

Boca Raton NLAPW Member News
May/June 2016

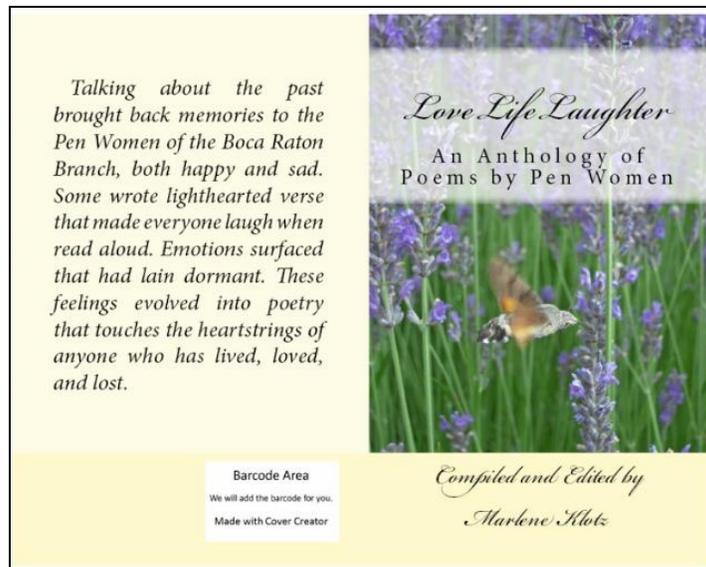


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**A special note from Marlene Klotz:**

Dear Pen Members: I'm delighted to share a picture of the cover for the poetry anthology I will bring to the May 19th luncheon. The cost for each book is \$10.00...proceeds from every sale will go toward an achievement award for a local high school student who is a budding poet/author. The response to the poems written at our poetry workshops is a tribute to the talent of our members. I look forward to bringing copies of this charming text to add another dimension to our May luncheon. Warmest regards, Marlene

(Please bring cash or a check to purchase Love.Life.Laughter)



**Sheila Firestone, President**, attended the 2016 National Biennial in Washington, D.C. Cokie Roberts, (center) pictured with Sheila, was the key note speaker.

Dear Pen Women Sisters,

My journey to the Washington, D.C., NLAPW conference brought many insights into the workings of branches all over the country. I will write to you at length with observations and think-tank “a ha’s” that helped capture my imagination and ideas to spin off. Many attendees were especially interested in our “Portrait of Our Sages,” and the Milagro programs. Right now I’m catching up with our membership situation and urge you to reconsider if you have not yet paid your dues.

We have wonderful programs ahead for the coming year. We look forward to your input and participation in as many programs as possible. In brief, the branches that seemed to be most successful were the ones where members took time to be enthusiastic and actively participate. Almost all of our programs are outreach of one sort or another; the luncheon speakers are informative and stimulating. We welcome the community to participate and learn with us. When we work on behalf of the community for children with activities, or when we give achievement awards, this too is a type of outreach. This year we will present an award to a budding writer. We have a new fundraiser which you will hear about. Our current Poetry Chair, Marlene Klotz, has created a published anthology rising out of the workshops. This book will be used to raise money for the achievement award fund.

I encourage you to contact me about your set of skills letting me know what you would like to do to become involved. You are a wonderfully talented group of members and patrons. I hope you will take ownership in all that we have to offer.

Sincerely,  
Sheila Firestone  
President, Boca Raton Branch, NLAPW  
Music Chair



## MEMBER NEWS

New Member **Barb Capeletti** has a Solo Fine Art Show on display for the month of June 2016 at the Parkland City Library. Welcome reception: Saturday, June 4th, 11am to 2pm. Free to public all days library is open. 6620 N University Drive, Parkland, FL [www.BarbCapeletti.com](http://www.BarbCapeletti.com)

The Poets of the Palm Beaches awarded **Vera Ripp Hirschhorn** on April 16, 2016 for her poem, "Save Our Oceans: a Meditation." Vera was asked to read it at the PPB's Earth Day Fest at Lake Worth's downtown Cultural Plaza. The 2016 Earth Day Poetry Contest was judged by an Executive Committee member from the Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group.



Above: **Vera** (L) with her award at the 2016 Earth Day Fest sponsored by Poets of the Palm Beaches, accompanied by **Marlene Klotz**.

**Brenda Serotte** will conduct a workshop on dialogue, "Answering the Voices in your Head," June 4, 2016, from 10-12 noon, at Murder on the Beach Bookstore in Delray Beach. Cost: \$25.00. For more detailed descriptions, go to [www.FLauthorsacademy.com](http://www.FLauthorsacademy.com)  
All workshops are held at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Avenue, Delray Beach.

**Bunny Shulman's** long awaited novel, Keira's Story, has just been published by Gray Rabbit publications, and is available at Amazon and B&N in both paperback and electronic. It is a riveting novel of one sister's sacrifice, a story of betrayal and hope, where the power of love travels an unforeseen path. Check out her website: [www.bunnyshulman.com](http://www.bunnyshulman.com)

**Carol White** will be conducting a two hour workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore on September 24, 2016 from 10am-12pm. This workshop will focus on writing the ten-minute play. Carol has had dozens of short plays produced around the country with many off and off-off Broadway. Cost: \$25.00. For more detailed descriptions, go to [www.FLauthorsacademy.com](http://www.FLauthorsacademy.com)  
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**Willis-Whyte** has taken Second Place/Scenic in the 2016 Winyah Rivers Foundation, Waccamaw Riverkeepers annual photography contest. Her photo "Red Bridge at Juniper Lake" is at present being displayed in the Reception Room of the Burroughs and Chapin Art Museum in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Beginning in June the exhibition will be moved to the Conway, SC, City Hall and then on to the SC State Capitol in Columbia. In addition, this photograph is on display at Cheraw State Park where it was taken.

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Photos from our April 21, 2016 Luncheon with Susan Cox, author of
The Man on the Washing Machine



Pat Wilson would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and encouragement during her recent eye operation, which was a success.

Don't forget about our "Worst Vacation Contest." Guidelines attached.