During the May meeting, Fay Bolton gave an extremely informational presentation on publishing an illustrated picture book for children using Createspace; now the rest of the Createspace story

Regular JUNE MEETING: Thursday 9 Jun 2016 ~ FREE MEETING

6:30pm-8:30pm
Cool River Pizza
1805 Cirby Way Suite #3 ~ Roseville
(Corner of Cirby & Rocky Ridge)

Guest Speaker: Andrew Benzie
How to Self Publish Your Book with Createspace ~ for ALL GENRE

Andrew’s presentation includes cover design and branding, interior layout, ISBN numbers, pricing and royalties, print on demand, CreateSpace, Amazon, Smashwords and eBooks, plus tips for online marketing strategies including websites, blogs and other social media.

Bio: Bay Area native Andrew Benzie has over 25 years of experience in the design industry. He’s worked for both corporate art departments and as a freelance designer for his own company, Andrew Benzie Creative Design (ABCD).

In 2010 Andrew established his own publishing company, Andrew Benzie Books, to help authors design, publish, and market their books in both softcover and eBook formats.

Andrew Benzie Creative Design www.andrewbenzie.com ~ eMail: andrew@andrewbenzie.com
Andrew Benzie Books www.andrewbenziebooks.com ~ Phone (925) 253-7790 ~ Pleasant Hill, CA

(You do NOT have to purchase food or beverage, but if you do, it’s ok to consume them during the meeting)

*NEW and still FREE ~ you asked, we complied:

Started in May, NCPA now has a Lunchtime meeting: Casual 3rd Wednesdays @ Denny’s

That makes two (2) meetings a month ~ our regular meeting, with guest speakers will continue on 2nd Thursday nights at Cool River Pizza, and a new, lunchtime meeting with NO GUEST SPEAKERS, is 3rd Wednesdays at Denny’s on Auburn Blvd @ Watt Av.

FYI ~ we’ve changed from the originally scheduled Mon at Mimi’s meetings, to Wed at Denny’s

Next DAYTIME meeting (NO SPEAKER): Wed 15 June ~ 12N–2pm
(Private back room Denny’s, 3520 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento (Watt & Auburn)
(After that wild May meeting, it’s obvious why we need a Private “Back” Room!!)

More info on the topics and what we’ll be doing, closer to the time, via Email; watch for it!
No-host food & beverage … and it’s not mandatory to make a purchase
Our 1st “CASUAL 3rd Wednesday @ Denny’s”

Sharon Darrow, NCPA President:

Wednesday 18 May was our first NCPA monthly noon meeting, and the five of us who attended agreed that it was the best meeting ever. Why, especially since there were only five of us? Because we were able to get to know one another on a much deeper level, we shared information and ideas in a very intimate, friendly setting, and we had a free-wheeling discussion on writing that taught all of us something new and special.

The private room at Denny's on Auburn at Watt Ave was large and quiet, Denny's is easy to find, and the staff took great care of us. (Editor's note: With plenty of free parking.)

The five pioneers today were June Azevedo, Sharon Darrow, Frances Kakugawa, Norma Jean Thornton and Katie Yaranon. We are all very different people with varied skills and experiences, but this meeting helped us feel closer, more supportive of one another and energized to be better at what we do.

The next noon meeting will be on June 15th, so treat yourself by marking your calendar now! And don't forget to wear your bright red nail polish!!! (What does that mean? Inside joke, known only by those who attended Wednesday.)

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NEW: Chatter from our first CASUAL 3rd Wed @ Denny's Daytime Meeting 18 May 2016

One of the things we discussed and agreed to do (for that first meeting, at least), was what Katie, one of the attendees, calls a “Writing Task” … as newsletter editor, I asked each of the other four in attendance to write something … anything they desired, any genre, any length … for the May newsletter This is what they wrote, in the order received: You'll note another mention of red nail polish. send your answer/guess as to what that refers to, to editor for a prize … 1st correct answer wins (attendees not eligible!) … normathornton@yahoo.com

Frances Kakugawa:

Our first Wednesday meeting was definitely for adults only.

Come join us next month if you can handle Mustang Ranch, red nail polish during the night, confession from a Cougar, and belly laughs.

On a lesser tone, we agreed that the editing process is very crucial to good writing.

