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Boca Raton NLAPW

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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Members,

Our January luncheon was a huge success. It was held in a private room in the Mariposa restaurant in Neiman Marcus. Located in Town Center in Boca Raton, a choice of three delicious menu items was offered. Parking, as well as valet service, is available.

The speaker, Micki Browning talked about her career in law enforcement and writing crime fiction.

The next luncheon is on February 20th. The speaker, Anne Gaines, is an artist.

Our Boca Raton branch is planning an art and letters program on March 18, 2025, from 5:00-7:00PM at the Delray Public Library. We will speak about the program at the luncheon and hope that you will want to be involved.

Sincerely,
Brenda Dressler, PhD
Acting President

If you want to attend the February 20th Luncheon, Elaine Hutt and Elaine Bossik will accept your check if you send it out TODAY! They are able to extend the deadline to February 13th

ALL INFO HERE: <https://www.bocapenwomen.org/pen-women-luncheon/>

Find Vinnie Ream competition guidelines at National website:
<https://www.nlapw.org/>

The 2026 National Biennial will take place in D.C. in April 2026.

MEMBER NEWS

The Adjustment by **Marlene Klotz**

Amanda was generally shy and reserved until she became infatuated with a chiropractor who looked like her favorite rock star. That's when her personality changed dramatically.

During her final treatment for a sprained ligament, she was quite forward: "Dr. Wayne, I'm going to miss seeing you after today. There's probably nobody else with such golden hands."

Just then, the smoke alarm accidentally went off, but Amanda did not react to the noise. Instead, her dimpled face broke out into an impish grin.

Wayne could not help from laughing when he jokingly told his smitten patient, "Young lady, I'd tone down your conversation before it starts a real fire."



Thoughts for a Lifetime - The Fortune Cookie Effect

Last week as I opened a fortune cookie, I became interested in this sweet treat with a fortune one gets when ordering Chinese food. As I opened a fortune cookie, I began to question its history. It did not originate in China but rather had its roots in 19th century Japan. The concept was brought to the United States, and its meaning is to bring a smile and reflection to the one opening it. These tiny pieces of fortune might represent and add a touch of mystery and humor to the one opening it.

Life brings with it many mysteries, humorous and otherwise, which are depicted in the fortune cookie. Two people could read the same fortune and interpret it differently. Fortune can represent wealth, luck and destiny, all with broad interpretations. It encompasses multiple meanings from events and circumstances to shape one's life.

If you talk about someone's fortunes or the fortune of something, you are talking about the extent to which they are doing well or being successful. Destiny, life and experiences are part of this.

What is your experience and belief of fortune?

Dr. Louise Parente

Reserved Parking by **Vera Ripp-Hirschhorn**

While driving in a shopping plaza and looking for a parking space, there was only one available. I was so grateful to see it. However, it was reserved and upon reading it, I found myself smiling, “How brilliant! How original! How necessary during these hateful times!”

Kudos to Home Goods? or to the Owner of the shopping center? Once I got into the store, I inquired as to whom I could speak about the sign. No one knew. And so, I proceeded to do my shopping for a set of teal colored table place mats.

Returning to my car with a smile and an uplifted mood, I decided to take a screen shot of that once in a lifetime sign and left. What’s ironic is before entering the shopping plaza, I had visited another one nearby in order to buy some cosmetics and complimented the most exotic looking salesgirl with glistening skin. “You’re beautiful and I love your make-up. Could you do mine?” And she replied with her enchanting smile, “I’m not licensed.” “So, get licensed,” I suggested. Soon after, I purchased my fragrance free, hypoallergenic eye liner and left for Home Goods in the next plaza.



Carol White's quote was published in the January 27, 2025 issue of *First Magazine* in the “You Get The Last Word” column.

January 16th Luncheon held at the Mariposa Restaurant in Neiman Marcus featured:

Retired Police Captain and Hostage Negotiator
MICKI BROWNING





A note for all writers from Patrick Kendrick. Patrick is a long-standing member of the Mystery Writers of America.

[Writing Fiction, or Non-fiction, Research is Key — Killer Nashville](#)

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American Ripper
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Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
FEBRUARY	26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Decorating with Candy Day National "Get Up" Day
	2 Groundhog Day	3 Feed the Birds Day American Painters Day	4 National Create a Vacuum Day	5 National Weatherperson's Day National Girls & Women in Sports Day World Read Aloud Day Global School Play Day	6 National Frozen Yogurt Day	7 Send a Card to a Friend Day National Periodic Table Day National Bubble Gum Day National Rose Day	8 Kite Flying Day National Boy Scouts Day
	9 National Pizza Day Super Bowl Sunday	10 Umbrella Day National Teddy Bear Day	11 Make a Friend Day International Day of Women & Girls in Science	12 National Lost Penny Day Lincoln's Birthday	13 World Radio Day Self-Love Day	14 Valentine's Day Library Lovers' Day	15 National Hippo Day
	16 National Innovation Day World Whale Day NBA All-Star Game	17 Presidents' Day Random Acts of Kindness Day	18 Pluto Day	19 International Tug-of-War Day	20 Love Your Pet Day Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day	21 National Caregivers Day International Mother Language Day	22 National Wildlife Day Recreational Sports & Fitness Day World Thinking Day
	23 Curling is Cool Day Play Tennis Day National Tile Day	24 National Trading Card Day	25 Let's All Eat Right Day	26 National Fairy Tale Day Carnival Day	27 National Pokemon Day Polar Bear Day	28 Floral Design Day	1
	2	3	February 2025 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the links to find related items to support your activities.				

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