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Elk Grove Writers Guild
Writers Helping Writers

Welcome!



The Elk Grove Writers Guild became more than talk in 2018. Our purpose was to help writers improve their writing skills. This newsletter is one way the Guild works toward that goal.

Within these pages, you'll find a wealth of information about upcoming events, classes, and Guild news. We also provide writing tips, updates on the latest happenings in the writing world, and writing wisdom.

We're always looking for new contributors and encourage you to submit your work. Whether you have news about your writing group's events, book launches, poems, writing tips, recent successes or publications, or reports from events you've attended, we want to hear from you.

See the **back page** for submission information.

EGWG Information

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What's Happening?

January 31st was the deadline to volunteer for positions on the EGWG board or in key departments, so no news yet. The board will probably send out a notice when the election is over.

“As a writer, you should not judge; you should understand.”

Ernest Hemingway

Elk Grove Writers Guild Meetings are on the **first Friday of each month from 12:30 to 2:30.**

We gather as a Writer's Circle to speak the language of writers. We share what we're doing and how we're doing it. Topics vary as questions and problems are discussed or as the latest information in the writing and publishing world is shared.

Guild members can post their work-in-progress (WIP) on Google Docs and share it with other members for critiques. This is an excellent way to receive input and valuable insights into the work presented.

If you're interested in joining the Guild, go to www.egweg.org, click **JOIN**, fill out the membership application, and send in your dues.

If you'd prefer to visit first, come to the first Friday meeting at **Round Table Pizza, 10054 Bruceville Road, in Elk Grove.** The next meetings are on **February 6 and March 6, 2026.**

Contact loyholder77@gmail.com for answers to any meeting or Guild questions.

LOCAL GROUPS & EVENTS

CWC's Meetings are on the first Friday, 9-11 a.m. Denny's, 7900 College Town, Sacramento. The third Saturday, 1-3 p.m., isn't always at the Arcade Library. For information on current meetings or events, visit the [California Writers Club, Sacramento branch](https://www.cwcalifornia.org/branches/sacramento).

NCPA monthly meetings are on the second Sunday from 4 pm to 6:30 p.m. The meeting typically includes a speaker discussing various writing topics. Their new location is Flaming Grill Café at 2380 Watt Ave., inside Country Club Plaza. The link for current information is: <https://www.norcalpa.org>

California Writers Club (CWC) **(San Joaquin Valley Writers Branch)**

Members' monthly Speaker Meetings, 2nd Saturday with a Zoom program, and the 4th Saturday of each month with an in-person meeting at 12 noon - 2:00, at the Lodi Library, 201 W. Locust, Lodi, CA.

Check the link below for other information.
<https://www.sjvalleywriters.org>

Capitol Crimes Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month from 1-3 p.m. For info, go to

<https://capitolcrimes.org/events>

The Gold Country Writers

GCW has an active calendar. For information about their writers' events or directions, contact Margie Yee Webb at mywebb@sbcglobal.net or visit <https://goldcountryrtwriters.com>.

Black Women Write

Black Women Write meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. until noon. For information, contact BlackWomenWriteSac@gmail.com

EGWG BULLETIN BOARD

Seeking Speakers and Teachers

If you're passionate about sharing your expertise and want to be a featured speaker at an event in 2026 or later, please contact Loy Holder at loyholder77@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are always welcome. If you'd like to help ensure the next event runs smoothly or think you can fill another role, please get in touch with Loy Holder listed above.

Rare or Seldom Used Words

Eremitic. Reclusive.

Cervine. Pertaining to deer.

Scree. A steep slope with loose soil and stones.

Anidian. Shapeless; formless.

Periapt. An amulet or charm to ward off disease or harm.

