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We are...

Powerful
Energized
Noteworthy

Women!

(Michelle Putnik, Letters Chair)



SPOTLIGHT'S ON



Etta Schaeffer

The Greatness Within

Not always evident
 There is a greatness within
 Not each of us
 Many of us
 We are all capable of good works
 While it may be well hidden in many
 Not there at all in some
 These are the selfish
 Self absorbed
 Who make the most noise
 expect gratitude for anything they do
 crave great praise for everything
 children learn by example
 Kind hearted generous people
 Serve as great examples
 Boorish, narcissistic, egotistical people
 Serve as terrible role models
 Give with your heart
 Not for self aggrandizement
 Real integrity is doing the right thing
 Whether anyone knows you did it or not.
 That, is the greatness within.

Etta Schaeffer's poem was published in the *Pen Woman Newsletter, Fall 2014 Edition.*



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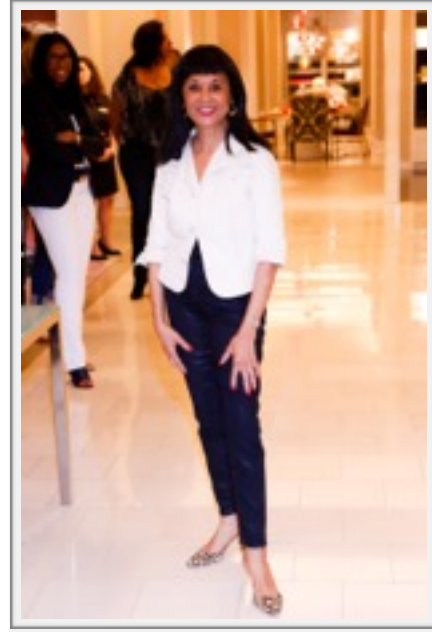
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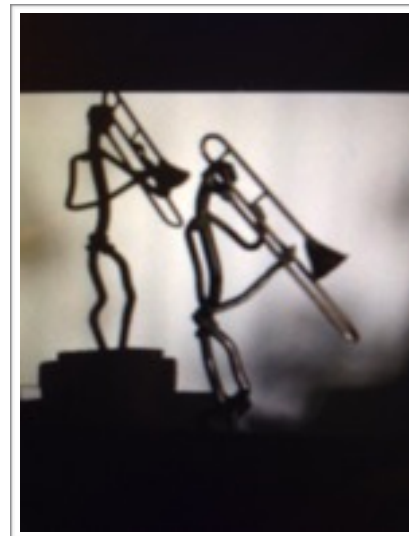
Delray Beach Public Library 16th Annual Author Showcase” Michelle Putnik (Top Right), was chosen out of fifty applicants to take part in this exciting event, for her fantasy book, “*Dobin*.” She says, “Sharing the moment with my mother, Rosemary Hillery, (Top Left), was the best part!”



“A Real Diva” Our own Jo Jo Harder, is pictured here (Top Right), modeling *Cookie Johnson’s Designer Jeans* to benefit The Nat King Cole Generation at Neiman Marcus Town Center.

PHOTO OPS:

“Hand in Hand” this heartwarming photograph (Below) was taken by our own Publicity Chair, Carol White.



“Music Soothes the Soul” Etta Schaeffer took the above photo while visiting her dear friend in Hospice.

“So, You Want to Write a Book” This lively discussion was presented by these seven talented Pen Authors: (Back Row, Left to Right) Janet S. Kleinman, Dayle Herstik, Marlene Klotz, Bunny Shulman, Michelle Putnik (Front Row) (Left to Right) Lea Hope Becker, and Mary Twitty.



“Beatrice Doone-Merena Does It Again”
A charming work of art (Below) that has us wondering, “What is that little darling thinking?”



FROM THE OWL'S NEST!



Dear Members,

Being a Pen Woman is a great adventure, from attending conferences to winning prizes for work and even for having work featured at a live performance in a national conference in Washington, D.C. I'm so proud of my contribution to the "Happy Birthday Abraham Lincoln," anthology, a choral work about Abraham Lincoln. I've enjoyed serving on the state board and branch board. I loved having an article featuring my work in the national magazine. I even enjoyed sleeping in our National Headquarters building in the dorm style attic-space. It was exciting to spend time with representatives from all over the country. These experiences helped create a feeling of kinship with members everywhere.

We support the organization as we grow the spirit of our branch. Pen Women have big hearts as we strive to create outreach programs. I remember feeling joyous watching a collaboration develop between members as we created aspects of a new ballet. I was thrilled to watch the effort grow. Where else could we meet other artists, musicians and writers who are willing to work together for each other?

The NLAPW sisterhood is unique. There is excitement in meeting other creative women, a knowingness about meeting a kindred spirit. Going to monthly programs helps me grow friendships as I heighten my familiarity with the work of my sister artists. I love the extra push of enthusiasm as we share ideas. Being an Owl puts me in the treetops, overlooking the world of women's artistic growth. Now as president it is giving the opportunity to test my leadership ability.

Starting small doing some small task, leads to greater involvement. It's like going in for a swim immersing one step at a time. What does being a Pen Woman mean to you?

Giving a Hoot,

Sheila Firestone, President

BOCA BRANCH NEWS

By: Carol White

Publicity Chair



Lea Hope Becker's novel entitled "My Name's Not Robbie Any More" was published in October 2014. This book will be reviewed as "Book of the Month" in Boomer Times and Senior Life, a publication circulated throughout Palm Beach and Broward Counties. She will be interviewed by Anita Finley, radio talk show host, on March 14, 2015 from 7:30 to 8:00AM on Station WSBR, frequency 740 AM, regarding the book and author related activities. The tape of the radio interview will be posted on YouTube shortly after the interview.

