



# PEN & PALETTE

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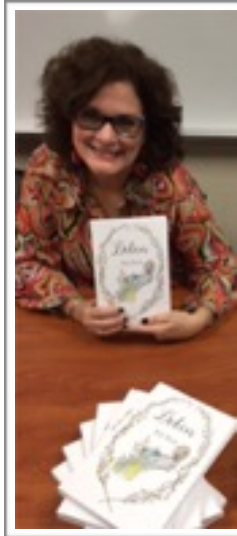
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**PHOTO OPS: Say Cheese...**



**It's been a busy summer for the Pen Ladies... (Top Left) Michelle Putnik's been promoting her book, (Top Right) Sheila Firestone's been tapping away at the keys, (Bottom Left in Center) Barbara Bixon's been hanging out in the PBSO, Crime Lab doing research for her new Crime Thriller, ( Bottom Right) Carole Kaufman's been selling artwork like crazy! Whew! Quite a busy summer indeed!**

## REMINDERS

If you keep your name tag in the car, you'll always have it with you for luncheons. Our next luncheon is Thursday, October 15, 12:00 noon.

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Pen Divas! I need photographs, pictures of art, or samples of your writing for our Newsletters.

Email them to:

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## BIRTHDAY FUNNY



## FROM THE OWL'S NEST



Dear Boca Pen Women,

Though many of you are still away, and some are slowly returning to Florida, we look forward to hearing your stories about the fruits of your summer experiences. Some of you have new publications; others are working on new masterpieces, and I am thrilled to know that we are lending each other energy and encouragement as we move into our new year. I hope you have been keeping up with Carol White's member news and this newsletter edited by Michelle Putnik. There is always something to shout out. We are so proud of your accomplishments and of your steady progress with projects as you grow new contacts and satisfy your creative energy.

I can't wait to see you at our membership reunion/ recruitment luncheon. It promises to be very special. We will introduce everyone to the new year, new officers, activities and opportunities for involvement through outreach and giving service to the Boca Pen Women. We also will have our first Silent Auction to raise funds for our Scholarships and community Outreach programs. You will want to be part of supporting those efforts.

Our theme for the October 15 meeting at Boca Woods is "Getting to Know You."— this is a special chance to get to know each other better. We may have a piano in the room and be able to sing along. We are going to be in a newly refurbished private room. I hope you will make every effort to bring a potential member or patron friend with you. The salad buffet and carving station will be delicious with bountiful choices.

I'm sure you will be excited to bid in the silent auction and perhaps own a work by one of our outstanding artists. We are fortunate that our honorary member Jan Mc Art has donated five sets of tickets to Lynn University's Play reading series and two sets of tickets to your choice of two of the plays. We will have much fun bidding on these items. You can go home with opportunities to enhance your cultural experiences and esthetically enjoy yourselves for a lifetime with the offerings. There will also be a basket filled with books, CD's, tickets to play readings and a massage or facial. (By the way if you would like any of your books included in the basket please see Michelle or me.) You can drop books off at the library on Glades Road and 95th St. between 1 and 3pm, on Thursday, September 3rd, during our board meeting in the library's conference room.

My dream for 2015 is to grow our group. I hope to bring new energy to our gatherings. Each of you can become involved in some small event or project that will enable you to enhance your enjoyment of membership as a professional or Patron in the Boca Raton Pen Women organization.

Perhaps some of you will consider registering for the state conference in Orlando on Friday, November 6, through Sunday, November 8. It is fun to grow friendships with Pen Women from different parts of Florida.

I hope that some of you are preparing to enter work to in the state competitions. All contest deadlines are extended to September 1. It's not too late for your participation. I am attaching the latest information about the conference. The workshops sound enticing, and the chance to win awards for your work are great. You can display and sell your work in the boutique. Here again is a registration packet to look over. Michelle is entering our Newsletter; Mary Unterbrink is entering our Yearbook.

I humbly thank the board for nominating me for "Pen Woman of the Year." Many of the branches around the state will be sending their best efforts to share at the Sunday morning meetings. I am attaching the rules and full conference schedule in the link below for you to look over again:

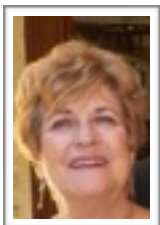
<http://www.fsanlapw.com/2015%20Rules%20and%20Registration.pdf>

I've talked my husband into joining me at the conference. For some reason, the partners and spouses of Pen Women are called Penguins. They do not have to pay a registration fee; just for the banquet meals they attend. The conference is always exciting as is reuniting with friends made from former conferences. As one of the largest groups in the state, I'd love to be well represented.

