

Pen and Palette
Boca Raton NLAPW
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December 2022/January 2023



MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



Facebook Page: <http://tinyurl.com/hen8b4o>

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

‘Tis the season to be jolly, Boca Pens!

The next luncheon is right around the corner. And I would like to thank the sponsors below for contributing to our wonderful organization. It will be another fun-filled afternoon connecting with fellow artists, writers, and musicians. During this hectic holiday shopping season, let us all remember to drive safely, and stay healthy. See you all soon,

Michelle Putnik
President

A Special Thank You to Our Raffle Sponsors: The success of our fundraising raffles is made possible through generous gifts from many individual contributors who donate items, and from our corporate sponsors: Publix Super Markets, Inc., Rapoport’s Restaurant Group, Inc. (Max’s Grille and Deck 84), Miami City Ballet, Palm Beach Opera, Eau Palm Beach Spa, and the Boca Raton Museum of Art.

Raffle proceeds will fund awards for talented students who need financial assistance to pursue careers in the arts. Awards will be announced at our April 2023 luncheon.

Be sure to check page 2 for an upcoming Poetry Workshop with Marlene Klotz
Page 2 also has an idea on how to “dress up” for our January Luncheon
See pictures of our Pen Women through the years

RING IN THE NEW YEAR - WEAR SOMETHING OLD!

Since our speaker, Eliot Kleinberg, is going to be telling tales of Old Florida at our January 11, 2023 Luncheon, Barbara Bixon came up with a great idea. Let's dress up in the old Florida style – or any other “old” style you like. High buttoned boots? Probably not, but maybe a long skirt, gloves, and a straw hat? We'll take lots of photos for our newsletter and website. It's been a tough couple of years with Covid so now's the time to break loose and have some fun! Maybe we'll ask Eliot to choose the winner of this fashionable event!



Shop in your closet!



"Reminiscing With a Smile"

A Poetry Workshop with Marlene Klotz
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
1-3 p.m.

The workshops have been filled with warmth, friendship, and tons of creativity. The bottom line: A fun experience that brings poetry to life that had just been waiting for the right touch of inspiration.

Tea and Cookies will be served

Please contact Marlene to let her know you'll be attending and to receive directions

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MEMBER NEWS

Fran Mann Goodman has been invited to feature her paintings at the Delray Beach Library from December 17th until February 17th. The theme, *Some Like It Layered* reflects Fran's love affair with using mediums as she says, "to give life to the canvas." The reception will be on Tuesday, January 10th from 6 -8 PM.

This holiday season, Fran is proud to showcase eight of her students gorgeous pieces for both viewing and gift giving. The link below will take you to a feast for your eyes.

<https://www.facebook.com/franspaintbox>



Jo Jo Harder has two stories featured in *Atlantic Avenue Magazine* December 2022 issue. Her stories "7 Holiday Events" and "10 Thoughtful Hostess Gifts" may be viewed here: <https://atlanticavemagazine.com/december-2022/>

Boca Pen Women are invited to submit writings to Jo Jo's publication *America's Top Dog Model Paw Prints Magazine* published in digital and print. Here is the link to submission guidelines:

<https://shop.americastopdogmodel.com/paw-prints-magazine-submission-guidelines/>.

For January 2023 digital issue, we are seeking dog related original poetry and dog treat recipes. Deadline is December 16. See *Paw Prints Magazine* December 2022 issue for formatting: <https://www.magcloud.com/browse/issue/2371153>.



Marleen Pasch's most recent novel, *At the End of the Storm*, took home the gold medal in Metaphysical and Visionary Fiction in the 2022 Global Book Awards. Fellow Pen woman, **Penelope Love** of Citrine Publishing, was the publisher.

POETRY PLACE

“A Woman has a Right”

A woman has a right to make decisions
Do meaningful work
Not to be discriminated against
Be treated with respect and
Not to be subjected to violence
Racism, economic exploitation, and imperialism
Along with gender oppression
Destroy the lives of women and their families
Around the world
We want to dismantle all walls
From prison walls to border walls
From Mexico to Palestine

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Marlene Klotz “The heavy rainfall we have recently experienced was enough to dampen anyone's spirits. However, there is an always an upside to Mother Nature's whims...as shown in this poem, "Flowers."

“Flowers”

Flowers stand at attention
And remain alert,
Taking orders from the sun.
Their patience is endless
And when the skies open up
And the rain soaks them to the core
Their loyalty is fully rewarded
For they are more beautiful than before.

“My New Best Friend”

By **Mimi Paris**

Quite attractive
Dressed in silver grey and
Black with a pop of royal blue
Ready to go
Wherever I want.

We're very close
Can't be without her
She replaced my last best friend
Who couldn't save me
When I held her.

She was just too light
She wasn't too steady
She let me fall
So my Walking Stick went
So sad but true.

My new best friend
Is at my beck and call
I push her around
And she loves it
Will never let me down.

Hope one day soon
Won't use my sidekick
I'll be whole again
She'll be happy for me
Won't need my Walker ever.

