

## Our 100 Year Legacy

During the early 1900s, famed novelist Jack London and his literary friends gathered for picnics and lively discussion on the grounds of poet Joaquin Miller's home in the Oakland Hills. In 1909, those informal meet-ups evolved into a more structured organization that took the name California Writers Club, incorporated in 1913.

Today, we're one of the oldest groups for writers in continuous operation in the nation, a strong, vibrant organization of some 1600 members in 19 branches throughout the state.

Because of our efforts, and by decree of the governor and state legislature, the third week in October has been declared California Writers Week in perpetuity.

We still have picnics at Joaquin Miller's home – now Joaquin Miller Park – where we read from our works and honor the legacy of California writers.

Visit us online at [www.calwriters.org](http://www.calwriters.org)



Jack London



Joaquin Miller

## Our Members Tell It Best

"... the single most important factor in my writing and publishing success..."

*Elise Frances Miller – SF/Peninsula*

"I gained the knowledge that enabled me to publish my first novel." *Nancy Curteman – Fremont*

"Thanks to a speaker at one of our meetings, my short story was published in Harlequin's Christmas anthology."

*Harry Freiermuth – Central Coast*

"... good writers, good people, good opportunities..." *Thomas Burchfield – Berkeley*

"Vintage Voices anthologies, a real success story for seven years, providing publishing opportunities for Redwood members!" *Kate Farrell – Redwood*

"... allowed me to meet radio commentator Susanne Lang... who in turn interviewed me about my book." *Mary Ames Mitchell – Marin*

"... the first writers' organization I joined. Fifteen years and two pen names later, my 17th mystery novel was just released from Penguin."

*Camille Minichino – Mt. Diablo*

"I gained the confidence to seriously start my book. Four years later, my book was published."

*Kiyo Sato – Sacramento*

"Without CWC, I would still be dreaming of calling myself a writer." *Lani Longshore – Tri-Valley*

"Every meeting I attend inspires me to continue writing..." *Margaret Power – Long Beach*

"... the spirit of writers helping each other is a key benefit of CWC membership."

*Carol Celeste – Orange County*

"... gives me confidence to keep working on getting my writing published."

*Andy Kilikauskas – East Sierra*



# California Writers Club

All levels

All interests

All possibilities

## Serving Today's Writers

California Writers Club exists to encourage writers by helping them find resources and to connect them with fellow writers who mentor and support them.

- Monthly meetings with speakers
- Workshops
- Critique groups
- Publishing guidance
- Annual *Literary Review*
- Social events/networking
- Newsletters
- Open mics
- Anthologies
- Contests
- And much more!

CWC members represent a wide variety of interests. Our levels of achievement and experience range from authors with multiple book contracts at major New York houses to “I’ve just always wanted to write.” Regardless of your niche or level, there’s a place for you at California Writers Club.

*California Writers Club is a 501 (c) (3) educational nonprofit corporation.*

## California Writers Club – Join a Branch Near You

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