Editors owe it to writers to be honest and upfront and writers who become defensive with editors’ feedback are not ready for publication.

A few specifics were offered on the editing process between editor and writer: Yes, we recognized books that are boring because the editing process was not taken seriously. Serious editing must be done by writing groups or any individual editors.

We talked of the use of language in different time periods and culture, the various writing style of those present, and the role of reading prize winning literature to improve one’s own writing.

All this over a good lunch, and cups of good coffee. ~ Frances

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JILL K. (Katie) YARANON (Author)

Editor's note: Have you ever been misunderstood when you mention your writing group, and others hear Riding, instead of Writing? I have, several times, even though I try to very clearly enunciate the ‘Ting. Katie does both, and incorporates the two in the following piece:
A Certain Feel

In the horse training business you will hear the premiere trainers talk a lot about "feel". The "feel" is a simple word that means many things (hands, seat, intention) and involves delicate, subtle responses between horse and rider--it is really what turns horse training and riding into an art instead of a pastime.

Feel means feeling your horse's body, reading his emotions, being with your horse in mind and body and spirit and then responding in a way that the horse understands and respects.

Wow. That sounds easy enough, but somehow when you are trying to stay aboard an 1100 pound horse that has emotional baggage and a prey mentality of fight or flight (mostly flight!), feel can fall off the saddle and be trampled into the dust.

It's a complex idea, hard to put into words but when you see horse and human gracefully dancing together you understand it.

It gets me thinking that many times words are inadequate to describe experience, emotion and thought, yet trying to find the right words to communicate complex ideas and thoughts and help our readers feel, think, respond, is exactly what writers do! ~ Katie

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Sharon Darrow

During our Banquet wrap-up meeting, Norma asked for something about each Board member to share in the Newsletter, something no one would know but might enjoy hearing. Her comment brought back a memory of my first experience with television.

Sacramento had a children's program similar to Howdy Doody, and I was in the audience one day when I was about six years old. I was having so much fun being there, when the host asked for volunteers to take part in a contest, my hand shot up and I got picked with about four others, even though none of us had any idea of what we'd be asked to do.

The contest? Who could be the first to eat some saltine crackers and then whistle. And I won! I don't remember what the prize was, and I'm sure my whistle was pretty pitiful, but I was incredibly excited and proud to be the winner! ~ Sharon

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June Azevedo

June attended a boarding school for high school, and became a fantastic roller skater. No, she was not an athlete developing her skills; she was a girl wanting to impress boys!

The boarding school had separate campuses for boys and girls, connected by sidewalks. The boys and girls were not allowed to cross over to the other campus, but the sidewalks were perfect for skating.

June skated up and down those sidewalks, polishing her technique hour after hour, making sure she looked fabulous for any boys who might be watching the show!

June let Sharon write this, and Sharon tattled on her mom! Sharon, for June

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Norma Jean

Because each of the above pieces remind me of my own things growing up, I have a story that can relate to each ~ and it gave me an idea. Instead of writing something, I’m going to start a prompt-writing section for next month’s newsletter, based on these stories. RULES: SHORT-SHORT STORY, 500 words max, any genre. PROMPT: Something memorable that happened in your childhood. Space permitting, the first 5 or 6 received will be printed AS-IS in the June newsletter so PROOF BEFORE SUBMITTING! Extremely foul words will be rejected!

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

*Thursday 14 July 2016 ~ NO SPEAKER ~ NETWORKING, Chit-Chat, Housecleaning time, Lots of new things on the horizon to discuss, including lunchtime meetings & more! ****

*Thursday 10 Nov 2016 ~ ALL PENDING SPEAKERS~ working on ~ if you have a topic or someone you’d like to hear, let me know at normathornton@yahoo.com

*Thursday 8 Dec 2016 ~ HOLIDAY Meeting ~ more info in June newsletter

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW ~ GET THOSE 2016 BOOKS PUBLISHED!!

BOOKS READY TO SELL BETWEEN 1 Jan-31 Dec 2016 are eligible for 2017 Award Banquet

**BREAKING NEWS: 2017 BOOK AWARDS BANQUET**

Our 2016 Book Awards Banquet was such a rousing success, and everyone enjoyed the location and food so much, we booked it that night for next year! ..

