



WRITERS OF KERN

MEETING AGENDA - September 19, 2015



"It took me fifteen years to discover I had no talent for writing,
but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous"
- Robert Benchley

10:00 am: Welcome (Joan Raymond, President)
Introduce Guests and Visitors
Submissions, Rejections, and Success Stories

Announcements:

- **Writer Recognition** - Donna McCrohan-Rosenthal
- **MRMS Moment** - Dennis VanderWerff
- **Critique Groups** - Clarissa Kae
- **Fall Writing Contest - Only days left to submit!!**
 - ◆ Theme - Photo Prompt
 - ◆ 1,200 Words (or less)
 - ◆ Fiction or Non-Fiction (no poetry)
 - ◆ Open to Current Members (*Dues paid by August 31, 2015*)
 - ◆ Submission Deadline - September 30, 2015
 - ◆ Online Submissions Only (visit writersofkern.com site for details)
 - ◆ Prizes: 1st Place: \$200, 2nd Place: \$75, 3rd Place: \$50
- **Memoire Class** - Dennis VanderWerff

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Hospitality Team (meet and greet guests and members before meetings)**

Upcoming:

- **Next Meeting: October 17, 2015.** Heather Lazare - Editorial and Publishing Consultant
- **Spring Conference: March 12, 2016.** Venue: Hodels Country Dining. Time: 8 am-4 pm. Speakers include teacher/anthologist, Victoria Zackheim; novelist, Anne Perry, columnist, Lois Henry; and Poet/CSUB professor, Dr. Matthew Woodman. *Early-bird registration and more details coming soon.*

10:45 a.m. Break
Opportunity Drawing

11:00 a.m. Program: Robert Price - "Writing to Maximize your Audience." Robert Price, executive editor and director of news content for *The Bakersfield Californian*, has worked at *The Californian* for 27 years. His first book, on music and migration, *The Bakersfield Sound: How a Generation of Displaced Okies Revolutionized American Music*, comes out this fall.

Please Note: If you've attended a Writers of Kern meeting or event, you probably noticed random photos being taken of attendees. You may have even posed for Dennis VanderWerff or another of us who routinely take photos for our recorded history and for our social media and websites. If you do not wish to be in this type of environment, we will be happy to refund your entry charge so you can remove yourself from the meeting. Writers of Kern has no control over members or guests taking photos which may show up on social media, and we are not responsible for anyone else's photos or actions during a meeting.

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Writers of Kern Critique Groups

Genre	Group Leader	Day	Time	Openings
Multi-Genre	Dan McGuire	1 st /3 rd Mondays	6:00 pm	
Multi-Genre	Jeff Hill	2 nd /4 th Mondays	7:00 pm	
Multi-Genre	Terry Redman	2 nd /4 th Wednesdays	1:00 pm	
Multi-Genre (Advanced)	Clarissa Kae	2 nd /4 th Wednesdays	11:00 am	
Multi-Genre	Joan Raymond	2 nd /4 th Wednesdays	6:00 pm	

New Groups Forming Now! Contact critiques@writersofkern.com for more info.