



THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY ROSE

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The World Of EMS

The Real Deal

Have you ever wanted to give your heroes or heroines careers in the public safety fields as either a fire fighter, police officer, paramedic or search and rescue professional, but didn't know enough about the job to make it sound believable? Well, now's your chance to get that information first hand from the men and women who are (or were) out there every day protecting us and keeping us safe.



If your story involves the hard-working people behind the scenes of an emergency, this is a meeting you won't want to miss.

Saturday, Nov. 18, Paramedic Wendy Unmacht with American Medical Response, Battalion Chief Niko King with the Sacramento Fire Department, Sergeant Hugh McGee with the Sacramento Police Department, and Kathy Roberts, former training officer with Placer County Mounted Search and Rescue, will talk about the day to day details of their jobs.

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Let's beat last year's total and raise \$700!

Annual Holiday Tea & Fundraiser

Want to help raise money for literacy? The annual Holiday Tea and Literacy Fundraiser is just around the corner. Dec. 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and donations are sought for the event. Items accepted can be new, slightly used, hand-crafted, gift baskets, and books.

Please bring your items to the Nov. 18 meeting or bring them the day of the tea. To ship items, please send to the chapter address c/o Judy Ashley: SVR Holiday Tea, 820 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816. For more information, call Anna Stewart at (916)425-9357 or via e-mail at SJA776@aol.com.

MEETING PARTICULARS

EMS Personnel

WHEN

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m. check-in

PRICE

\$20.00 — Members
\$25 — Guests
(\$25 at the door)

WHERE

University Club House
(See directions on Page 3)

Holiday Tea

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Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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University Club House
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PRICE

Bring your favorite
finger-food for the potluck

RSVP at least one week prior to the meeting

To Marlene Urso at:
(530) 644-4204 (hm)
or murso@innercite.com

SVR has hired a caterer for our luncheons. We will serve both regular and vegetarian fare. If you will not be staying for lunch, but plan on attending the meeting, please let Marlene know. A meeting-only charge will be assessed at the door.

A WORD OR TWO FROM THE PREZ

Looking Back...And Forward

BY ANNA J. STEWART

Sacramento Valley Rose President

It's been a great year for SVR! Our members are being published and winning contests left and right, and it couldn't happen to a greater group of people. It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for 2006 and while I am glad to put the job behind me, I will miss celebrating the good news with mounds of chocolate (although I'll applaud from my seat).

On a personal note, I might not have achieved all the goals I set for myself this year, but there's always 2007. We have, however, moved forward as a chapter and you'll be seeing a few changes coming your way as we move into the new year.

First, we're in the process of launching a new website. While our website has been good, it will soon be great, with a members-only section that will serve as the hub of communication for our members. We'll also have a gorgeous new site that will bring new members in and showcase SVR as the amazing chapter it is. Stone Creek Media is doing an amazing job, and I truly cannot wait for you all to see their hard work on your computer screens.

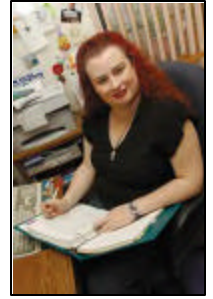
We have a great bunch of volun-

teers who have stepped up to serve on your board for 2007. My thanks, as always, to those who take on some of the work it takes to keep SVR running smoothly. Our programs lineup for next year is nearly full, beginning in January with best-selling author Sherrilyn Kenyon. We're expecting a huge turnout, so make your reservations early for this meeting.

We will be having our retreat in Sonora in April of 07, a year ahead of schedule. This one will be a little different, with lots of mini-workshops and plenty of solitary writing time (and of course a few surprise activities thrown in). We can promise you will go away from the retreat with completed pages along with a renewed passion for your writing. I hope you'll plan on attending. Watch for details in your next newsletter.

Well, I guess that's it from my end. Again, I thank you for electing me this last time as your president and, as I step down, I wish you all, for the last time, a flourishing, passionate and PUBLISHED writing career.

