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Joyce Krieg, Editor

How He Writes His Books



Santa Cruz author **Dan White** will be our guest speaker at the June 16 meeting. Dan is the author of *The Cactus Eaters: How I Lost Myself and Almost Found Myself on the Pacific Crest Trail*, an NCIBA best-seller and "Discovery" selection by the *Los Angeles*

Times. Dan is also the author of *Under the Stars: How America Fell in Love with Camping*. He'll be sharing how he puts his books together, and how nonfiction authors can use research to enliven their works.

Tuesday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Awakening in Pacific Grove. Doors open at 5:30. Free and open to everyone.

[Visit Dan's Website](#)

Networking At Its Best

by Scotty Cornfield, CCW President



The last Saturday of the month is when we have our fabulous Sat Chats, and this latest meetup of writers helping writers turned out to be the great one that almost never was. When we got to our normal location (the

Seaside Library), it was closed for Memorial Day. Didn't even slow us down. We relocated to Panera Bread (in Seaside near Target). We commandeered their private meeting room and had a most productive gathering. And by "we" I mean **Richard Riehle, Chuck Foster, Dorothy Vriend, Kevin Rodi, Nicoe Oberreuter-Rodi, Joyce Krieg, Jenny Miller Garmendia, Wen Chang, Scotty Cornfield**, and (not pictured) **Sarah Pruitt**.



Tell us what you want (what you really, really want). People lucky enough to make the recent Writers Roundup dug it (that's how the hip kids say they like something). We want to do more of these, and that means finding out what topics you want. Please click on this button so you can send us your wish list.

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The aforementioned Roundup was corralled by our own **Mary Smathers**. For her superb efforts, Mary was presented with the highest presidential honor offered by the CCW: The coveted—not available at any store at any price—Coastie refrigerator magnet award. Thanks, Mary. Your country owes you.

Scotty out



"Shut Up and Write!": Saturday, June 6, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Starbucks, 865 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. Get together and "just write." Free and open to all.

Poetry Group: Saturday, June 6, 1:00 p.m. at Peet's Coffee, 560 Munras Ave., Monterey. Bring a one-page poem or lyric to share. Free and open to all members.

CCW Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Awakening, Pacific Grove. See above for speaker details. Free and open to members and the public.

Salon: Sunday, June 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Sugar Farms Marketplace, 601 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Share your writing in an informal, supportive atmosphere. Free and open to all members and friends.

Sat-Chat: Saturday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Panera Bread in the Edgewater Shopping Center in Sand City. *Note new location!* Get together and chat about all things having to do with writing and publication. Free and open to all members.

The Book Festival is Back!



Save the date: Saturday, July 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Carmel Plaza. Details are still being worked out, but CCW will definitely have a table to promote the club and give

you an opportunity for you to sell your books.

While waiting for "the deets," you might want to check out this list of tips for selling books at fairs and festivals. Although your editor is shocked that the author of these tips failed to mention the importance of offering free candy!

Book Festival Tips

Say Hi to Our New Members!

Ashley Whelan lives in Carmel Valley and is interested in writing poetry, memoir, and educational topics.



Keira Silver of Salinas is a student member who is in the creative writing class at CSUMB, lead by our April speaker, Kristen LaFollette.



It's That Time of the Year

Our membership renewal period has officially begun! Just \$45 will maintain your membership through June 2027. Membership Chair **Kim Parker** will be emailing QuickBooks invoices or has already done so by the time you read this. The email will be from "**California Writers' Club Central Coast Branch** <quickbooks@notification.intuit.com>" with the subject line "**Invoice from Central Coast Writers CCW**". You may renew with a credit card or by Paypal, Venmo, Apple Pay -- or even a check through the USPS! Deadline to renew is August 31. In keeping with tradition, those who renew by July 31 will be entered into a drawing for a free membership. And as Membership Chair **Kim Parker** notes, "We know life changes, so if you know you are not renewing this year, please let us know so we don't keep bothering you with emails, snail mail, or calls."

Calling All Crime Writers



If you're a member of the NorCal chapters of Mystery Writers of America (MWA) or Sisters in Crime (SnC), you've probably noticed that attending their meetings isn't really convenient for us denizens of the coast. We're hoping to fix that. At the recent Left Coast Crime event, a group of us got together with the idea of forming a South Bay/Coastal Crime Writers Group.

If you write crime—or have any interest in doing so—we're going to have our initial meeting on Saturday, June 20th at 2 p.m. Even if you're not in the MWA, SnC, CIA, FBI, or CBS, you're welcome to join us. Because we're drawing from Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Jose, we settled on Santa Cruz as the midpoint for everyone. We're still working on a location. If you want more info, email Scotty Cornfield at president.ccw@gmail.com. It should be a killer of a time.

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