SAME PLACE< SAME MENU< SAME PRICE
Only the date changed ~ but still on a Sunday

Sunday 23 April 2017
23rd Annual BOOK Awards Banquet

CHERRY ISLAND GOLF COURSE ~ 2360 Elverta Rd ~ Elverta, CA 95626

$25 Buffet includes all you can eat
Chicken Breast ~ Tri-Tip ~ Rice Pilaf ~ Beans ~ Green Salad ~ Rolls
Special Vegan choice for those who don’t eat meat.
Coffee or Tea ~ Cake

5pm Networking, No-Host Bar, Silent Auction, Book Display
*(Wine & Beer available)*

5:15pm WELCOME & INTROS, SPEAKERS ~ 6pm DINNER
5:25pm ~ Emcee / Guest Speaker

- The 2016 on-site bookstore also went over so well, we’ll have it again
- $1,000 Scholarship to be awarded to local HS student college-bound for Pub or Writing
- Silent Auction for 2018 Scholarship
- Contact Amy Rogers amy@science thrillers.com for complete details on bookstore

. MUST BE PRESENT TO SELL BOOKS
Northern California Publishers & Authors, a professional association of small, independent, and self-publishers, is pleased to announce the winners of its 2016 Book Awards competition, who were honored at a gala banquet at the Cherry Island Golf Course in Elverta on Sunday, April 24.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!
2016 Awards Banquet Review ... and news on the next one in 2017

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL who made our 2016 NCPA Awards Banquet (AB) such a great success! As of yet, we've heard nothing negative, but if anyone who was there has a complaint, suggestion ... or request for next year (like wine) ... please let us know so we can consider, or rectify any problem for future banquets. Send me an Email ... normathornton@yahoo.com

Josh, our caterer at Cherry Island, provided an extremely tasty buffet, and plenty of it! No one went home hungry, and we had so much food left over, the Rio Linda/ Elverta food pantry sends out a big thanks to NCPA!

Our repeat-emcee, Bitsy Kemper, could finally be heard this year, thanks to the new sound system provided at the venue ...and was enjoyed by all; guest speaker Anthony Sadler gave a short, but sweet discourse on how hard writing a book really is ... he previously had no idea, until they started working on their story about the harrowing experience with the Paris train attack in Aug 2016. That book will hopefully be in print by the August anniversary this year.

Our Scholarship winner, Shreya Kumar, and proud parents were in attendance, as was Jon Hendricks, one of the scholarship runners-up. Sharon awarded this year's $1,000 Scholarship to Shreya, and Bitsy asked both students several questions about writing and which college each was going to attend, plus more. Shreya gave a short talk with her thank you, and Jon gave a longer one ... both came prepared!

The special 25th Anniversary Cake donated by the Bakery at the Super-Walmart on N. Antelope Rd, in Antelope, was absolutely gorgeous, as well as delicious! Everyone was amazed (and pleased) that Walmart had produced such a professional look. The decoration on top was from a picture of the cover on our program ... and also matched the classy name-tags that Sharon Darrow's business, Travel-ID provided (at a discount), for all entrants and NCPA officers.

The Book Awards presentations were exciting, and we had a great variety of books ... including two from “Big-House” Publishers!

The on-site Book Store, run by Amy Rogers, was a huge success, and went so well, we'll be doing it again next year, with a few changes. (More about this once we start working on the 2017 event ... coming soon.)

Because I have such a great crew, and the three of us have worked so well together on the AB these last two years, my original AB committee ... Sharon Darrow and Amy Rogers ... have agreed to do it with me again next year! We're a well-oiled unit, and things couldn't run any smoother... and with only two committee meetings this year!!

Thanks to our very gracious donors (including a golf-session for four from our host venue, Cherry Island Golf Course), and our generous bidders, the silent auction brought in over $1,000 for next year's Scholarship, plus a start for 2018! A few of our authors donated the sale of their books to the Scholarship, taking us to a total of $1,057 at last count. (The Silent Auction (SA) and Scholarship are not really an AB function, just a project I started a few years ago, since I like gathering donations, and what better things to do with the money from our SA, than a scholarship?)

For the second year, NCPA member Danna Wilberg graciously donated her delicious chocolate-covered strawberries, packaged in boxes (3) that were replicas of her books, for an on-the-spot Live Auction. Thank you Danna ... my strawberries actually took three days to finish off!

