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**Dates to Remember**

**Dec. 9:** WNBA/LA Holiday Party  
and Pot Luck

**Dec. 12:** Writer's Row at Girl  
Scouts of America

**Dec. 13:** Barbara Schiffman's  
Book signing.

**Jan. 6:** Writer's Circle

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### From our Interim President



Hello WNBA/LA Chapter Members,

Our WNBA year has begun with 2 very  
successful and interesting events...National  
Reading Group Month, and WNBA/Reads Its  
Own. And our next event, our Holiday Party  
and Potluck, is coming up on December 9th.  
Read on for details on all of these events!

The WNBA's mission is to support the publishing industry and literacy, in  
all of their many-splendored parts. However, our mission also has a  
component of charity. Charity is a special feature of all holidays, and with  
the upcoming season we hope you will join us for the party on December  
9th, and bring a book and a teddy bear to be donated to a shelter for  
women and children! Each teddy bear you bring will be given a ribbon to  
go around its neck, and the ribbon will be labeled with "Women's National  
Book Association". Ruth Klein came up with this idea, and with the  
wonderful name of BOOK BUDDIES for the bears. You'll be getting more  
information about this annual social event, and we hope you and a book  
and a bear will be there.

So Save the Date, and shop for books and bears!

See you all soon,

Ruth

Interim President

### Chapter News

**On November 4, WNBA/LA presented our  
annual WNBA/RIO.** The RIO means Reads Its  
Own, and our long-time chapter member and  
organizer extraordinaire, Lisa-Catherine Cohen,  
makes this happen every year. She gathers  
poets and authors and performance artists of  
many stripes, makes sure they are either  
members or that they sign up to be members  
before they read, and presents an afternoon of  
readings that are always funny, thought-  
provoking, and delightful.

Lisa-Catherine has found a bookstore, Mystic  
Journey, that will probably be the permanent  
home for this event, and the readers donate  
excellent gift certificates for us to raffle off  
during the program. [Click here to see our  
presenters.](#)



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**The National Reading Group Month (NRGM)** event for our chapter was...finally...a huge success! For the last two years we have had low attendance, but this year we had good attendance, excellent audience enthusiasm, and outstanding authors! The event was held at Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena, and our four authors were the following: Hector Tobar-*The Barbarian Nurseries*, Richard Kramer-*These Things Happen*, Attica Locke--*The Cutting Season*, and Naomi Benaron-*Running the Rift*. We were lucky enough to have had an eReader from SONY donated to us for a raffle, and the winner was Sally Rich Arroyo, a long-time and very faithful patron of Vroman's. Except for Ruth Light, our interim president, introducing Hector Tobar as a Communist instead of a columnist (which by the way everyone thought was very funny...especially Hector) the evening went smoothly. Rachelle Yousuf, our vice president, did all of the organizing and publicity, and she did an excellent job of turning this event from worrisome to wonderful!



#### WNBA/LA HOLIDAY PARTY AND POT LUCK

**This holiday season**, our chapter will be donating not only books to a homeless shelter, but also **BOOK BUDDIES!** We are asking our members to bring a children's book to our holiday potluck, and to also bring a teddy bear to go with it. We're calling the bears Book Buddies, and both books and bears will then be donated to a shelter that serves women and their children.



**Date: Dec. 9 - 5:00 pm... location to come soon!**

#### OPPORTUNITY to join a WRITERS CIRCLE

The Barnes and Noble Writers Circle, meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Burbank, 731 North San Fernando Boulevard, Burbank, CA 91502 [across from IKEA]. This is a critique group in which selected readers read up to 10 minutes of their material and have their work critiqued by the group, which includes several published writers and produced screenwriters. Three of our members have had their short fiction anthologized in the bi-annual Sisters In Crime mystery anthologies. Beginners to experienced writers welcome. Current attendees are working in such diverse areas as long and short form fiction, non-fiction, screenplay and poetry. The group will be on hiatus from Thanksgiving through Christmas, but will start up again after the first of the year on January 6, 2013

## Member News



**Barbara Schiffman** launches her newest book "*READY - SET - NEXT!: Moving Forward by Embracing Your Past and Empowering Your Future*" with a book signing on Thursday 12/13/12 (7-8:30pm) at Mystic Journey Books in Venice CA. Barbara's book contains insights and exercises from her ongoing work as a life&soul coach. At this experiential book signing Barbara will lead guided

exercises for completing 2012 and envisioning 2013. She will also access the Akashic Records of 2013 to share their insights on our collective themes for the coming year. Info on Barbara's books, events or workshops: 818-415-3479, [YourLifeandSoul.com](http://YourLifeandSoul.com)

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**Alva Sachs** will be participating at Writer's Row and speaking at breakout sessions at the 4th Big Expo Believing in Girls for the Girl Scouts of America on Saturday, December 12, 2012, at the Convention Center in Palm Springs, CA. This is her second time supporting GSA to help promote literacy and making your dreams come true! Take a peek at <http://www.alvasachs.com> to learn more about Alva and her exciting books for children.



**Julie Spira** was recently quoted on [Cosmopolitan.com](http://Cosmopolitan.com) in the article "8 Online Habits That Turn Off Guys" <http://www.cosmopolitan.com/sex-love/relationship-advice/turn-offs-for-guys> and on [Prevention.com](http://Prevention.com) in "Text Mistakes You're Making."

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WNBA/LA Past President and best-selling author **Kelly Sullivan Walden** was featured on Nov 6th (election day) on The Ricki Lake Show talking about dreams (in bed with Ricki Lake and Miss America!) Here's the link to her post show Q&A:

<https://therickilakeshow.com/Emotional-Wellness/Dream-Life-Coach-Kelly-Sullivan-Walden-Analyzes-Your-Dreams>.



Kelly is excited to have launched [www.DreamLifeCoachTraining.com](http://www.DreamLifeCoachTraining.com)

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## Nationally Speaking

### TIME TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE WNBA PANELL AWARD

The WNBA Pannell Award is given to two bookstores every year, and it is an award that gets national attention through its presentation at Book Expo of America. The award not only gets national exposure by being presented at the Children's Book and Author Breakfast at BEA, but there is also a \$1,000.00 check and a framed, signed original piece of art by a children's book illustrator for each of the two winning bookstores.

Please think about your favorite bookstore, and consider nominating it for the WNBA Pannell Award!! The nominating process has been simplified and streamlined, so there is very little work for you, the nominator. It's a great honor, and we encourage you to "pave the way" for a bookstore that you love. [Read more...](#)

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Look for us in your inbox in mid-January 2013, and remember...

"Writing is like driving at night in the fog. You can only see as far as your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way!" - E.L. Doctorow

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