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Sept. 11: Judy Lopez Award Dinner at 5:30

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From our President

Dear WNBA/LA Chapter Members,

Happy summer! I hope everyone is enjoying themselves and finding time to take a break from work.

The board is hard at work during the summer. We always spend time organizing and preparing for the rest of the membership year. As we move into this next year, my last as president, I want to encourage everyone to come out to a meeting or event so that we can find the chance to connect.

The organization's future depends on the dedication and commitment of its members. With that said, anyone interested in taking a more active role in the chapter's leadership, please email me! We have some open board positions (social media chair, publicity chair, hospitality chair, event chairs) and are more than happy to talk about creating new positions.

I'm excited to see what we can do together in the coming year!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,
Rachelle Yousuf, Chapter President
rachelleyousuf@gmail.com

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Looking to get involved? Have some tech experience? Contact Rachelle at rachelleyousuf@gmail.com for interesting and fun volunteer opportunities!

Chapter News

STEPPIN’ UP
Rachelle Yousuf, our chapter president, will begin her term as national co-vice president in June, 2017. Here she is with other national board members, left to right, front row, Jane Kinney-Denning (incoming national president) Carin Siegfried (outgoing national president), back row, Sarah (Bebe) Brechner, (incoming co-vice president), RACHELLE YOUSUF, (incoming co-vice president)

The SoCal Writers Critique Group, sponsored by the Women’s National Book Association (WNBA) Los Angeles chapter, held their first annual literary tea salon on Sunday June 5 in Westwood to a standing-room only audience. Since the group was founded by Lindsay Lees in 2013, the members have completed seven books, both fiction and non-fiction. One of these, Sex, Love and Spirit by Alexia LaFortune, was just published.

JUDY LOPEZ AWARD for EXCELLENCE in CHILDREN'S
EXCELLENCE in CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
Mark your calendars for September 11! You'll be glad you did—we will celebrate the medalist and honorees for this prestigious, national award for literature for children ages 9-12! The selection committee has been reading up a storm, and we're announcing the winners soon. The award is always a delightful evening of congenial socializing, and excellent and inspiring author talks that you won't want to miss. See you there!

FOURTH ANNUAL WRITING CONTEST ANTHOLOGY
Did you enter the contest this year? If not, remember that the 2016/17 WNBA Writing Contest opens for submissions on September 15. Mark your calendars and send in your best!

From Joan Gelfand (SF) - Annual Writing Contest Chair
Welcome to the 4th Annual Writing Contest Anthology of The Bookwoman. This year’s contest was our most successful ever with 356 submissions from around the country. WNBA members and non-members alike sent their best work.

As the contest chair, it was wonderful to see so much varied and interesting work being created by writers of all ages. Death figured prominently in each of our first place winner’s work—and in the subsequent winners as well. Death, that part of life we all must come to terms with, can also be a catalyst for catharsis, rebirth and renewal. I hope that you will be as inspired as I was. read more

Flintridge Bookstore Recommends Summer Must-reads!
On Sunday, June 26th, WNBA/LA members and friends gathered at Flintridge Bookstore & Coffeehouse in La Cañada Flintridge for a specially curated Summer Reading Event. Flintridge Bookstore bookseller Jenny Wannier presented the “must-read” books of the season, which ranged in genre from young adult to creative non-fiction. A bookish good time was had by all.
If interested in reading the recommended titles listed below, then members might consider purchasing these books from Flintridge Bookstore.

**Passenger by Alexandra Bracken**

**Church of Marvels by Leslie Parry**

**Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo**

**The Wild Truth: The Untold Story of Sibling Survival by Carine McCandless**

**Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars by Nathalia Holt**

**Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal**

**Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys**

**Uprooted by Naomi Novik**

**The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick**

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Terri Negron, the WNBA/LA chapter webmistress for many years, and Ruth Light, the WNBA/LA chapter newsletter editor for many years...finally met! Terri lives in Morgan Hill (just south of San Jose) and Ruth lives in LA, so they have been collaborating about the newsletter via email and old-fashioned phone calls. They both grew up in Ohio, and they have forged not only an excellent working partnership but a strong friendship over the years....but they never met each other, even while musing about how that might someday...maybe...possibly...happen! Then Ruth decided to drive to and attend the June national board meeting of the WNBA, which was in San Francisco, and Morgan Hill is on the way! They met for lunch and had a wonderful real-life experience...even teasing about how Ruth could just "shine on" the national board meeting and hang out with Terri all weekend! But the lunch ended and Ruth pushed on to San Francisco with both of them promising to look for more
opportunities to meet---in person!

