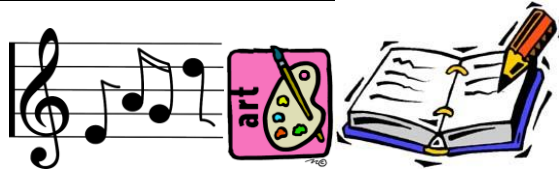


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Boca Raton NLAPW
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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Members:

What a super experience volunteers had at our ***Holiday Party for the Milagro Expressive Arts Teen Program, December 16th***. Thanks to the ***Fresh Market*** we had sandwiches, a cheese platter, and a tray of cookies for the students. Pen members Marlene Klotz, Meryl Davids Landau, Etta Schaeffer, and Carol White were delighted to hear their stories. Elaine Bossik picked up extra sandwiches and cookies, and Meryl brought along bottled water. Etta made the contact at Fresh Market where she and Marlene picked up the food. It was a worthy effort.

We enjoyed the students' drumming circle, fooling around with kazoos, and listening to the students share short speeches. A wonderful bunch of young people took on that challenge. An extra treat was having Danya Firestone, visiting on college break, share some thoughts with the students as we each offered encouragement and wishes for their success when we introduced ourselves. Thanks especially to Milagro's spirited leaders, Mr. Anthony and Ms. Jeanene. It was our joy to bring gift cards to all of the participants as well as packets of Top Dog Model@ Calendars, and assorted cases with Sharpies for student art projects. Below are photos and an appreciative note from the center.

"Hi Sheila - So pleased that the event was such a success and that your members enjoyed themselves! The feedback we've received from the Teens has been wonderful! Thank you again - and the happiest of New Years to you! Best, Barbara Stark"



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We have already begun to fill spots for the complimentary fundraiser luncheon for our Achievement Awards Program on Saturday, 12:30 p.m., February 18th. Thanks to Barb Capeletti for the introduction to this event. The room can hold a maximum of 40 people. Please feel free to invite friends to this Saturday afternoon benefit program. Make sure you call or email in your reservation. What a great way to introduce friends to our Boca Raton NLAPW group and the work we do. Please see the poster below for details. Please RSVP to Dawn DeMarco Book at dawn@sparkleoflife.com if you wish to attend. You will be able to view and purchase beautiful handmade jewelry, artwork by Barb Capeletti, raffle prizes and sip wine!



You are invited...

Ladies Charity Luncheon and Wine Tasting
Saturday, February
18th, 2017
12:30 to 2:30 pm

Boca Raton Branch
 National League of American Pen Women 

To Benefit: Boca Pen Women
Designer Jewelry, Fine Art, Raffles

Lunch is complimentary but seating is limited! Please RSVP to:

Dawn@SparkleofLife.com or

Hostess: Sheila Firestone - SheilaSong@Mac.com

Location: and Lunch Host: Mary McMullen
Floridian Community Bank
@ 4850 West Atlantic Avenue,
DeBary Beach, FL 32445



Watercolor Art by:



The mission of the National League of American Pen Women is to support and promote creative excellence and professional standards among women in the arts. The Boca Raton Branch is the largest branch in Florida and just celebrated it's 40th birthday.

I am getting excited about our **NLAPW Spring Family Festival** to be held at the **Center for Spiritual Growth on Palmetto Park Road**, Saturday March 4th. It will be a full day of events, free workshops and activities, and a juried art show starting at 9:00 a.m., followed by a light breakfast reception. We are quickly filling all of the workshop spots but if you have an idea, we'd still like to hear from you. Contact me: sheilasong@mac.com

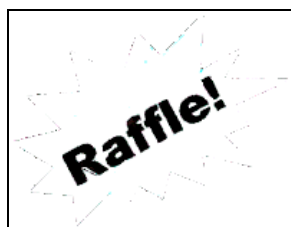
Need to get organized and motivated? I hope you've made your reservation for our January 19th Meeting/Luncheon to meet Dr. Larthenia Howard, noted national speaker seen on the Oprah show. Contact Elaine Bossik for information: elainebossik@yahoo.com Please see below for our regular Pen women luncheon/meeting in February.

Always looking forward to seeing and hearing from you, our members.

Sheila Firestone
President, Boca Raton Branch NLAPW
Music and Outreach Chair



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"Did you receive any perfectly good gifts that you know you will never use?
Please bring them to our January 19th luncheon and we can put them in our
raffle. Help us raise scholarship money! Happy New Year to you!" Etta Schaeffer,
Fundraising Chair

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Vera Ripp Hirschhorn, Poetry Chair, invites all poets to celebrate Poetry Month with our Book Talks/Interactive Workshop at the Parkland Library.

