



November 1, 2025

Joyce Krieg, Editor

Writing for Global Understanding

Our November meeting will feature acclaimed author, speaker and activist Ava Homa on the topic of "Writing as a Pathway to Global Understanding."

When: Tuesday, Nov. 18

Where: Center for Spiritual Awakening,
Pacific Grove

Doors open: 5:30 p.m.

Free for everyone! Free pizza!



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Nov. 18

Regular monthly meeting. See above.

Nov. 22

Sat-Chat: Let's get together and chat about everything literary! 10:30 a.m. - Noon, Seaside Library, 550 Harcourt Ave., Seaside

Nov. 23

Salon: Share your work in an informal and supportive setting. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., PG Meetinghouse, 599 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

All events are free and open to members and guests.



Much Ado About December

Yes, we know. It's only the first of November. Still, your CCW board is looking ahead to December, scouting for ideas for a holiday event that would appeal to you. We've already reserved the Center for Spiritual Awakening for our regular third Tuesday evening, in this case **December 16**. Instead of a speaker, we'd like to plan activities that you would find fun and possibly useful. Some ideas being floated:

- Member talent show
- A "round robin" story (each member writing one sentence and passing it along)
- Goal-setting for 2026 when it comes to our writing and publishing
- Screening of *The CWC Story*, a 15-minute video about the history of California Writers Club

Now it's your turn. What sort of activities, silly or serious, would entice you out of the house to mix and mingle with your fellow writers on a Tuesday evening in December? Let us know by emailing President Scotty, scotty@scottycornfield.com.



Content Specialist Needed

by Scotty Cornfield, CCW President



Since we're deep in the midst of C.S. Lakin's workshop this weekend (featuring our own Brooke French as co-instructor), I'm going to keep this one short and sweet (much like myself).

Thanks to the hard work of Joyce Krieg, Gary Parker, and former member Jennifer Schmidt, we now have great websites and News Blasts (like the one you're reading now), but... we need one more piece to make the puzzle work and you may just be "the one" (as the oracle said in *The Matrix*). It's an old movie reference. Look it up, kids. Go ahead. I'll wait.

What we're looking for is someone I'll call a content specialist—an aggregator, if you will. Basically, we need someone to be the information manager who will receive the content and get it to two people (the web guru and the News Blast editor) every couple of weeks. This isn't a job that involves knowing how to code, program, edit, proofread, etc. It won't involve a lot of time or work, but what it WILL DO is allow the heavy lifters to do their jobs easier, resulting in happier CCW volunteers who work behind the scenes to bring you the best website and News Blast content in the state.

Whaddya say? Are you looking for a way to help us out? Want to join the few, the brave, the proud? If so, take a step forward and make your country proud. I'm just an email away.

Thanks for listening.
scotty@scottycornfield.com

Training the Next Best-selling Authors

Author coach C.S. "Susanne" Lakin is not leading choir practice. Rather, she's making a point at CCW's workshop, "Taking Your Fiction from Good to Great" this very weekend at the Monterey Elks Lodge. If you're not among the members who are attending, you'll have to stay tuned for more workshop news for 2026.

Helping the Next Generation and Your Writers Club!

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the longest running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Each year, CCW is privileged to participate by helping to judge the preliminary round of entries. In return, Scholastic donates \$2,500 to our treasury. This is our second-largest source of income after your member dues, and it is what allows us to keep our meetings free and open to everyone.

Please consider volunteering to judge. All you need is a couple of hours of free time in late December/early January, and a computer with internet access. You can do the judging at home on your own time. No meetings to attend or Zoom sessions to sit through, we promise!

If you'd like to help, reach out to this year's coordinator, Joyce Sherry.
joycesherry@mac.com

Congratulations, Alison!

CCW member Alison van Diggelen is
launching her new book, *The Love Project*

Friday, Nov. 7 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Pilgrim's Way Community Bookstore Dolores
between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel

Light refreshments and lively conversation.

Free to all, but RSVPs requested:
cynthiapilgrimsway@gmail.com

Cracking the Library Code

All of us would undoubtedly like to see our books in the nation's libraries. But how, exactly do you do that--especially if you're an indie author? CCW member Nicki Ehrlich tips us off to a free webinar on that very topic, sponsored by the Indie Author Project.

Friday, Nov. 14 9 - 10 a.m. PST

[Register for the Webinar](#)



Free Publicity for Members

Our parent organization, California Writers Club, has a thrice-yearly newsletter in which they publish news of members' achievements. If you've recently launched a book, won a writing-related honor, or achieved some other professional milestone, let your fellow members know about it. Send your news, 50 words or less, to editor@calwriters.org. Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 20.

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