SAD NEWS
We are sad to let you know that Jeff Slottow, a member of the WNBA-LA Executive Board, passed away on June 10, 2016. Jeff will be remembered for his dedication to our chapter, and his support of the Judy Lopez Award for Children's Literature, which was begun in honor of his sister. He was known for his sense of humor and his musical ability, and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

CAROLYN SEE
Carolyn See, professor emerita of English at the University of California, Los Angeles, author of ten books, winner of a Guggenheim Fellowship for Creative Arts...and a former advisor to our WNBA-LA Chapter...passed away at the age of 82. She will be missed by the entire literary community. Requiem in pace

WNBA National News

Recap: Road to National Meeting

The Women's National Book Association's strength and vitality has always depended on its extraordinary member
Vitality has always depended on its extraordinary member volunteers. Nowhere is this more evident than at the annual National Meeting, where chapter representatives from across the country come together in support of our nationwide efforts in advocacy, education, and connection.

As the newly appointed President of the New York Chapter, this was my first opportunity to attend the National Board meeting, hosted in beautiful San Francisco by the WNBA-SF chapter. From the moment I walked through the doors of the Grant Plaza Hotel in Chinatown, I was greeted by welcoming, fascinating bookwomen with years of dedication to the WNBA. I knew this would be no ordinary board meeting.

During our first evening, we explored the literary heritage of San Francisco, with stops at the Beat Museum and City Lights Bookstore—literary hangout of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and Lawrence Ferlinghetti. It was a stirring introduction to the Golden Gate City, and topped off with after-dinner drinks at the famous literary Vesuvio Cafe, where we drank “Jack Kerouacs” and “Bohemian Coffees.”

As the weekend progressed, we heard reports about our long-running national awards, including the popular Pannell Award, and from the committees on National Reading Group Month and the upcoming Centennial celebrations. We heard from brand new sister chapters (welcome, Greater Philadelphia chapter!), defined our mission statement, and voted in our new national board. In the evenings we dined with a view of the seals at Fisherman’s Wharf, climbed the steep hills with occasional breathers, and enjoyed the spectacular city.

We also created an official Women’s National Book Association drink—with the help of David Vileta, mixologist at The Keystone—called The Mission Statement. Ingredients are listed in the picture to the left and below in the slideshow.

A special congratulations to Jane Kinney-Denning on becoming the new National President, and a special thanks to Carin Siegfried, Immediate Past-President, for all you did during your term.

To thank everyone would take a novella, so I must end by congratulating the entire board for your passion, inclusivity, and dedication, without which this historic organization would cease to be. You truly represent the organization’s creed, as stated by Pauline C. Sherwood in 1927:

“[…] Believing that it is impossible to isolate any single instrumentality in the great arterial circulation of thought, this Association is created to include in a single working body, women writers, women booksellers, women critics, women editors, women librarians, and women advertisers, […] as a means of education to more consciousness in ourselves and as an organized power to further in every instance of which it shall be possible.”
we can make use, the freer movement of life and truth.”

**Member News**

On July 5th, the paperback edition of Gwendolyn Womack's debut novel *The Memory Painter* was released. On Sunday, July 10, 4-6pm she participated in Lady Jane's Salon and read from *The Memory Painter* at The Ripped Bodice bookstore in Culver City. Visit ladyjanessalonoc.com or gwendolynwomack.com for more details.

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**Alexia LaFortune** at the launch of her memoir, *Sex, Love, and Spirit*, June 9, West Hollywood.

*Sex, Love, and Spirit, a memoir,* candidly recounts Alexia’s tragicomic journey from the oppression and shame of a Boston Irish Catholic upbringing in the 1950s, through the free fall into the dizzy funk of the wild sixties and seventies, including heartbreak and a soul crushing affair with a famous guy, to her eventual search for spiritual awareness and love. These intimate tales were written to inspire strength and confidence in her daughter and in herself when faced with an uncertain future. The ultimate message: Say yes to the adventure, and then, thank you. Purchase [here](#).

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**UN Corner**

**From Syria to Nigeria, children are escaping deadly conditions, and they need our help.** We desperately need supplies right now to help provide children in refugee camps and around the world with shelter, medical care, and more. We're calling for these Inspired Gifts to save children's lives.
For these children, their escape from violence is just the beginning of a lifelong journey. They need to feel safe, and have a chance at a brighter future. And they need it today before it’s too late.

Will you **step up and help** us care for these children today?

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**Look for us in your inbox in mid-Sept., 2016... and remember...**

**Metaphors** make implied comparisons. They do not use the words like, as, or than.
He was a lion in war.

**Similes** make comparisons using the words like, as, or than.
His eyes flashed like lightning.

**Personification** is a figure of speech in which nonhuman things are given human qualities.
Even the sky cried on the sorrowful day.