Kim Edwards did a bang-up job this year contacting schools and students ... a record total of 19 ... for the scholarships, but she's hoping to work more closely with CWC next year, so was hesitant to commit to NCPA in 2017. Our newly elected VP, June Azevedo (who did our AB decorations this year), agreed to handle the Scholarship for 2017, as well as the decorations again (many commented on the decorations matching the colors of our cake, and loved the giveaway books on the tables.)

We're all set for next year. We only need an Emcee ... any suggestions? ... and book entries, so get busy writing and publishing!

Norma Jean
May 2016

our cake & program
(Sorry ~ my photo-taking skills suck, so the black/green colors are off)

**NEW **MEMBERS CORNER**
* If you want to join a critique group, let us know
* If you belong to a critique group & need members, let us know
* If you have anything to report about a local writing / publishing event, let us know

Send me an Email and we'll add your info to the next newsletter; Tell us about your progress * your writer's block * your accomplishments * what project are you currently working on * did you write that final chapter * are you recently published * have you won any awards * having a launch? Details * already had one? Details * how many books did you sell * what did you learn * selling at an upcoming venue? Details * attended any conferences? Details

Member Kim Edwards has “a piece” coming out in “a magazine” … Kim, we need more info!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR OWN**

NIGHT FLARES’ Author & NCPA member Robert M. Pacholik
Was on Good Day Sacramento Thursday 26 May 7:00am ~ & has two upcoming book signing events

Night Flares’ author, Robert M. Pacholik, was invited to join the Memorial Day Veteran’s weekend remembrance with a guest appearance on Good Day Sacramento (KMAX Channel 31 ~cw31) at 7am on Thursday 26 May.

Pacholik, who spent two combat tours photographing/writing about the Vietnam War, released 25 of his personal photos of combat Operations never before seen by the public, and was given several minutes of Q&A, and to speak on the topic: “One Vet’s Photo Experiences in the War.”

In addition, the Carmichael writer announced he will participate in two limited 1st Edition Book Signings scheduled for Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28.

Bob will have a “Meet the Author” signing at The Sacramento Public Library, Rancho Cordova Branch, 9845 Folsom Blvd (at Horn Road), Friday 27 May~ 1:00pm-2:00pm in the Community Room.

Paperback copies of both Night Flares, and Bob’s Caribbean action-adventure novel, Crab Louie will be available for sale as signed, numbered, personalized 1st Editions.

The second book signing, entitled “Coffee and Comments with the Author” will take place at the Waffles Corner Restaurant, 3129 Arden Way (near Bell Ave), on Saturday 28 May from 2:00pm-3:30pm in the Author’s Corner of the restaurant. Signed, numbered, 1st Edition copies of both books, and gift sets, will again be available for sale. ~ All are invited to attend either, or both, sessions.
Sharon’s BOTTLEKATZ ... AKA ... Orphan Kittens

Here is my most recent blog post. All because of Laurie Hoirup! Not sure if I should say thanks or not. Love the little ones and the crazy circumstances, but absolutely am not inviting other litters from friends. Of course, if anyone wants a bottle-fed kitten after they are fixed in July, just give me a call.   Sharon Darrow

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My name is Becca, and I’m the luckiest kitten in the world. Well, my sister Bonnie and brother Brady are too, but I’m telling this story.

Someone took us away from Mom, put us in a box, and left us. It was so scary! We were hungry too, when a nice lady named Jillian found us in her driveway.

She took us inside, but didn’t know how to care for us. She called her mom, Laurie Hoirup, who called a friend, Sharon Darrow, who’d taken in lots of kittens like us.

Sharon stopped taking in babies years ago, after raising more than 500, but just because Laurie is such a good friend, she said she’d take us until she could find us a place. Sharon checked us all over, and told Jillian that we were healthy, two girls and a boy, all three short-haired, with black fur, and about eleven days old.

That wasn’t fun, but then Sharon brought out a yummy bottle and fed us. Not as good as Mom, but still hit the spot.

But guess what. It turns out Jillian’s best friend from work, Candi Hudson, is the daughter of Sharon’s best friend, Ann Dickson. They’ve been best friends for more than 20 years! Who would have imagined such a coincidence? Sharon says that just means that we were meant to be with her, because we’re part of the family.