Cheers!
Anna J. Stewart



"SUCCESS IS A FINISHED BOOK, A STACK OF PAGES EACH OF WHICH IS FILLED WITH WORDS. IF YOU REACH THAT POINT, YOU HAVE WON A VICTORY OVER YOURSELF NO LESS IMPRESSIVE THAN SAILING SINGLE-HANDED AROUND THE WORLD."

—TOM CLANCY

MEMBER CONGRATULATIONS

❖ **PAMELA BRITTON** has signed on to write three more NASCAR books for HQN. Pamela was also featured on World News Tonight with Charlie Gibson featuring her NASCAR series.

❖ **SHERRIL GREEN AKA KATHRYNN DENNIS** signed a two-book contract with Kensington Publishing. Her first book **DARK RIDER**, a medieval historical, will be released August 2007.

❖ **BRENDA NOVAK** sold another romantic suspense trilogy to Mira. The scheduled release is back-to-back in the summer of 2008. In other news, **STRANGER IN TOWN** and **EVERY WAKING MOMENT** took first place in their respective categories in the Lories, and **STRANGER IN TOWN** took first place overall. Both books finaled in the Aspen Gold and The Award of Excellence, and **STRANGER IN TOWN** won both contests.



❖ **DEBRA SALONEN** recently sold her 20th book to Harlequin Superromance. The August 2007 release features a match-making Great Dane named George. The working title is, **LOVE, BY GEORGE**.

❖ **KIMBERLY VAN METER** recently signed with New York literary agent Pamela Dean Strickler, and her first novel, **THE TRUTH ABOUT FAMILY**, received a four-star review in Romantic Times magazine.

❖ **DONNA WIERZBOWSKI** recently sold her Latina romance novel, **OPERATION: FAMILIA**, to Floricanto Press. This is Wierzbowski's first sale.

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Bio information

Wendy Unmacht, paramedic, American Medical Response

Wendy Unmacht currently works full time for American Medical Response Ambulance (AMR) in Yolo County. She has been employed in the EMS field for over five years, first as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and currently as a paramedic in a high performance 911 system. In 2006, she was recognized by the California State Legislature as a "Star of Life," an honor given to her for saving the life of a farm worker who was involved in an accident.

Wendy is very active in promoting employee, community, and customer relations for AMR and has participated in AMR safety fairs, career day events and community blood pressure clinics.

Niko King, Battalion Chief, Sacramento Fire Department

Niko King started his firefighting career in 1990. Before that, he was employed seasonally by the US Forest Service during the

summer months and was a full-time student the rest of the year. In 1994, he was hired by the Sacramento Fire Department as a professional fire fighter. Over the last 12 years, he has served in the following capacities: firefighter EMT, training officer, spokesperson, battalion chief. He has been able to experience what it's like to pull hose into burning buildings, care for the sick and injured, instruct, supervise, and manage those in his chosen profession.

Kathy Roberts

Kathy Roberts joined the Placer County Sheriff's Search and Rescue mounted group in 1988. She held every position on the board, but her favorite is training officer. In 1996, she published Mounted Search and Rescue, and was awarded a commendation by California OES for formalization of techniques and practices in mounted search and rescue operations. She qualified as Placer County SAR-tech, and has taught classes on mounted SAR for Placer County, California OES and the National Association for Search and Rescue.

DIRECTIONS to the University Club House

From Highway 50: take the Howe Avenue/Power Inn Road exit. Head north on Howe (going South puts you on Power Inn). At the Swathmore signal light turn right (there is a turn pocket).**

From Business 80: take the Cal Expo exit east. Cal Expo Boulevard turns into Arden Way. Stay in the right-hand lane and turn right on Howe Avenue. Travel south past Fair Oaks Boulevard and American River Drive. The next signal is Swathmore, turn left.**

**This takes you into an office parking lot — you are not lost. Turn left at the yield sign, follow the road towards the tennis courts (watch out for the speed bumps) and park anywhere on the left side nearest the tennis courts. The clubhouse is down a small walkway.