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Dear Friend,

Now, in the dark months of winter, it may be hard to remember the summer week that is our gathering. But before we know it, talented writers, poets and the extraordinarily generous staff writers and publishing professionals will be driving along highway 89, with the Truckee River on their left, and soon turning right into Squaw Valley, will see the magnificent meadow, rocky cliffs and slopes of the valley before coming together for the workshop week.

This coming year marks the 39th anniversary of the Community of Writers' founding in 1969 by Squaw Valley writers Blair Fuller and Oakley Hall. I invite you to help us celebrate with a contribution to the Community of Writers.

As it is the end of the year, you may be making decisions about tax-deductible giving.

With the help of friends like you, there are rich experiences for the emerging writers who attend. Your support can help fund the conference in general, or provide scholarships for our neediest participants. With your donation now, we can make it all happen again for next summer.

Many of you reading this now were recipients of some kind of financial aid upon arriving in Squaw Valley.

You may still be strapped, financially, in which case we hope you can send \$10 or \$15. Or your circumstances may have changed. You may no longer be in school, or you may have a better job, or even seen your book published, in the happiest possible case. If this is true, I hope you will consider sending us a larger donation of \$100 or \$500 or more. \$650 funds a full scholarship; \$350 a partial. We hope you can send something.

Each and every gift is greatly appreciated and needed to make our gathering of talented writers what it is. We can't do it without you. You may, of course direct your donation to the program of your choice.

All of us at the Community of Writers the participants, the teaching staff and the board - thank you for your support.

You can send a check to:

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Or donate securely online at Justgive.org.

Happy New Year!

Brett Hall Jones
Executive Director