

Celebrating Fifty Years!
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Kick-Off Brunch

Wednesday, September 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sierra Pines, 7600 Whistlestop Lane, Sun City Roseville

Hear nationally acclaimed journalist Michelle Carter talk about her experiences in Russia during the “Bubble of Freedom” in the 1990’s, the pre-Putin era. *From Under the Russian Snow* is a searing personal memoir of her year in Russia as a U.S. appointed Journalist-in-Residence when she attempted to “midwife” Russian journalists through the birth of a free press after the fall of the Soviet Union, working her way across 13 time zones in some of Russia’s more primitive sectors.

Michelle was our speaker for the first Kick-Off program in 2011, when she told of her experience in a male dominated profession and her hopes of writing this memoir. She is also:

- * Co-author of the 1993 publication *Children of Chernobyl: Raising Hope From the Ashes* and chair of The Children of Chernobyl Project of Northern California, which raised over \$500,000 worth of chemotherapy drugs and two tons of medical supplies for hospitals in Belarus, Minsk.
- * A 19th California Assembly District Woman of the Year.
- * Former staff member and then managing editor of the *San Mateo Times*.
- * Professor Emeritus of Journalism at Notre Dame de Namur college in Belmont
- * An AAUW Member of the San Carlos Branch.

Michelle’s book can be pre-ordered in paperback from Amazon or Barnes and Noble but will also be available for purchase at the Kick-Off. Guests will have an opportunity to ask the author questions and have books signed at the Kick-Off