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Boca Raton NLAPW

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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS

Dear Members,

At the April 16th luncheon, Jennifer Wilson, the voice teacher/administrator for the Studio Program at the Palm Beach Opera presented *Card Games in Opera*, that demonstrated how Bizet, Tchaikovsky, and Puccini built dramatic tension by including on-stage card games.

Furthermore, our Boca Raton branch presented the 2026 Music Achievement Award to Mallory Goddard, a student at the Palm Beach Opera. Both Jennifer Wilson and Mallory Goddard sang for us. What a treat!

Thanks to all who attended the luncheon at Alice's Teapot Restaurant on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 1:00pm in Delray Beach. This was a social event and fundraiser.

Warm regards,
Brenda Dressler, PhD
President
Boca Raton Branch NLAPW

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A Special Note: Former Branch President and Music Chair **Sheila Firestone** generously donated 20 opera books for all ages to Jennifer Wilson, Palm Beach Opera, our April Luncheon speaker.

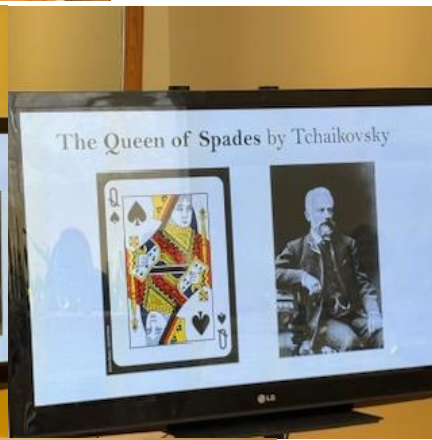


If you would like to be on a fundraising committee for our Achievement Award program chaired by Brenda Dressler, please contact Brenda or Elaine Bossik. We need your help! Elaine Bossik will share her knowledge of the procedures. Please contact Brenda or Elaine for details.

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At our season's closing luncheon on April 16, 2026, we welcomed Mallory Goddard, a student at the Palm Beach Opera Studio Program, who received our music achievement award to assist in continuing her music studies. Jennifer Wilson, the voice teacher/administrator for the Studio Program at the Palm Beach Opera, joined her and the presentation focused on card games in opera, which demonstrated how Bizet, Tchaikovsky and Puccini built dramatic tension by including on-stage card games. Mallory and Jennifer both sang for us and we enjoyed their incredibly beautiful voices,





Marlene Klotz visited the Pen Arts Building in Washington D.C. Marlene is with Treanor Wooten Baring in the Pen Arts living room.



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Two poems by Marlene:

Curiosity With Love

Each time I see a bird in flight
I wonder where it goes at night.
Does it sleep up in a tree
And close its eyes like you and me.
But since our feathered
Friends can't speak,
I can't think of any way...
A bird can share the secret
Of how it ends each day.

Friendship At Its Best

Friends listen to your problems
And all your tales of woe,
Helping with the answers
To even make you glow!
Friends speak a certain language -
Choosing words they feel are best
To put a smile back on your face
And set your mind at rest.
Friends are truly treasures
Who brighten up the day,
Making life more meaningful
In each and every way.

On May 6, 2026, our Branch held a fundraising luncheon for our Achievement Award program. We met at Alice's Teapot restaurant in Delray Beach, a venue beautifully furnished with Alice in Wonderland decor, accompanied by lively chatter and goodwill. We enjoyed salads, tea sandwiches, a nice assortment of desserts and different teas. We wish to thank Siperstein Dermatology for donating a beautiful door prize, won by Dayle Grande Herstik, our Recording Secretary.





Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MAY	26	27	28	29	30	1 Lei Day National Space Day	2 National Baby Day Kentucky Derby Day National Scrapbook Day National Fitness Day
	3 National Two Different Colored Shoes Day World Laughter Day National Lemonade Day	4 Star Wars Day National Kids Fitness Day	5 Cinco De Mayo Teacher's Day	6 National Bike & Roll to School Day Project ACES Day National School Nurse Day	7 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Make A Book Day	8 World Red Cross Day	9 National Alphabet Magnet Day Mother Ocean Day Bird Day National Miniature Golf Day National Archery Day
	10 Clean up Your Room Day Mother's Day	11 National Twilight Zone Day	12 National Limerick Day	13 Frog Jumping Day	14 Dance Like A Chicken Day	15 National Chocolate Chip Day NASCAR Day National Pizza Party Day	16 Love A Tree Day Wear Purple For Peace Day Armed Forces Day
	17 World Baking Day	18 International Museum Day	19 May Ray Day World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day Dinosaur Day	20 World Bee Day	21 Eat More Fruits & Vegetables Day National Memo Day National Notebook Day	22 Buy A Musical Instrument Day National Maritime Day	23 World Turtle Day National Wig Out Day
	24 National Scavenger Hunt Day International Tiara Day	25 Memorial Day National Brown-Bag-It Day	26 National Paper Airplane Day	27 National Senior Health & Fitness Day Sunscreen Day	28 National Hamburger Day	29 Paper Clip Day National Learn About Composting Day	30 Water A Flower Day National Creativity Day
	31 National Speak in Complete Sentences Day National Smile Day	1	May 2026 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and clicks to find related items to support your activities.				

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