Looking forward to reconnecting with you in October,

Sincerely,  
Sheila Firestone, President

Boca Raton Branch of the National League of American Pen Women  
Music and Outreach Chairperson  
(561) 391-3610





## BOCA BRANCH NEWS by Carol White

### \*PUBLICITY CHAIR\*

**Barbara Bixon**, writing under the name A. R. Alan, has just had her third flash fiction story, "Revenge is Sweet," published in [www.Writingraw.com](http://www.Writingraw.com) August magazine. Barbara wants to remind all writers to hold September 4th open for her free writing/critique workshop at the Boca Raton Library on Glades Road from 2-4 p.m. ("How to polish your work for publication") Be sure to bring your work with you, as well as pads and pens. All writers are welcome. For more info contact Barbara at: [bbcarter2@aol.com](mailto:bbcarter2@aol.com)

**Jo Jo Harder** and her company/brand America's Top Dog Model (R) received a wonderful write-up by Michelle Pippin in the June 27, 2015 *Sponsor Saturday* post on the "Women Who Wow" website: <http://www.bmichellepippin.com/sponsor-saturday-smallz-new-dream/> America's Top Dog Model (R) also received a feature story in *Pet Product News International Magazine* and website: <http://www.petproductnews.com/News/Peaches-the-Cream-of-Americas-Top-Dog-Models/>

**Vera Ripp Hirschhorn**, M.S. is proud to announce that her story, "My Inner Child," has been published by the Pen Women Press, NLAPW, Inc and is now available for purchase online at [www.nlapw.org/bookstore](http://www.nlapw.org/bookstore). The title of the anthology is "The Light Between Us: True Stories of Healing Through Creative Expression."

**Carole Kaufman** had two paintings accepted by the Boca Raton Museum of Art's Artist Guild, 512 East Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, runs from July 12 to August 15.

**Marlene Klotz** is happy to announce that three of her poems can be viewed on line for the month of August at [www.Writingraw.com](http://www.Writingraw.com) "First Impressions" ~ "Cell Phones " ~ "Acceptance"

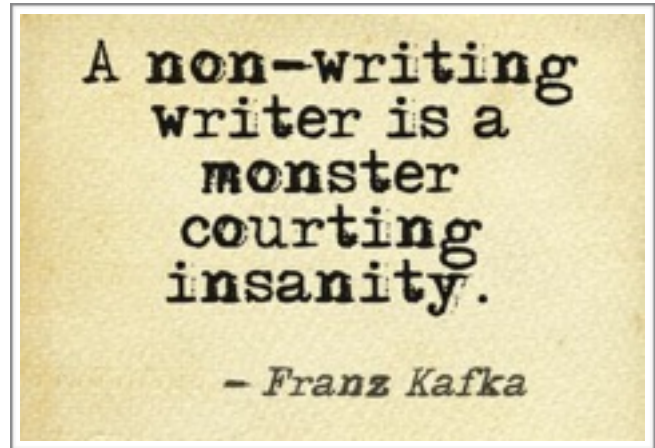
On August 24th, Marlene will give a talk about Women's Equality Day at Sunrise Senior Living in Boca Raton. She will discuss the history leading up to its inception, and also the current status of women in the U.S.

**Etta Schaeffer** participated in the Stony Brook Southampton Summer Writers Conference in July. She was a member of the Master Class in writing given by Author, TV Writer, and Essayist Roger Rosenblatt.

Another one of **Carol White's** short plays, "Hail Kale" will be produced in October by the Fort Lauderdale production company, "Pigs Do Fly," which focuses on active women and men over fifty. This is her third production this year in South Florida.

**Barbara M.Wolk**, a snowbird at Laguna Woods Village, a retirement community in Laguna Woods, Ca. is making a presentation on August 4th to the national membership group of TOPS

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Her program from The Optimum Health Institute, San Diego, Ca., focuses on menus of raw foods and wheatgrass regime, and its health benefits. She also runs a monthly Meetup Program for Single Men and Women (over 60) in Laguna Beach. She is enjoying all four of her Emeritus courses at Saddleback College.



## Join the Fun at our Membership Luncheon Silent Auction



Members of the Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women and their guests who attend our annual membership luncheon on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Boca Woods Country Club can offer bids in an exciting Silent Auction. Here's a preview of some of the fabulous auction items:

- One-of-a-kind original paintings created by Pen Women artists: Lidia Tohar, Bea Doone-Merena, Carole Kaufman, and Roberta Melman.
- Giant Gift basket with books by Pen Women authors, original music CDs by composer Sheila Firestone, a pair of tickets to a Play Reading Series at Lynn University Theatre, a gift certificate for a facial or massage at Donna Perri Day Spa, wine, and more.
- Set of two tickets to a live full length play at Lynn University Theatre (choose from 7 plays).
- Several pairs of tickets for Lynn University Play Reading Series for all 4 performances.

Auction items will be on display starting at 12:00 noon on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Checks and cash will be accepted for winning bids and are tax deductible. Your reservation form is printed on the next page.

# Boca Raton National League of American Pen Women Membership Luncheon

**October 15, 2015**  
**12:00 Noon**

**Members – \$28    Guests – \$32**

Boca Woods Country Club – 10471 Boca Woods Lane – Boca Raton, FL 33428  
Free valet parking – (561) 487-2800 for Directions

-----Reservation Form-----

**Check must be received by October 1, 2015. Members: \$28    Guests: \$32**

Make check payable to **Boca Raton Branch NLAPW**. Send to: Barbara Bixon, 9674 Harbour Lake Circle, Boynton Beach, FL 33437. Email for more information: [Bbcarter2@aol.com](mailto:Bbcarter2@aol.com).

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