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Boca Raton NLAPW

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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



In the Loop: Your Board at Work

As we approach the new season please Save the Date of November 21, 2024, for our opening luncheon meeting to begin at 12 noon. Thanks to Fran Goodman and Phyllis Elrich, we will dine in a beautiful restaurant with gourmet food at **Le Sorelle** located at 507 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, FL. We will have monthly meetings through April 17, 2025. Due to their rising costs, we will no longer meet at Indian Spring Country Club.

The cost for members and guests will be \$38.00 for a buffet of Italian specialties including dessert and beverages. Elaine Bossik and Elaine Hutt will handle the checks, and we should have a flyer ready to send to you soon.

You can still sign up for the High Tea hosted by Phyllis Elrich. **Date: October 17th Noon.** You must RSVP to Phyllis asap. Catered by Chefs Meredith and Madison, this should be a lovely event. A donation of \$20.00 will go toward our achievement awards, which help with expenses for college-bound women in the arts. phynlady2@aol.com

Here are some photos from our “test” lunch at Le Sorelle. We all enjoyed our food, and the staff is exceptionally friendly and welcoming.



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MEMBER NEWS

Barbara Bixon writing as A.R. Alan has a new book out as part of her three book thrillers!

I SEE THINGS

When a psychic tells detectives Catherine Delaney and Cody O'Dell that she envisions a girl imprisoned in a snake-filled room they don't believe her. That mistake leads to more abductions and murders by a tormented serial killer.



Find it on Amazon here: <https://tinyurl.com/rmanckkn>

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Thursday Night Speaker Series
Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Miles Davis - The Men and Their Art!
With Fran Mann Goodman
Thursday, September 12
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Downtown Library
400 NW 2nd Ave
Community Room



The Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, Inc.
400 NW 2nd Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33432

Jo Jo Harder is delighted to share that her documentary *Dogs Make a Difference* received excellent coverage in Palm Beach County Film and Television *Focus on Film* August 2024 [Newsletter](#) and New York Women in Film and Television ([NYWIFT](#)) July 2024 News.

Here is the NYWIFT write-up:



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Vera Ripp Hirschhorn co-presented a workshop with the Director of the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies on July 11, 2024, for the 22nd annual Summer Symposium @ Appalachian State University. Thirty-five secondary school, non-Jewish teachers from all over North Carolina & beyond attended. The title was “Conversations: Teaching Traumatic Materials Without Causing Trauma.” Vera’s interactive presentation to prevent bullying and hatred and promote kindness, included a breathing exercise, visualization, storytelling and a few other teaching tools from her award-winning book, *“I’m Somebody & So Are You!”* Teachers of different disciplines expressed appreciation for these strategies upon sharing challenging situations such as those with Palestinian and Jewish students or those with a student from Guatemala whose brother was killed by gangs, before his very own eyes.

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Marlene Klotz will hold a book talk at the Verena Residence at Delray Beach, on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Because many residents have shown an interest in her children's books for both their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Marlene will make them the primary focus during her talk about the poetry she has written and published over the years.

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The American Dream
by **Mimi Paris**

It was dark all the time
in a Brooklyn apartment facing
a brick wall and windows
that framed other people
seeing darkness and me.

Up three flights
with two kids
in tow
and now a dream come true.

A cozy house on Long Island
with SOS pads stuffed in plumbing pipes
hidden from view of the happy family
Waste water seeping to the top
of the lawn covering
the overflowing septic tank.

Money pours into repairs
to stop the flooding
The dream ends
The nightmare begins.

Could we handle it
We did
And the dream came true.

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WRITERS WORKSHOP at HAGEN RANCH LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 9, 2024, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Register: [\(561\) 894-7500](tel:5618947500)

Lea Hope Becker has a memoir, *Children, I'm Home!* "A Woman's Search for Having it All Without Losing it All."

Barbara Bixon will discuss her novel, *The Rejects*. Can a depressed woman discovering her favorite Nathan's restaurant closed at a highway rest stop inspire her to write a novel about hot dogs? You bet! Barbara tells us how events in her life led to her writing comedy and thriller novels, and you can do the same.

Elaine Bossik will talk about her novel, *Body Merchants*, a thriller/mystery about a reporter who uncovers a human organ theft crime.

Carol White will moderate and discuss our NLAPW organization.

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Barbara Bixon's writing workshop at the Jog Road Library in Boynton Beach has been so successful that the library has extended the workshops for a few more months. All workshops to be held on Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th. Bring a pad and pen, and any of your writing that you would like to share and have critiqued. Contact Barbara for details: bbcarter2@aol.com

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From **Dr. Joan Cartwright**: "Check out this flyer for our 1st Musicwoman Festival in Atlanta, GA, October 17-19, 2024"



REMINDER: NLAPW has launched a new cross-genre competition designed to encourage collaboration among Pen Women. Competition teams may be made up of Pen Women within one branch, multiple branches, or members-at-large. Each team must be made up of at least two and up to four Pen Women. **Submission deadline: May 2, 2025:**

- ❖ Any writers interested in collaborating on a children's book using my paintings of animals as illustrations? Please contact Sue directly.

Sue Gurland

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Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
September	1 American Chess Day National Pet Rock Day	2 Labor Day Spalding Baseball Day	3 U.S. Bowling League Day Skyscraper Day	4 National Wildlife Day	5 National Cheese Pizza Day International Day of Charity NFL Season Starts	6 Great Egg Toss Day Read A Book Day	7 Buy a Book Day National Hummingbird Day National Tailgating Day
	8 International Literacy Day World Physical Therapy Day National Grandparents's Day	9 National Teddy Bear Day International Sudoku Day	10 Swap Ideas Day	11 9/11 Remembrance Day	12 National Day of Encouragement National Video Games Day	13 Positive Thinking Day	14 National Coloring Day World First Aid Day
	15 International Dot Day Make a Hat Day	16 National Collect Rocks Day National Play-Doh Day	17 Constitution Day National Table Shuffleboard Day	18 National Respect Day Cheeseburger Day	19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day	20 National Care for Kids Day National Bakery Day	21 World Gratitude Day Miniature Golf Day International Day of Peace World Alzheimer's Day National Dance Day
	22 First Day of Fall Dear Diary Day National Ice Cream Cone Day	23 National Checkers Day National Family Day	24 National Punctuation Day	25 Math Storytelling Day National Cooking Day	26 National Better Breakfast Day	27 World Tourism Day Native American Day	28 National Family Health and Fitness Day National Good Neighbor Day National Bunny Day
	29 Broadway Musicals Day	30 International Podcasts Day	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	September 2024 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the Daily Holidays link to find related items to support your activities.				

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