We were supposed to go to someone else in a rescue group, but it looks like we’re staying here. I’ve got lots more to say, but I’m getting kind of tired. Bonnie and Brady are curled up together asleep. Maybe I’ll cuddle with them while I finish my story.

“Brady, move over, you’re hogging the warm spot. Oops! Sorry Bonnie, I didn’t mean to step on your ear. Where was I? ……Oh yes, I was going…… to tell you … what’s …. been …. happening…. to… ussssssszzz……..”

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Editor’s note: NCPA President Sharon Darrow is the author of Bottlekats, A Complete Care Guide for Orphan Kittens, and Faces of Rescue; Cats, Kittens and Great Danes. This is just a sample of what she deals with, with those homeless, orphaned or unwanted babies.

Sharon has spent more than 20 years raising over 500 orphan kittens. Her specialty has been kittens just hours old, which require feeding and care every two hours … but with these three, every two hours is getting harder. Old Father Time has a habit of doing things like that!

But, she still works closely with rescue groups, teaching classes and giving hands-on instructions. Find out more about Sharon … and her books … by going to NCPA’s website at www.norcalpa.org and look up Sharon Darrow. She’s quite an impressive lady!

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Sacramento Valley Rose (SVR)  
(Sacramento Chapter of Romance Writers of America {RWA})  
If you write Romance, or want to, then check out SVR ~ they generally meet at 10am at the White Rock Community Clubhouse, 10488 White Rock Rd, Rancho Cordova  
- 3rd or 4th Saturday of each month  $20 for members $30 for non-members  
- Contact: Deb at debjulienne@gmail.com for RSVP information & directions  
  - Debbie Putnam, President: DebbiePutnam.SVR@gmail.com  
  - Suggest you go to their site for their rules & stipulations  
Must be a member of Romance Writers of America ($99+) before joining SVR ($30)  
SacramentoValleyRose.com

Sacramento Suburban Writers (SSW)  
(Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church, 5501 Dewey Dr, Fair Oaks, CA  
- Meets 2nd Mon of each month 7pm-9pm  
- Meetings, generally with guest speakers, are FREE ~ ($40 membership fee)  
  - Like with NCPA, you don't have to be a member to attend  
Sactowriters.org

Capitol Crimes (Cap Crimes)  
(Sacramento Chapter of Sisters in Crime)  
If you write anything crime-related, or want to, then check out Cap Crimes.  
- FREE monthly meetings, generally the 3rd Saturday of each month, generally with guest speakers, generally crime-related. They meet at 1pm at the Rancho Cordova Library 9845 Folsom Blvd in Rancho Cordova  
  - No-Host lunch 11:30am prior to meetings at Perko’s 9647 Micron Av  
Must be a member of Sisters in Crime ($50) to join Cap Crimes ($20)  
Capitolcrimes.org

California Writers Club (CWC)  
(Sacramento Branch)  
- Monthly Luncheon Meetings generally 3rd Saturday of each month ~ 11am – 1pm  
- $17 members, $20 non-members, includes lunch Rancho Cordova Cattlemen’s  
- Writers Network 9-11am 1st Fri each month IHop 2216 Sunrise Rancho Cordova  
  - Open to public, pay for your own breakfast  
- Open Mic 7pm 2nd Fri monthly Barnes & Noble 6111 Sunrise Blvd Citrus Heights  
  - For information & prices on joining, go to:  
  cwcsacramentowriters.org

MAKING CONNECTIONS CORNER:  
Featuring information & NEWS (PAGE 10) FROM our Sister-Writing/ Publishing Organizations  
If you belong to one not mentioned, please provide info *
Society of Children’s Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI) (California North/Central)

If you’re interested in writing … or illustrating … for kids of any age, this is the premiere INTERNATIONAL organization to belong to! Your first year of SCBWI membership is $95, with an ongoing annual renewal fee of $80. No monthly meetings, but there are occasional Schmoozes, Workshops, Intensive-Events, Special Events, and Critique Groups, as well as a great Holiday Party in December, and a discounted Spring Spirit Conference … plus more … with our double-fun NCPA Emcee, (who’s also SCBWI’s Regional Advisor {RA}), Bitsy Kemper

Go to the website for full information: https://canorthcentral.scbwi.org/

***SCBWI Upcoming Events ***

Saturday 27 Aug 2016 somewhere in Sacramento

“BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO WRITING CHILDREN’S BOOKS” ~ (MEMBERS ONLY)

* SCBWI SPRING SPIRIT 2017 CONFERENCE ~ (ALL WELCOME)
Saturday 1 April 2017 in Citrus Heights ~ Tickets go on sale in December 2016

REMEMBER, THERE ARE PERKS TO BEING A MEMBER OF EACH OF THESE GROUPS

***SCBWI 2016 Spring Spirit Conference comments***

This was my 7th year attending the SCBWI Spring Spirit Conference, and I look forward to 1 April 2017 for next year’s conference.