T-Shirt Truths

1. To write freely is to walk a joyous, terrifying, enchanting path naked through a world fully clothed
 2. I write what shouldn't be forgotten
 3. You are SO dying in my next book
 4. Writer – *noun* - Someone with the insane compulsion to bare their souls on paper, weep over their keyboard, and bang their head against the wall, all while converting caffeine into words
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Check the Flyer Section

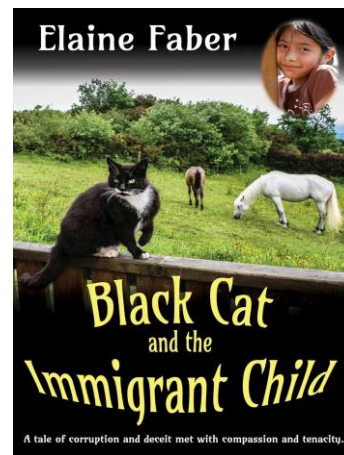
For New Flyers and Other Information

1. Sacramento Book Festival
 2. Chris Hennessy Book Tour
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“Be willing to write really badly.”
Jennifer Egan

Something New From

Elaine Faber



[Black Cat and the Immigrant Child: A tale of corruption and deceit met with compassion and tenacity. \(Black Cat Mysteries Book 5\) - Kindle edition by Faber, Elaine. Mystery, Thriller & Suspense Kindle eBooks @ Amazon.com.](#)

Kimberlee, Dorian, and their pets return to Grandmother Lassiter's multimillion-dollar horse ranch on the Mexico-Texas border to settle her affairs. On their first day, an illegal immigrant is found murdered with a six-year-old girl at his side. Black Cat and Angel overhear a ranch hand confess to the murder and say he plans to kill the little girl, who witnessed the crime. The family gets involved in protecting the girl. Black Cat teams up with Murphy, his Maine Coon rival, and Cedric, the barn rat, to prevent another murder and catch the culprit. The story highlights Black Cat and Angel's funny relationship and is perfect for fans of light mysteries and humor.

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EGWG President's Column

Happy February 2026

Dear members and friends,

We had a wonderful group at our first EGWG Membership Meeting of 2026.

There was a lively discussion about possibly changing the meeting time and/or date to boost attendance among members who work during the day.

Someone mentioned that when writing a book with many characters, it can be helpful to create a diagram showing their relationships. I thought it was worth sharing here.

Stay tuned for updates on our progress in filling the new EGWG Board Positions.

Have a great February.

Loy Holder – EGWG President

A Little Tidbit from the Editor

In January, I enrolled in a publicity course with Jill Lubin through San Joaquin Valley Writers. It was excellent, and I strongly recommend listening to her if you get the chance. She

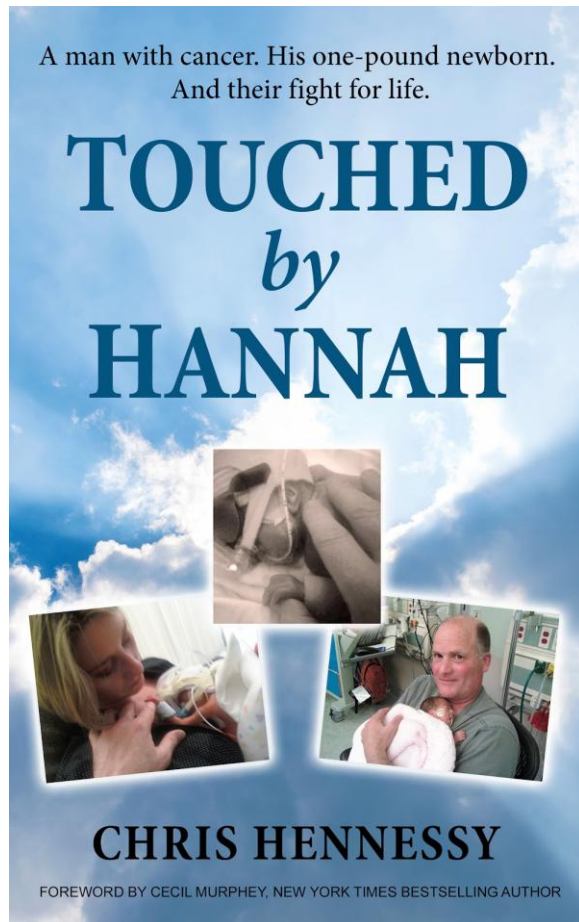
shared many helpful tips, but the three main points I found valuable were:

1. When discussing your book with others, mention the title three times.
2. Instead of using your regular email, create one with your pen name or the name you use as an author. For example mine would be, PLClarkauthor@gmail.com
3. If you have a speaking engagement or are writing an introduction, make sure to include your name, your role as the author, and the title of your book. For example, PL Clark, author of Vanished.

