

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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## Next CB Meeting: Save the Date

CWC's annual Central Board meeting will be Sunday, July 21, at the Holiday Inn at the Oakland airport. Details as to making hotel arrangements will be forthcoming once I get everything nailed together, but if you are the CB rep for your branch, please save the date. If you already know you will have a conflict on that date, I'd advise starting sooner rather than later in lining up an alternate rep so your branch will be represented.

Since this is an odd-numbered year, July 21 will also be our Jack London Service Awards luncheon. See below for more information on that happy occasion. Another reason to keep reading: a decision needed soon as to bringing back the Joaquin Miller Park picnic. Again, see below.

## Time to Choose a Jack London Service Award Honoree

One of CWC's cherished traditions is the presentation of the Jack London Service Awards during the annual Central Board meeting in odd-numbered years—like 2019! Each branch is invited to select one deserving volunteer to be honored with lunch and a plaque July 21 at the Holiday Inn at the Oakland airport.

Branches may select an honoree by any method they choose, though it's usually done by general consensus of the branch board. All we ask is that emphasis be placed on volunteer service to the branch, not so much on writing achievements. "The state" pays for the honoree's lunch and the plaque. While we encourage the branches to help pay the honoree's travel expenses to the award ceremony, there is no requirement or expectation that this be done. Still, if there's money in the branch budget to pay for a tank of gas, or for a spouse's lunch, it would be a nice gesture, another way to say "thank you."



Now, as to the details:

**Deadline** to turn in honoree's name: **Tuesday, April 30, 2019.** Sooner if possible.

**Submit** name via email to: [president@calwriters.org](mailto:president@calwriters.org).

**Accuracy counts!** Turn in your honoree's name **EXACTLY** as it should appear on the plaque. Double and triple-check your work. When it comes to spelling errors, there are no do-overs with an engraved plaque!

**Also include:** Name of the branch and the name of the person making the nomination.

But what about the Official Form? Yes, we have used a form in the past to collect nominations for the Jack London Service Award. But those were years when we had the luxury of a committee to wrangle the many details surrounding this event. This year, no helpers have surfaced and there is no committee. Madame President is doing her best to maintain this tradition, and this is as good as it's going to get, folks.

## Decisions, Decisions: Bring Back the Picnic or Have a Happy Hour?

Tough choice, I know. But if you're a CB rep, and you're going to be up in Oakland the day before the CB meeting (in other words, Saturday, July 20), would you rather attend a picnic at Joaquin Miller Park in the afternoon, or a "happy hour" that evening in the hotel's restaurant? The Berkeley branch is eager to revive the tradition of the Joaquin Miller Park picnic, but before they start pulling strings with the City of Oakland over issues like vehicle access to the Fire Circle, our colleagues need to know if this is something you'd likely attend. Or would you rather continue our more recent tradition of the "happy hour" in the Diamonds sports bar? Please let me know your preference, by emailing me at [president@calwriters.org](mailto:president@calwriters.org). And no, we cannot do both. Well, we *could*, but it would hardly be a prudent use of our funds as an educational nonprofit, as I'm sure you'll agree.