ART EXHIBIT UPDATE

As a follow-up to the art exhibit opportunity from the NLAPW Ft. Lauderdale branch, here is more information for you.

Fort Lauderdale Pen Women's upcoming annual juried exhibit: you may download the prospectus here:
<https://lauderdalepenwomen.wixsite.com/nlapw/news-events>

**Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women
Meet Author/Journalist/Historian Eliot Kleinberg
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
12:00 NOON**



**Indian Spring Country Club – 11501 EL Clair Ranch Rd – Boynton Beach, FL 33437
For Directions: 561-737-5544**

Laugh and learn about the weird state we live in from Florida aficionado Eliot Kleinberg, who has been writing news articles, columns, and history books about Florida for nearly fifty years. Eliot's popular lecture about weird Florida will surprise and entertain you.

Enjoy a lavish buffet luncheon, including salad, grilled salmon, tortellini Florentine, roasted potatoes, fresh vegetables, rolls, fresh fruit and pastry, and beverages. Bid on fabulous items at our Chinese raffle.

Cash or check only for raffle tickets.

Parking: Our luncheons are held in the **downstairs Men's Card Room**. Drive into the main entrance and make a left turn toward the tennis courts, where you'll find regular and handicapped parking. A short walk leads to the **lower clubhouse entrance**. The **Card Room** is on the left.

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\$35

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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: December 31, 2022

PEN WOMEN THROUGH THE YEARS

Professional Eclectic Noteworthy



June "Book Talks" Authors
 (l-r, clockwise, from lower left corner) : JoJo Harder, Diane-Brenda Bryan, Carol White, Marlene Klotz & Mimi Paris all appeared at the West Boca Library before a nice group of people. Several books were sold, while others became interested in attending the Boca Branch Membership Tea in October. Library personnel were also happy with the turn out. Successful Event!
 Photo: Pat Wilson

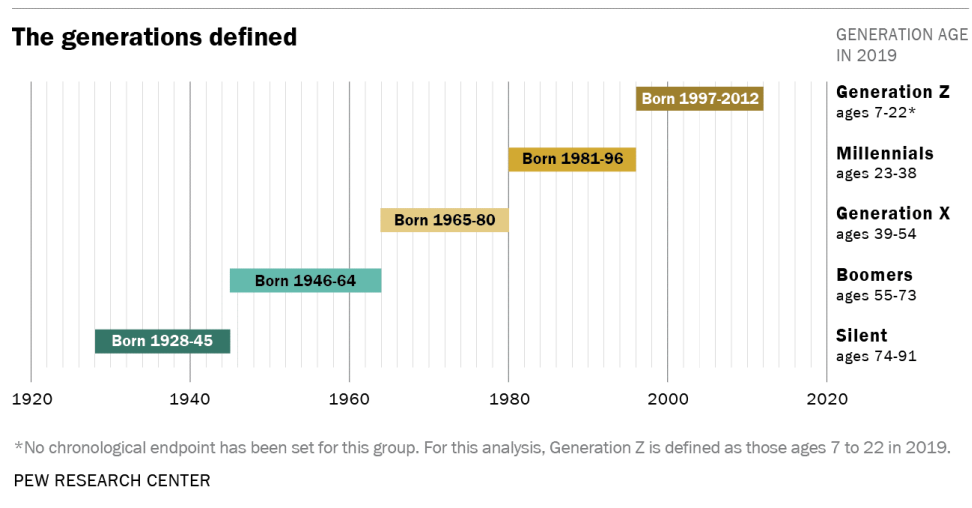








If you're confused about which generation you belong to, here is a chart that nails it.



December 2022 Calendar with Holidays

December 2022 Holidays: US & Common, Christian / Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Fun / Misc & Int'l

December 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 World AIDS Day	2 Int'l. Day for Abolition of Slavery	3 Int'l. Day of Persons with Disabilities
4 2nd Sunday of Advent Nat'l. Cookie Day	5 Int'l. Volunteer Day Nat'l. Repeal Day World Soil Day	6 St Nicholas Day Finland Indep. Day	7 Int'l. Civil Aviation Day Pearl Harbor Remembrance	8 Immaculate Conception	9 Genocide Prevention Day Anti-Corruption Day	10 Human Rights Day
11 3rd Sunday of Advent Int'l. Mountain Day	12 Green Monday Int'l. Day of Neutrality Int'l. Universal Health Coverage Day	13 Nat'l. Cocoa Day Nat'l. Day Of The Horse	14	15 Bill of Rights Day	16	17 Nat'l. Maple Syrup Day Wright Brothers Day
18 4th Sunday of Advent Hanukkah (Cont.) Hanukkah (Start) Arabic Language Day Int'l. Migrants Day	19 Hanukkah (Cont.)	20 Hanukkah (Cont.) Int'l. Human Solidarity Day	21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice) Hanukkah (Cont.)	22 Hanukkah (Cont.)	23 Hanukkah (Cont.)	24 Hanukkah (Cont.) Super Saturday
25 Christmas Hanukkah (Cont.)	26 Hanukkah (End) Boxing Day Kwanzaa (Start)	27 St John	28	29	30	31

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