Paraprosdokians From Historical Figures

1. Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead. – Benjamin Franklin
2. If I had to name my greatest strength, I guess it would be my humility. Greatest weakness, it's possible that I'm a little too awesome – *Barack Obama*
3. When I was young, I used to think that money was the most important thing in life; now that I'm old, I know it is – *Oscar Wilde*

Coming Soon



Chris and Hannah Hennessy's *Touched by Hannah* 2026 Book Signing, Podcast, and Speaking Tour

Tour Kickoff Event:

[The Pleasant Pheasant Bookstore](#), Woodland, CA

Monday, February 16, 12–1 p.m.

Join award-winning filmmaker and author [Chris Hennessy](#) and his daughter Hannah as they launch their Northern California book tour with an intimate

afternoon of storytelling, resilience, hope, and laughter.

This special event features book sales and signings, along with uplifting, gut-wrenching, and undeniably true readings from Chris's memoir *Touched by Hannah*—*A man with cancer. His one-pound newborn. And their fight for life.*

Chris and Hannah will share their journey, answer your questions, and demonstrate how ordinary people navigate extraordinary challenges with grace and humor.

Whether you're a writer, teacher, reader, book club member, parent, or simply someone who believes in the power of authentic storytelling, this event promises to inspire and move you.

About the Book:

[*Touched by Hannah*](#) chronicles a 12-year writing journey, offering a candid look at finding purpose and maintaining "life as usual" when facing life's most challenging moments.

The book is available on Amazon

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Something to Consider

“We have to continually be jumping off cliffs and developing our wings on the way down.” *Kurt Vonnegut*



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

POETRY

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

COMING EVENTS

SHORT STORIES

FLYERS

WRITING CLASSES

Please send your submission by the 15th of the month for the next issue, or contact Penny Clark for later submissions.

Take advantage of the free advertising!

Send your Submissions to turlockpenny@yahoo.com.

The Submission Format is Garamond-14. If possible, send it as a Word document(docx). **Thanks!**

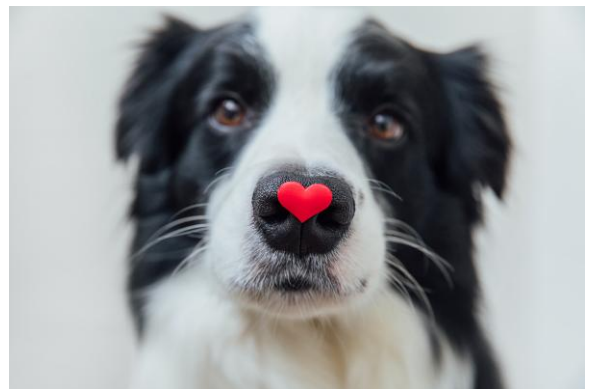
February 2026

- Feb. 02- Groundhog Day
- Feb. 14- Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16- President's Day
- Feb. 17 Chinese New Year
- Feb. 18 Lent and Ramadan Begin

Writing Prompts Just for Fun:

- 1 Share how a stranger's kindness affected you.
- 2 What makes you smile?
- 3 Write about one of your biggest regrets.
- 4 Travel back in time and write about where you'd go, what you'd see, and who you'd meet.

I'M A HAPPY VALENTINE!



See you next month!

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Calendar and Flyer Section

February 2026

February 2026						
◀ Jan 2026						Mar 2026 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 GCW 10-12 – Business Mtg. @ City Hall Rose Room, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn	5	6 EGWG 12:30-2:30 Members Mtg., Round Table, 10054 Bruceville, Elk Grove Sac. CWC 9- 11 at Denny's 7900 College Town, Sac'to	
8	9 Sac Sub 7-9 p.m. at Crossroads Fellowship, 5501 Dewey Dr., Fair Oaks, and on Zoom www.sactowriters.org	10	11 GCW 10-12 Drop-In Critique. @ City Hall Rose Room, Auburn	12	13	14 SJWV 12-2 – “Char-acters to Remember” by June Gillam on Zoom
15 NCPA 4-6:30 PM at Flaming Grill, 2380 Watt, #150 *in Country Club Plaza, Sacramento [because of Super Bowl]	16	17	18 GCW 10- 12:William O'Daly, “Translating Our Lives Into Poetry” at City Hall Rose Room, Auburn. Open to all	19	20	21 BWW 10-12. See Black-WomenWriteSac@gmail.com
22	23	24	25 GCW 10-12 Drop-In Critique. @ City Hall Rose Room, Auburn Bus. of Writing 12:30- 2:30, Depoe Bay, 893 High St., Auburn	26 EGWG 1:30 – Board Meeting, Zoom	27 Sac Sub. 9-11 Writers → Mingle @ Denny's, N. Sunrise & Douglas, Roseville.	28 SJWV 12-2 Craft Chat: “Opening Lines,” at Lodi Library, 201 W. Locust, Lodi Cap. Cr. 1-3 speaker. See https://copitol-crimes.org/events