If you’ve never been to a conference, this would be the perfect one to start with, because you’re guaranteed to meet at least one Literary Agent, and one Editor from a big publisher. This year had a Senior Editor from Harper Collins.

As a bonus, each Editor and Agent will accept submissions after the event, from all attendees. They claim to prioritize ours, and will read each one generated from our Conference attendees, prior to reading any other submissions. (I wouldn’t know, because my problem, as usual, is I can’t do it immediately following the Conference, then never get around to submitting anything because I lose track of time, and forget!)

I promised myself I’d submit a story this year, but here it is 3 weeks plus after the conference, and I still haven’t … nor do I have time yet!

Just so you can see the conference is for all genre-writing, a few examples of this year’s topics

NEW ~ AROUND THE WEB

If you have a special site you’d like to share, or one you just happened to run across, pass it on and we’ll add it here. These are just a sampling of what I’ve found.

*Interested in Audiobook narration?* Great place to check out: What it takes to become a narrator, and how to go about it, step-by-step http://theresaragan.blogspot.com/ (It’s the Tuesday, April 5, 2016 GUEST BLOG: “Becoming an Audiobook Narrator – Part One”)

*Attorney/Author Susan Spann* is one of NCPA’s past guest speakers. The following URL will take you to an interview from 2013, but is still relevant to any author … self or traditionally published … pertaining to authors and the law and why an attorney is important. Beginning with a short bio, the interview then hits on “What exactly does a literary attorney do?” and the attorney info goes from there. You’ll want to read it all: https://susanbrooks.wordpress.com/2013/08/23/interview-with-literary-attorney-and-author-susan-spann/

*Where Authors Go to become Seriously Successful*: lots of interesting stuff here: http://authoru.org/dont-confuse-independent-publishing-with-self-publishing.html

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Willow Valley Press ~ Willow Valley Software
552 Brock Road ~ Nevada City, CA 95959-2908 ~ 530-265-4705 voice ~ 530-478-1387 fax

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**Travel ID Cards, Sharon Darrow**, (reduced price of event badges+) $75 off cost
Sacramento, CA 95821
916-803-1665, 800-462-2328 ~ sharon@travel-idcard.com ~ www.travel-idcard.com

**Wilson Trophy Co. of California**, reduced price of plaques by $25
1724 Frienza Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95815
916-927-9733, 800-635-5005 sales@wilsontrophy.com http://www.wilsontrophy.com

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Bitsy Kemper (our Emcee)
Picture Book (PB) Critique

California Wine Education Foundation of Lodi: $130 (DONATES EVERY YEAR)
Two all-day tickets to the 2015 Lodi ZinFest Saturday 14 May 2016

Cherry Island Golf Course: $212
Foursome in Golf at the Cherry Island Golf Course

Cindy Sample (& Face in a Book each donated $25) (CINDY’s 2nd YEAR DONATING)
$50 Gift Certificate for Face in a Book Bookstore, El Dorado Hills

Grand Oaks Inn B&B: $225 (DONATES EVERY YEAR) Valid through 31 May 2017
One night stay Queen Room in Clements …12 miles East of Lodi. Second night ½ price

Old Spaghetti Factory: $25 (2ND YEAR DONATING)
$25 Gift Certificate for dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Sunrise

Placer Pops Chorale: $75

Roaring Camp Mining Company: $100 (DONATES EVERY YEAR)
Cookout BBQ Steak dinner for 2 includes use of their recreational facilities, and a 5-hour guided gold-mine and gold-panning tour into the canyon in Pine Grove, just up the road “apiece” from Clements.

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Salad Buffet + Beverage for 2 ~ lunch OR dinner

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Tugboat Fish & Chips “Antelope Marketplace”: $20
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