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In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Members and Patrons:

This April 10th Pen and Palette is my last note to you as President. On April 19th, I will be turning the presidential leadership over to two capable women: Elaine Bossik and Prue Carrico. I hope that you will be at the April 19th luncheon at the Westchester Country Club to join us in welcoming our new Board of Directors, and also to share our pleasure in meeting and hearing from our awardees. We will present three additional achievement awards: two in art and one in choreography. Meet and hear student artists Caitlin Nobile and Noelle Putnik, and choreography student, Darah Abrams speak about their dreams.

Serving as President has afforded me a remarkable three and a half year experience. I've grown accustomed to meeting new challenges while sharing friendships with talented women in different areas. I have enjoyed helping to create outreach opportunities. We've enjoyed remarkable speakers engaged by current Program Chair, Marlene Klotz who will be supporting Janet Kleinman, our incoming Program Chair. It's been great to have this term's Membership Chair, Dale Herstik back with us. I will be stepping into that role. Barbara Bixon, our capable Treasurer, has had a family emergency. We hope that she will be back with us for the April luncheon, but fear not as Lea Becker stands ready to step into the role of Treasurer. Barbara has prepared a rolling file with all the records and necessary papers to help ensure a smooth transition. Barbara was the member who brought the Westchester Country Club Barbeque to our attention. Celebrate our new beginning with us. Etta Schaffer has been our Fundraising and Raffle Chair. Fundraising was an added position and not required, so although we will continue to have raffles we will not have a Fundraising Chair. Brenda Dressler steps up to become our Recording Secretary. Happily, Barbara Lunde continues as our Chaplin and also becomes our

Corresponding Secretary. My heartfelt thanks to all our officers and chairs who have made our branch so successful.

Wishing everyone a wonder-filled summer of energetic creativity for you and our new board as they plan for the coming year.

We've welcomed three new members during this year. Dr. Joan Cartwright, Judith Rosenberg, and Brenda Dressler. We've added new Patrons: Marla Friedman, and Rhoda Schaffer. May we continue to grow our membership, become leaders from within, and create and do good works through outreach scholarships and activities.

Sincerely, Sheila Firestone, President, Boca Raton NLAPW Music and Outreach Chair <u>sheilasong@mac.com</u> (561)391-3610



Please contact Barbara Bixon, Treasurer, if you wish a copy of our monthly treasury report. <u>bbcarter2@aol.com</u>

Please contact Prue Carrico, Recording Secretary, if you wish a copy of the board meeting minutes. <u>rtistee@aol.com</u>

Member News

Bea Doone-Merena's work in progress: a 36" x48"—oil



Reclaiming Judaism Press accepted music words for two songs: The Tallit Sisterhood and Refuah Shalayma, a song for healing, from **Sheila Firestone's** album Ancient Blue Threads, into *Adding Our Voices: The Torah of Jewish Women in Song* initiative. Sisters from Sigma Alpha Iota Alumnae performed a sneak preview of several songs from Sheila Firestone's musical *Miriam and the Women of the Desert* at the Lambda A Province Day 2/17/18, at Florida International University. Sheila Firestone's *Grandchildren's Suite*, will be performed by Francine Griffith, pianist from Duke University, on April 20th, at the National NLAPW Conference Concert in Des Moines Iowa.

Alexandra Goodwin is working on her second translation. She has been contracted by an author in Mexico to translate a novel and a book of poetry from Spanish into English.

Vera Ripp Hirschhorn conducted a webinar titled: I'm Somebody & So Are You! The Human Connection in Education. Her webinar included an interactive exchange with students and their professor/director of music education at Appalachian State University, North Carolina. The webinar guided them to implement Vera's teaching tools as part of an Orff-Schulwerk based teaching method. It also helped these teachers-in-training apply Vera's tools relevant to social justice issues such as those initiated in Parkland and music Education. Vera's op-ed on the heroic role models at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland was recently published in the Sun-Sentinel.

Barbara M. Wolk, is registered at eCornell University, Rouxbe, for a six-month certification course; "the most comprehensive plant-based course ever created."

Elaine Bossik's Reminder! Read our current blog article about Pen women and the All People's Day Diversity Festival in Delray Beach on March 24th.

Boca Raton Pen Women Join the All People's Day Festival | Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Woman



Photos from our March 15th Luncheon with Pamela Cohen, guest speaker/singer



Marlene Klotz invited awardee Alexandra Monte and her mother



Photos from March 24, 2018 All People's Diversity Day in Delray Beach Boca Raton Branch Participation









Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women Luncheon Program

Installation of New Executive Board Music and Art Achievement Awards Thursday, April 19, 2018 12:00 Noon

The Westchester Country Club – 12250 Westchester Country Dr., Boynton Beach, FL 33437 (561) 734-6300 for Directions http://www.westchestercc.com/directions

Our new elected Executive Board members will be installed for a two-year term to begin in May 2018. Three talented students, who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in art and music, will receive scholarship awards to assist them in pursuing their careers.

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Members: \$30 – Guests: \$33 Checks payable to: Boca Raton Branch NLAPW Send to: Elaine Bossik, 7722 Majestic Palm Drive, Boynton Beach FL 33437 Email Elaine Bossik for more information: elainebossik@yahoo.com

Luncheon Menu

Buffet: Salad bar with mixed greens, tomato, cucumber, carrots, garbanzo beans, black olives, beets, cheddar cheese; ranch and balsamic vinaigrette dressings; grilled hamburgers & buns; kosher hot dogs & buns; barbecue chicken; red bliss potato salad; coleslaw; lettuce, sliced tomato, onion and cheeses; deli style chips with dill pickle spears; ice tea, lemonade and fountain sodas.

Dessert: Chocolate chip cookies & brownies.

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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: April 11, 2018

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