

Boca Raton NLAPW Member News
June-July 2016



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“As you can see I was able to go to the Pen Arts Building in Washington, D.C. I hand delivered a copy of our DVD “Portrait of our Sages,” to the new National President as she seemed interested in what we’ve done when I spoke with her at the National Conference. Since then Pat Setser, who is the National Credentials Chair, also asked to see a copy. Elaine Bossik, our Webmaster, has written an article about the event on our website [bocapenwomen.org](http://www.bocapenwomen.org) It is our first blog item and includes pictures. I hope that you will send friends to our site and that other groups might respond to our items. The October Membership Meeting focuses on growing our branch with new members and friends, so keep in mind who you might encourage to join us at the annual membership meeting...*Sheila Firestone*, President – Boca Raton Branch NLAPW”

Congratulations to Sheila for her Vinnie Ream award in Music:



Vacation Contest Alert!
Entries will be accepted if received by June 15th

Below: Our new branch officers for 2016-18 pictured below. (L-R) Barbara Bixon, Prue Carrico, Sheila Firestone, Etta Schaeffer, Marlene Klotz



Above: Entire new board, chairs, committees for 2016-18. L-R - Seated: Louise Mirkin, Yearbook Committee. Betty Elster, Historian. Vera Ripp-Hirschhorn, Poetry Chair. L-R-Standing: Elaine Bossik, Webmaster. Dr. Barbara Lunde, Chaplain. Barbara Bixon, Treasurer. Carol White, Publicity, Co-Letters Chair. Prue Carrico, Recording Secretary. Marlene Klotz, VP-Programs. Etta Schaeffer, VP-Fundraising. Sheila Firestone, President. Pictured below: (L-R) Alexandra Goodwin, Corresponding Secretary, Co-Chair Letters and Barbara Capeletti, Art Chair.



FASHION!



Our lovely Pen Women models in the May 19th Patchington Fashion Show - coordinated by Elaine Bossik, and moderated by Pam Wunderlich. (L-R) Jo Jo Harder, Etta Schaeffer, Vera Ripp-Hirschhorn, Roberta Melman, Carol White, Joni Sack.

Photos from our May 19, 2016 Luncheon



Alexandra Goodwin's novel, *Exchange at the Border*, has been selected as a finalist in the EVVY Awards.

Marlene Klotz will be a guest speaker at Dr. Myra Levick's community in Deerfield Beach on Tuesday, June 21st. Marlene will discuss the therapeutic value of writing poetry to express some of our deepest emotions.

Mimi Paris won 3rd Place for her poem, *The Forgotten Obit*, and 2nd Honorable Mention for her poem, *Almost*, in the state-wide competition for Florida writers and poets sponsored by

ABC-Artisans of Books. Both poems will appear in the ABC 2016 Anthology of Florida Authors & Poets. Mimi was also awarded 1st place for her poem, The Dysfunctional Family, read before the Poets of the Palm Beaches at their May Special Form Contest.

Etta Schaeffer has been accepted and will be participating in the Stony Brook Southampton College Summer Writers Workshop. She will be a member of former Poet Laureate, Billy Collins' class. The workshop is of two weeks duration.

Lidia Tohar is having a reception and book signing at her art gallery, Studio 101, 12 S.E. 1st Avenue, Delray Beach (Suite #101) on Saturday, June 10, 2016 from 12-2pm. Light snacks served. Please come out and support Lidia. **RSVP to: Artspace27@aol.com**

Carol White won 3rd Place for her short story, After Life, which will be published in the 2016 ABC Anthology of Florida Authors & Poets.

Barbara M. Wolk received a 3-Week Study Certificate on Holistic Health from The Optimum Health Institute, San Diego, California in May, 2016.



New member and Art Chair, Barb Capeletti, is the featured artist at the Parkland Library for the month of June. A few Pen women stopped by to see the show. (L-R) Carol White, Barbara Bixon, Sheila Firestone, Sandy Lassoff, Barb and Sheila, Sheila, Sandy and Barbara.



If you would like to make a contribution to our branch to honor or in memory of someone you know, you may do so by sending your check made out to **Boca Raton Branch NLAPW** to Barbara Bixon, 9674 Harbour Lake Circle, Boynton Beach, Fl. 33438. Please make sure to name the recipient and the occasion. Any amount is acceptable and we will send you a receipt. Any questions? Email Barbara Bbcarter2@aol.com

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