husband, Ray, has entered hospice care. You can often find Myrla and Ray presiding at the Union City Historical Museum located on 3841 Smith St. in Union City. The museum is open Thursday-Saturday 10-4.

Check out the Museum's website: unioncityhistoricalmuseum.org

Our speaker at the FAW meeting, Saturday, November 26th will be Jay Swartz. His subject "The Hero's Journey".

A writing prompt will be furnished for a writing exercise at the meeting.

Be sure to check the FAW meeting sign upon entering the building. We may be in a different room due to scheduling at DeVry University.

Shirley Ferrante, FAW President

Hi CWC Members,

LESS THAN A MONTH LEFT
TO SUBMIT TO LITERARY REVIEW

The submission period for the next issue of the Literary Review, the magazine of the California Writers Club, closes on November 30, 2016. We urge members to give serious thought to this excellent opportunity for showcasing their work.

Visit calwriters.org for submission instructions. Click on the Literary Review link on the home page. The fee of \$10 is payable by check or PayPal. The "Pay" button has given us a little trouble lately. If you try it and it doesn't work, use the "Donate" button on the same page and indicate that the funds go to "Literary Review submission fee."-----

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FAW'S REGULAR OCTOBER 22, 2016 MEETING

Jan Ellison presented "Submitting your Writing for Publication" to the members and guests.





Fremont Area Writers

The Centennial Branch
"Writers Helping Writers"



The Hero's Journey



The Hero's Journey is more than just a recipe or a map, but contains elements of both. It's a complex tool designed to help you bring your story and your characters to life. In a fun-filled talk on November 26th, Jay Swartz will help you to crack the code of "The Journey," utilizing examples from literature and films to open it up and examine it.

Jay's own Hero's Journey includes over thirty years of writing, storytelling and mentoring aspiring authors in his Mission Writers' Rendezvous critique

group. Although he has yet to land a major deal, he "clutches (his) B.A. in English to (his) chest every time a rejection letter comes" and continues toward his goal.

Who better to speak on "The Hero's Journey"?

Join Fremont Area Writers at our meeting next Saturday, November 26th and let Jay show you how to put "the Hero's Journey" to work for you.

You can find out more about Jay here: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jay-swartz-313a8423>

Jay Swartz
"The Hero's Journey"
Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2-4 p.m.
DeVry University
6600 Dumbarton Circle
Fremont, CA

Fremont Area Writers is a branch of the 2,000-member California Writers Club.

Carol Lee Hall, President
510-565-0619
cwc-fremontareawriters.org

Writers and Poets Open Mic!

When: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Monday, November 28th

Where:

Suju's Coffee and Tea
3602 Thornton Ave.
Fremont

**FREMONT AREA WRITERS
HOLIDAY PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE
FOR FAW MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS
SATURDAY; DECEMBER 17, 2016; 6:00–9:00 pm
AT THE HOME OF
BOB and KATHY GARFINKLE
32924 MONROVIA STREET, UNION CITY
R.S.V.P 510 489-4779 or ragarf@earthlink.net**

Please bring a gift from yourself and guest (in the \$10.00 price range). Wrap the gift, but do not put a name or gender on it.

Potluck: Bring enough to feed 10 people.

If your last name begins with:

- A-K bring a Main Dish
- L-R bring a Salad
- S-Z bring a Dessert

Bring your own liquid refreshment(s)

Directions—From Fremont Blvd (North) and I-880:

Cross over the freeway heading north toward Union City. Cross over the freeway then the flood control channel bridge. Stop at the stop light at the bottom of the channel bridge at Lowry Road. There is a mosque on your left. Turn left onto Lowry and go under the concrete overpass. Turn right on to Regents Blvd, which is the second stoplight after the overpass. Follow Regents until you come to the stop sign at Jean Drive. Go straight still on Regents. Monrovia Street is the first right-hand turn after Jean. We are on the next corner on the right with a white motor home in the driveway. Call the number above it you get lost.

**FREMONT AREA WRITERS
OFFICERS**

President: A shared position this year

Carol Hall - July-October: Carol
Shirley Ferrante - November-February
Robert Garfinkle - March-June



Vice President – **Erika Anderson-
Bolden**



Secretary – **Joyce Cortez**



Treasurer – **Cherilyn Jose**



**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**



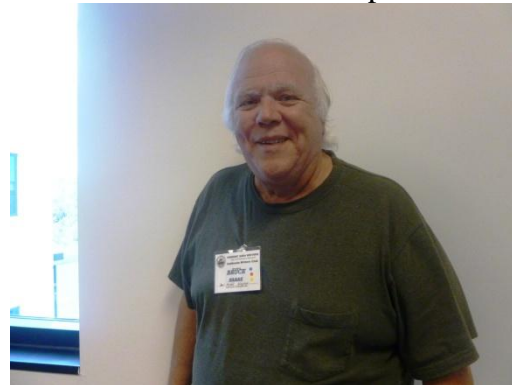
Art Carey –Signage



Evelyn LaTorre
Central Board Rep



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



Bruce Haase
Sound Equipment
Book Exchange



Carol Hall
Facebook Coord/Admin, Meetup, Flyers



Liz Breshears
Community Outreach Coordinator



Pat Van den Heuvel
Telephone Outreach Coordinator



Jan Small, Book Signing Chairperson



Chris Dews

NorCal Representative

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Open Mic	Tony Pino
Sound Equipment	Bruce Haase
Community Outreach	Liz Breshear
Facebook Coord/Admin	C

PAST JACK LONDON AWARDEES

FREMONT AREA WRITERS

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

FROM THE EDITOR



Myrla Raymundo welcomes you to our November 2016 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 myrlaraymundoback@gmail.com.

InkSpots Newsletter

We are all writers and we can contribute to our Newsletter. Send your articles complete with photos via WORD attachment to this Editor Myrla Raymundo.

We send our Newsletter to the different clubs and we want them to see how we are doing and what we are writing about.



Myrla busy on the computer.

<p align="center">CALENDAR</p> <p>BOARD MEETING – Fourth Saturday of the month 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm – DeVry University, Fremont.</p> <p>OPEN MIC – Fourth Monday of the month 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.</p> <p>FREMONT AREA WRITERS REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Fourth Saturday of the month, 2:00 pm -4:00 pm, DeVry University, Fremont</p>

FAWS WRITERS CORNER

My Plea for Help



In the humdrum sameness
of my everyday life,
as teacher, mother,
sister, and wife
words have fled
causing undo strife,
piercing my heart like
an unsharpened knife

Oh, please, someone
come and rescue me.
Open my eyes that
I soon may see.
Fill my soul with
words: set me free
that I may write
what's meant to be.

Why have the words
all flown away?
What did I do
to them betray

my inmost thoughts,
my flight from fray.
Come back to me,
without delay

Like a wee small child
I scream and shout throw all my pens
and toss about
long empty pages
lines, words without
hoping that soon
I'll merit clout.

Tell me, please,
how to live again
with words and rhymes
flowing free like rain.
Send down a storm
to complete my brain.
I need you now.
That much is plain.
