Boca Raton NLAPW Member News July-August 2016



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In the Loop: Your Board at Work

On July 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., I'm hosting a committee meeting with a light lunch at my home. We'll be discussing the possibility of holding two days of workshops and exhibitions for 2017 and 2018. These programs will help fund our achievement awards for promising students. The first such day will include a juried art show, and other special events in March 2017. Our gracious chaplain, Dr. Barbara Lunde, has agreed to let us use space at the Center for Spiritual Growth. The following year we are considering vendors and exhibitions so planning ahead is critical. We need your participation and welcome your involvement. If you are interested in being part of the planning session and are willing to share some of your ideas, please contact me. sheilasong@mac.com

Sheila Firestone, President



Say hello to Dayle Herstik, Membership Chair. If you know of any prospective members or patrons, please email Dayle: dayle227@aol.com





The results of the Boca Raton Branch Worst Vacation Contest are in! Below are the winning entries. The judges were not Pen women, and the scoring was done on a point basis.

Lea Hope Becker: Boca Raton Branch First Place. A Vacation Not To Be Forgotten

> Barbara Bixon: Boca Raton Branch Second Place: From Bad to Worse

Rose Perante: Sarasota Branch Third Place: Airport Oranges

Jamie Morewood Anderson: Yucca Branch Honorable Mention: Holy Pinons

Prize money: \$35, \$25, \$15 for first, second, third, and \$10 for honorable mention. Checks will be distributed in October.

Congratulations and thank you for taking part in our contest.

ATTENTION AUTHORS!



Alexandra Goodwin, your Letters Co-Chair in charge of book talks, has scheduled a November 19, 2016 date at the Parkland Library 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. If you are a new member with a published book, you will be given the first opportunity to sign up for this talk. Current members may request a spot for any book that has **not** previously been discussed at Parkland. The deadline to contact Alexandra is July 31, 2016. Please email her your name, title of one book (although you may bring others to sell) with a log line, and a 40-word bio. Poetry books/anthologies will not be included at this time. You will be asked to donate a book to the Parkland Library.

Alexandra Goodwin: <u>alewrites@yahoo.com</u>

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MEMBER NEWS

Lea Hope Becker was the subject of a half hour radio interview with WSRB host Anita Finley on May 28, 2016 regarding her new fiction book, to be published shortly. It is titled "The

Husband Who Kept His Wife Fat," and will be her fifth published book. This interview can be accessed on YouTube under Boomer Times/Anita Finley/5/28/16.

Jo Jo Harder and her company America's Top Dog Model have received fantastic press in *Palm Beach Post.com*, *Journal-News*, *Pet Product News International*, *White Bear Press*, and *My Puppy Club*. Click this link for her latest press updates: http://www.americastopdogmodel.com/press-2016.htm

Marlene Klotz's inspirational poem, "Tomorrow," was included in the ABC - 2016 - Anthology of Florida Writers and Poets.

Joni Sack will be displaying her work at the 10th Annual Juried Art Show at the Sugar Sand Park in Boca Raton from August 4th to September 19th. Reception and awards: August 11th, 6-7 p.m.

Etta Schaeffer will be featured on WLRN, The Public Storyteller, Sunday, July 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. She will be telling a story that was originally told this past spring at the JCC in Boca Raton. From July 6th to July 17th, Etta will be attending the Stonybrook Southampton Writers Conference, in Southampton, New York where she will be in former Poet Laureate, Billy Collins's class.

The Whately Public Library in Whately, MA., has accepted Carol White's three novels into their system.

Barbara M. Wolk is attending Emeritus classes through Saddleback College in California, and has joined several clubs including The Writers Club, The Art Club, The PC Club, The Barbara Club, The New York Club, The Chicago Club, and The Comedy Club.



Save the Date: Membership Luncheon

October 20, 2016 11:30 a.m. Members \$27 Guests \$32

(Watch for our reservation form – coming soon)

Delray Beach Golf Club – 2200 Highland Ave. – Delray Beach, FL 33445 This year we are featuring a fabulous Silent Auction. You can bid on unique member art pieces, a giant treasure basket, theater tickets, and much more.