- More Calendars: [Mar 2026](#), [Apr 2026](#), [2026](#)

ABOUT THE FLYER SECTION

If you have flyers for your own event or your writing group's event that you'd like to see in this section, please ensure they are in Word doc format. I don't have an app for handling PDFs or JPGs.

Send your flyer directly to Penny Clark at turlockpenny@yahoo.com

Thanks

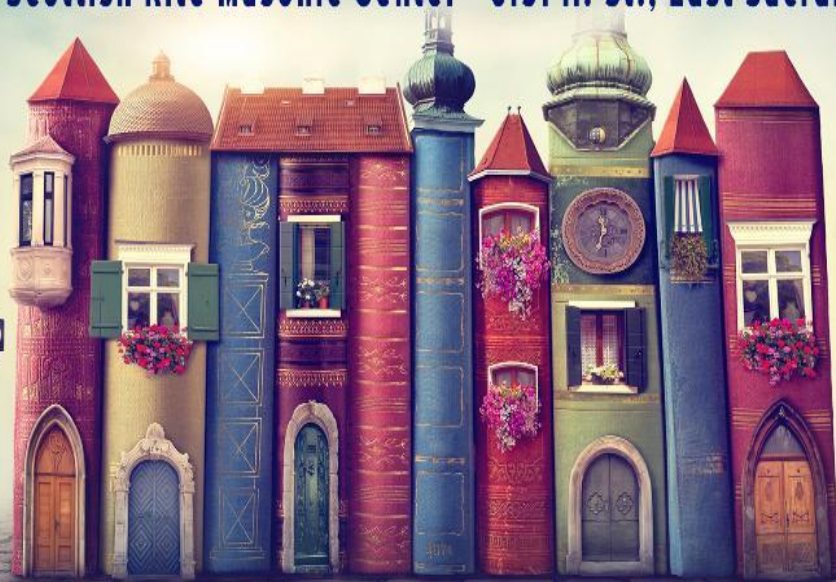
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1. Sacramento Book Festival
2. Chris Hennessy Book Tour

SACRAMENTO BOOK FESTIVAL

SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2026, 10-5

All Ages | Scottish Rite Masonic Center - 6151 H. St., East Sacramento



This is a Free
Non-Profit
Literary Event



SacramentoBookFestival.com

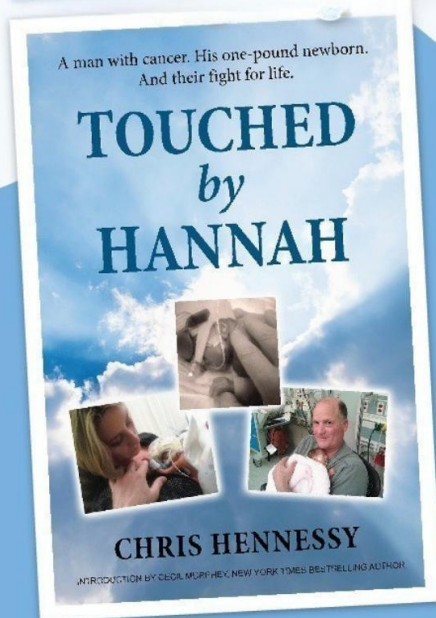


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Book Tour 2026

UPCOMING BOOK SIGNING AND READING



details @ HenChris.com



Snacks & Drinks Provided
by Morgan's Mill

Monday February 16
12pm-1:30pm

@ The Pleasant Pheasant
Book Store, Woodland CA



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