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**Aria Dunham** is now COO and talk show host for Omni Life Radio. Aria's client, Leslie Raddatz, whose story is part of The Silence releases 2015. Aria now represents clients, Mike Burke of Jupiter Yacht Broker, Paul Gmitter of New Jersey, talent, and Kip Baldwin of California, talent for book projects, branding and publishing goals. In music, Aria's client/music artist, Jesse Lopez of Florida, has acquired a production contract with music label for worldwide distribution.

**Fedora Horowitz** will discuss her Book "Jaffa Beach" for the Na'amat Group at Valencia Lakes, Boynton Beach. "Jaffa Beach" was also presented at the Meet the Authors Luncheons at Palm Isles in Boynton Beach. Fedora was invited to speak about "Jaffa Beach" on Monday, March 16 at 10 a.m. at Boca Civic Center for the Brandeis Woman organization; on Monday March 24, at 10 a.m. at the Grove Community Book Club, and on March 26 at 2:30 p.m. at Meet the Author at Palm Beach Gardens Library.

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Janet S. Kleinman, author of "Flirting with Disaster When Love and Nature Collide" will be the featured speaker at the Huntington Pointe Women's Club on Monday, February 16.

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**Lee Ravine** will discuss her memoir, *Riding Solo My Journey Through Love And Madness*, at the Wellington Library's Local Author Forum, Saturday, March 14 at 2 p.m.

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Joni Sack's poem "Moonstruck" has been accepted for inclusion in the Pen Women Press anthology "Poems of the Super Moon." Advance copies may be ordered here: <http://www.nlapw.org/book-store/>

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**Carol White's** short plays, "Speed Date" and "Any Minute Now," will be produced by La Strada Ensemble Theatre Company in Asbury Park, NJ, and in NYC during the months of February and March.

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Willis Whyte was named as a 2015 Artist-in-Residence for South Carolina State Parks. She will be doing her week-long residency, in photography, at Cheraw State Park this fall. Willis also is a participating artist at the Seacoast Artists Gallery. The gallery recently took 1st Place "The Best of the Beach" award for 2015.

If you are not receiving Carol's Call for Pen Member News, please make sure she has your email. Send it to her at polowhite@aol.com

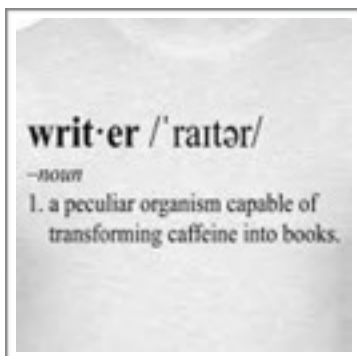


REMINDERS...

***** PLEASE BRING YOUR NAME TAGS TO THE LUNCHEON!*****



Please bring your little treasures to the next luncheon for Etta Schaeffer's Raffle table! Our next luncheon is February 19 at noon.



Upcoming Author Talks

**March 14, 2015 Time: 10:30am
Parkland Library**

**6620 North University Drive, Parkland,
FL 33067**

- M. J. Putnik: Dobin (YA Fantasy)
- Carol White: From One Place to Another (Fiction)
- Marlene Klotz: Poetically Yours (Poetry)
- Janet S. Kleinman: Flirting with Disaster (Fiction)
- Lea Becker: My Names Not Robbie Anymore (Fiction)

**March 21, 2105 Time: 2pm
Delray Beach Library
100 West Atlantic Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444**

- M. J. Putnik: Dobin (YA Fantasy)
- Carol White: From One Place to Another (Fiction)
- Marlene Klotz: Poetically Yours (Poetry)
- Jo Jo Harder: Diva Dogs: A Style to Living the Fabulous Life (Non-Fiction)
- Mary Twitty: Hallelujah, What a Ride (Historical Fiction)
- Justine Kuntz: If She Was a Boy (Memoir)

Meet a Remarkable Renaissance Woman
Dr. Gloria Waldman
Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 12:00 Noon



How can one woman be a scholar and professor, a writer, journalist, radio personality and cabaret singer? Dr. Gloria Waldman does all this and more. She will share the amazing story of her involvement with the world of Latin American and Spanish life and letters. Dr. Waldman is Professor Emerita of York College in Queens, New York where she teaches Spanish language and literature, Latin American, Puerto Rican and Women's Studies and Latino theatre. She has authored, co-authored and translated numerous books and scholarly papers. As a drama critic her reviews of Latin American and Latino theatre appear in newspapers in Puerto Rico and New York. Dr. Waldman earned her PhD in Spanish language and literature from the City University of New York. She was a Fulbright scholar in Guatemala and a recipient of two national grants.

As a cabaret singer, Dr. Waldman has performed at many venues in New York, including the Village Gate and The Broadway Comedy Club. She has brought her show, *The Gloria Waldman Swing Combo*, to Florida where she sings at clubs, restaurants, and communities.

Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave, Delray Beach
(561/243-7385 for directions)

March 19, 2015 Luncheon Menu: Please circle your choice of entrée and dessert

1. Chef Salad - Fresh garden greens, with julienne turkey, ham, salami, cheese, etc.
2. Chicken Francaise - Parmesan egg-battered chicken breast in lemon butter sauce.
3. Sliced roast beef served on French roll with horseradish sauce and French Fries.

Dessert – Circle one: 4. Lemon Cake OR 5. Fruit cup

Barbara Bixon must receive your checks no later than March 10, 2015

Members: \$25 ~ Non-members: \$30

Checks 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 Reservations MUST be made by March 10, 2015

NAME: (Print) _____ Email/Phone _____

GUEST: _____ Email/Phone _____

GUEST'S MENU: CHOICES of entree & dessert : _____

GUESTS: How did you hear about us ? _____