

**Pen and Palette**  
Boca Raton NLAPW  
[www.bocapenwomen.org](http://www.bocapenwomen.org)  
October/November 2017



**MUSIC...ART...LETTERS**



Facebook Page: <http://tinyurl.com/hen8b4o>

### ***In the Loop: Your Board at Work***

Dear Members:

I received the following note from our National President Virginia Campbell.

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“I’ve been following the devastation and recovery in Florida and thinking of you and the other Pen Women in your branch. Surely some of your members, and perhaps all of you, have suffered incredible loss. I can only hope that no one in the organization has suffered the loss of a human life. Please know that my heart goes out to each and every Pen Woman who has been impacted by this disaster. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

This is not a priority because you have far more pressing concerns at the moment, but once you have dealt with the aftermath in recovering from this ordeal, I believe an account of the travails experienced by our Pen Woman sisters in the Boca Raton Branch should be chronicled in an article on the website. The membership should be aware that this tragic event has touched some of our dedicated and creative women, and may have destroyed many items that represented months and years of work and devotion. It is truly sobering to reflect on such a possible loss.

Again, I want to express my profound compassion for the suffering that will take so long to overcome. Please know that the entire National League of American Pen Women stands with you during this extraordinarily difficult time.”

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As I look at Virginia’s note, I think how lucky many of us have been. Others have not been so lucky.

Please think back to the last few weeks and recall what might have personally caused you difficulties that had to be overcome. Perhaps we will create some short blogs from our members for our website and for the national blog, recapturing the moments of what was damaging to many of us in the short term and long term. Hopefully, all of our lives are returning to normal after loss of electric, phone service, felled trees, water damage and difficulties with returning home or staying put during the storm.

We look forward to a reunion of sorts at our annual Membership/Silent Auction on October 19. Hopefully, we will share our recoveries and plans for the coming year.

Sheila Firestone,  
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**FINAL CALL!**

Membership Buffet Luncheon October 19, 2017 at 12 pm  
The Westchester Country Club – 12250 Westchester Country Dr.  
Boynton Beach, FL 33437 (561) 734-6300 for Directions  
<http://www.westchestercc.com/directions/>

**Members: \$30 – Non-members: \$33 ~~~ Book Sale, Raffles, Art Auction**

**Checks payable to: Boca Raton Branch NLAPW**

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP: <http://www.bocapenwomen.org/luncheon/>**

**MAIL YOUR CHECK TODAY:** Elaine Bossik, 7722 Majestic Palm Drive, Boynton Beach FL 33437

Email Elaine Bossik for more information: [elainebossik@yahoo.com](mailto:elainebossik@yahoo.com)

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: October 11, 2017**

**PLEASE BRING CASH OR CHECKS FOR AUCTION ITEMS!**

Pen Women Panel for discussion on October 25th at 7pm. Wine and Snacks.

Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore  
Pineapple Grove  
273 NE 2nd Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33444  
Phone: 561-279-7790

The Last Victim by Elaine Bossik  
Exchange at the Border by Alexandra Goodwin  
Good-bye Russia, Hello America by Janet Kleinman  
Downward Dog, Upward Fog by Meryl Davids Landau  
Coffee Breaks by Carol White

Join us on November 29, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Parkland Library for a literary event celebrating Jewish National Book Month. Speakers are: Alexandra Goodwin, Meryl Davids Landau, Sheila Firestone and Carol White

Parkland Library 6620 University Drive Parkland, FL 33067 (954) 757-4207

### SPECIAL OCCASION!



Member **Connie Lefkowitz** was pictured with Representative Ted Deutch in the Sunday, October 1st, Sun Sentinel Community News section celebrating her 100th birthday.



# BREAKING NEWS

**Elaine Bossik** was interviewed by author Nancy Cohen on October 7, 2017 at Murder on the Beach Bookstore. Elaine discussed her novel, *The Last Victim*.



On September 18th, the Book Daily Website published an article by Elaine, "4 Book Cover Essentials," in their Author Tips Blog <http://www.bookdaily.com/authorresource/blog/post/1996667>

**Dr. Myra Levick's** new book *Dear Myra, Dear Max* (Available at Amazon through Create Space) is co-authored with friend and colleague of fifty plus years, Dr. Maxine Borowsky Junge. Four years ago these two women began writing letters and sharing stories about their individual single, independent living situations and aging. This was the beginning of an epistolary- a book of letters. The book includes a message about the lack of knowledge available to this first generation living into their nineties.

**Linda A. Mohr** had a collection of four seasonal haiku coupled with photographs published in laJoie. Her guest blog post *My Parkinson's Muse* was featured in the National League of American Pen Women's Creative Inspirational Series. *Voices 6 Poetry* by Faye Menczer Ascher contains ten poems by **Mimi Paris** along with those of sixteen other poets who all appear in this newly published Anthology (Amazon). Mimi's poetry pieces continue to be published monthly in the Poet's Corner of Shorelines Magazine.

Sales of **Vera Ripp Hirschhorn's** book, "Teens Are Heroes, Too! Challenges, Choices and Character" were made to the International Storytelling Center. The occasion was for its 45th National Storytelling Festival, October 6-8, 2017 in Jonesborough, TN. A live video streaming from the Library Tent was available throughout the day for all to view.



*AN INVITATION FOR OUR NOVEMBER PEN WOMEN LUNCHEON*

Thursday, November 16, 2017 @ 12 noon  
Delray Beach Golf Club - 2200 Highland Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33445 – (561) 243 -7380



Please join us when poet Flose Boursiquot will share pieces from her first published book: *Close Your Eyes, Now Breathe*, which offers poetry that is emotionally charged. It covers everything from Caribbean culture, politics, love, childhood sexual trauma, feminism, loss, and nature with moving imagery.

The author is a Haitian-born writer and spoken word artist who lives in Delray Beach. Flose took a leap of faith when she was 24-years-old and self-published her book of poetry. Within six months, she sold more than 1,000 copies, which gave her the opportunity to travel and perform.

Flose works at Space of Mind, an alternative schoolhouse, where she teaches humanities with a focus on government. In addition, she was recently named one of BET's 8 Millennial Feminist Poets That Deserve Recognition. According to Flose, she recalls picking up a pen to write her first poem in third grade, and hasn't stopped writing since.

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CLIP COUPON AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

Members: \$27 – Guests: \$32

Gluten Free: Members \$30 – Guests: \$35

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**Send to:** Barbara Bixon, 9674 Harbour Lake Circle, Boynton Beach FL 33437  
**Email** Elaine Bossik for more information: [elainebossik@yahoo.com](mailto:elainebossik@yahoo.com)

**Luncheon Menu: Please circle your choice of entrée and dessert**

NAME: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST'S MENU: CHOICES of entree & dessert :

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**GUESTS:** How did you hear about us ? \_\_\_\_\_

(1) **Poached Fillet of Salmon** – Court bouillon poached salmon with creamy lemon dill sauce on the side, served with rice pilaf and green beans.

(2) **Vegetable Quiche** – Served with home fried potatoes and fresh fruit.

(3) **Delray Trio Salad** – Albacore tuna salad, egg salad and chicken salad over tossed garden greens with grape tomatoes, olives, cucumbers, red onion and alfalfa sprouts with choice of dressings.

**Dessert Choice: (4) Triple Chocolate Cake or (5) Fruit Cup**

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**Note: We cannot accept checks after the deadline.**

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