City of Parkland Library

6620 University Drive, Parkland TX 75067

954/757-4207

The one-hour program is scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 19, 2017 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Please send Vera your bio, photo and title(s) of your book(s) by January 25, 2017, the latest.

Here is Vera's email:

vera@creatingcurriculum.com

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MEMBER NEWS

Barbara Bixon, writing under the name A. R. Alan, proudly announces the publication of her latest two thrillers: *The Past Rushes Forward* and *I See Things*. These two books plus *The Index Killer*, which is the first book in the Delaney-O' Dell series, are available on Amazon and at www.aralanbooks.com

Elaine Bossik sent this link to her blog on our website featuring the recent holiday party at the Milagro Center for Teens. Please leave your comments about this post.

[Boca Raton Pen Women Host a Holiday Party for Milagro Center Teens](#)

Rhoda Hollander and **Joni Sack** are exhibiting at Patch Reef Park for the month of January.

Please stop by and view new works by these artists who have exhibited in the past at Sugar Sand Park and various other places. Rhoda's work is dimensional and considered mixed media. Joni's work is oil paintings.

Janet S. Kleinman spoke on January 6th at the Culture Club at Huntington Pointe in Delray Beach about her novel *Good-Bye Russia, Hello America*. It was presented as An Ode to Immigration from 1923 - 1946.

Marlene Klotz will conduct a creative writing workshop, *The Wonderful World of Words*, at the Milagro Teen Center in Delray Beach one afternoon each week. Marlene has chosen *Our Favorite Things* as the topic, which should appeal to the youngsters.

The *Dysfunctional Family*, a poem by **Mimi Paris**, will appear in the Winter issue of the *Pen Woman Magazine*. The same poem has been published in the 2016 *Anthology of the Poets of the Palm Beaches*. Other poetry pieces by Mimi have been published monthly by *Shorelines*, her community's magazine.

Vera Ripp Hirschhorn invites members to a Haiku workshop event at Morikami Museum and Gardens on Thursday, January 12, 2017 between 11-12:30p.m. Workshop is free with museum admission. The Assistant Director will walk participants through the history and structure of the Japanese poetic form, and emphasize the haiku and prose of Basho and other forms. Writing prompts given during a brief, but reflective, walk through Morikami's gardens will be discussed in the workshop as ways to embed vivid haiku-like imagery into longer poems.

Barbara Wolk is finishing her Foreign Film & Documentary class at the United Federation of Teachers with the films, Sweet Bean, The Last Days and The First Monday In May.

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Photos from our December 15, 2016 Luncheon



Speaker Adele Alexandre (above) works her magic and creates a special “tattoo” for Program Chair, Marlene Klotz



Click here to see more photos on our Facebook Page: <http://tinyurl.com/hen8b4o>

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Luncheon and Speaker Program with Carol Garrett

Tuesday, February 14, 2017* - 11:30 A.M.

Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave., Delray Beach. 561/243-7385 for Directions
Carol Garrett, singer/songwriter, lyricist and musician will inspire and entertain us with her personal story and exceptional talent on Valentine's Day.

CLIP COUPON AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

Members: \$27 – Guests: \$32

Gluten Free: Members: \$30 – Guests: \$35

Checks payable to: Boca Raton Branch NLAPW

Send to: Barbara Bixon, 9674 Harbour Lake Circle, Boynton Beach FL 33437

Email Elaine Bossik for more information: elainebossik@yahoo.com

Luncheon Menu: Please circle your choice of entrée and dessert

NAME: (Print) _____ Email _____

GUEST: (Print) _____ Email _____

GUEST'S MENU CHOICES of entree & dessert: _____

GUESTS: How did you hear about us ? _____

(1) Chicken Marsala – Sauteed boneless skinless chicken breast finished with Marsala mushroom sauce, served with roasted potatoes and vegetable medley.

(2) Fish & Chips – Two large pieces of tender cod fillets lightly battered and deep fried pub style, served with tartar sauce and French fries.

(3) Cobb Salad – Iceberg lettuce with roasted turkey breast, avocado, crumbled blue cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, cherry tomatoes, hard-boiled egg and ripe olives.

Dessert Choice: **(4)** Black & White Cake **or** **(5)** Fruit Cup

***PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14 2017**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: February 4, 2017

Note: We cannot accept checks after the deadline.

Carol White
Editor-in-Chief
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