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Central Coast Writers **Update Sept. 3, 2025**

Remembering Mike Latta

By Scotty Cornfield, CCW President

Good news travels fast. Bad news ever faster sometimes, and if you didn't get the word about the club losing a member recently, I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but here it is. A member of the CCW since 2015, and a good friend of mine, Mike Latta passed away suddenly on August 14th at his home.

Mike was a gruff, but lovable guy, a talented writer, a sailor, a former race car driver, an original Mad Man (an actual advertising creative—not the kind John Hamm played on TV), and a solid friend who told it like it was.

When he liked my writing, he told me. When it sucked, he told me, and on good days, he even told me why it sucked.

He didn't drive much at night during the past couple of years, so you might not have seen him at meetings, although he did like the daytime picnics and parties. Speaking of... we'll be celebrating his life at a place

we think the former sailor would approve of (Lover's Point Park in Pacific Grove). We'll meet at the picnic tables on **Monday, September 22nd, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m**. to swap stories and remember a great character. Water and paper goods will be provided. If you feel like it, bring a little something to share (appetizers, desserts, live Maine lobsters, etc.) as we send Mike off. If you need further info, feel free to email me at scotty@scottycornfield.com

Scotty out

Read More About Mike Latta

Meet A Literary Agent!

"The Author's Checklist: Developing and Editing Your Manuscript"

When: Tuesday, Sept. 16

Who: Elizabeth Kracht, agent with Kimberly Cameron & Assoc.

Where: Center for Spiritual Awakening, Pacific Grove

Doors open: 5:30 p.m.

Find Out More

Sat-Chat: Let's get together and chat about anything writing-related.

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Seaside Public Library, 550 Harcourt Ave.

Salon: Share your work in an informal, supportive atmosphere.

Sunday, Sept. 21, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The PG Meetinghouse, 599 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove

Both events are free and open to all members

Booktoberfest is Coming!

Every October, we celebrate club members who have released books over the past year (maybe even in the past 18 months if we're feeling particularly generous). For our October 21st meeting, if you have a recently released book and would like a few minutes at the podium to read from your work, contact Scotty Cornfield to sign up. Readers will get 5-7 minutes or so (depending on how many takers we have). Tables will also be available for the authors to sell their books. Email Scotty at scotty@scottycornfield.com to sign up. Do it early so you don't miss out!

Goodbye to Dick Burns

In addition to Mike Latta, the summer of 2025 saw the loss of long-time member Richard "Dick" Burns. A native of Piedmont, Dick had a successful career in advertising before retiring to Carmel. In 2010, he published "Live or Die: A Stroke of Good Luck" about his recovery from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Your Writers Club Needs You!

CCW believes strongly in keeping our meetings free for anyone who would like to attend. We depend on the money we earn by judging the Scholastic writing contest — $2500—to make this possible.

We know we can count on many of you to volunteer as judges. But what we need is someone willing to be in charge this year, our Scholastic contest chair. The ideal candidate:

- Has free time in December and early January.
- Is detail-oriented with a strong sense of commitment and follow-through.
- Is comfortable with learning new computer software.

If that's you, please contact scotty@scottycornfield.com

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