



## Women's National Book Association Los Angeles Chapter

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**June-Nov 1st:** First Annual  
WNBA writing Contest!  
**Oct. 7 -** WNBA Read It's Own

### BOARD MEMBERS

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Interim President:

**Ruth Light**

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**Rachelle Yousuf**

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**Julia Drake**

#### Committee and Representatives

Membership Chairs:  
**Suzanne Kleinbub** and  
**Ruth Light**

*The Bookwoman* Coordinator:

**Position Open**

Parliamentarian:

**Ruth Klein**

### From our Interim President



Dear Chapter Members,

I was the chapter president several years ago when we had about 35 members, and here I am again as WNBA/LA Interim President! However, now our chapter has about 100 members, and we are one of the strongest chapters of the ten in the US. It is a privilege to be "at the helm" again, and I will benefit from Julia Drake's competent leadership and organization. Julia has been our chapter president for the last year, leading us through a very successful and productive time, but she is stepping back to focus on her family and on her business. She will remain an active member of the governing board.

**During the weekend of July 9/10**, our chapter hosted the WNBA national board meeting here in LA, and we will not do that again for almost ten years! So read further for the details of that meeting, for the details of the Judy Lopez Memorial Award dinner, and for information about our upcoming WNBA Reads Its Own.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Light  
Interim President

### Chapter News

#### WNBA/LA HOSTED THE NATIONAL MEETING

Our chapter hosted the annual WNBA National Board Meeting during the weekend of June 9/10. We had 20 participants, 1 dinner on the 3rd St Promenade, 1 Judy Lopez Memorial Award dinner at the UCLA Faculty Center, and 1 catered dinner for the executive committee. The catered dinner was provided by long-time member, Holly Shaffer, whose culinary skills are now part of WNBA legend, and the chapter members who were able to attend various parts of the weekend meeting are Liora Mendeloff, Doreen Chen, Helen Ross, Jovita Jenkins, and Ruth Klein.

Rachelle Yousuf, our newly elected vice president, represented our chapter on Friday and Monday at the meeting, and all participants received handmade and chock-full goodie bags which were made by Suzanne Kleinbub and organized by Rachelle. The meeting was productive and ran very smoothly. Enjoy the pictures!



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**Holly Shaffer**  
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**Liora Mendeloff**  
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**Meg Flanders**  
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#### **JUDY LOPEZ MEMORIAL AWARD DINNER**

The Judy Lopez Memorial Award dinner was interesting, as always, and we were very happy that the entire national executive board was able to attend. The presidents, or representatives, of all of the ten chapters from around the US joined us for the dinner and presentation of the awards. Following are the winning books and authors:

#### **MEDALIST:**

*Icefall* by Matthew Kirby

#### **HONOR BOOKS:**

*Close to Famous* by Joan Bauer

*Bird in a Box* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

*Breaking Stalin's Nose* by Eugene Yelchin





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**REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

This membership year is from June 1, 2012, to May 31, 2013. We always ask for your annual dues in the summer, so please go to [PayPal and renew...](#) or send a \$45.00 check to:  
Suzanne Kleinbub  
944 Centinela Ave.  
Santa Monica, CA 90403

Thanks for your continued support and interest!



**WE WANT YOUR VIDEO/AUDIO CLIPS!**

We have a section on our chapter website ([www.wnba-books.org/la](http://www.wnba-books.org/la)) for member media clips, but we have only one there. Do you have a book trailer or a video that you'd like to put into the media section of the website? This is a free member benefit that is underused...please send your clip to [webmistress-la@wnba-books.org](mailto:webmistress-la@wnba-books.org) and Terri will put it in!

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**Member News**



**Lisa-Catherine Cohen:**

Lisa-Catherine, host and producer of WNBA/READS ITS OWN (RIO) is in the planning stages of this year's event. The venue is again the Mystic Journey Bookstore in Venice, CA, on Sunday, October 7th, 2012, with a new roster of talented WNBA members. Please save the date! WNBA/RIO is the "daughter" of the Independent Writers of Southern California(IWOSC)/RIO, which happens twice a year at Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena. Lisa-Catherine, a spoken-word performer, read at IWOSC/RIO on July 1st, making the riskier choice to read from her emotion-packed (but funny too), work-in-progress non-fiction, *The Loaded Cufflink*. She also read from it at the IWOSC monthly Westside breakfast meeting held Thurs. July 7th, at Ye Olde King's Head in Santa Monica.

**A.G.S. (Audrey) Johnson:**

WNBA member A.G.S. Johnson's debut novel, *The Sausage Maker's Daughters*, has won 7 awards for fiction excellence in less than six months since its launch, including one gold medal first for Regional Fiction from the Independent Publisher Book Awards 2012 and one silver in the same category from the Next Generation Independent Publishing Awards 2012. The story is set against the rabble-rousing Sixties, primarily in the Midwest, told from the viewpoint of a young anti-war activist turned feminist being held in jail in the murder of her brother-in-law. With strong character development as well as sense of time and place, plus a family under duress, the murder mystery unfolds before a crowded courtroom, spilling every secret of the protagonist's counterculture lifestyle right along with those of her proud and conservative family.



**Cradle Songs**



**Sharmagne Leland-St. John and Rachelle Yousuf:**

Editors Sharmagne Leland-St. John and Rachelle Yousuf, both WNBA members, have put together a beautiful anthology on motherhood entitled, *Cradle Songs: An Anthology of Poems on Motherhood*. Featuring over 100 talented poets and over 200 moving poems on all aspects of motherhood, the anthology, published in April by Quill and Parchment Press, is the result of over two years of hard work. Check out their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CradleSongsAnAnthologyOfPoemsOnMotherhood> . Also check out the review by Ed Bennett posted on May 1st at [Quill and Parchment](http://Quill and Parchment) . Order the book at [www.quillandparchment.com](http://www.quillandparchment.com) .

**Alva Sachs:**

The bookstore, Books and Cookies, welcomes Book Buddies, a group of local authors who help promote childhood literacy and the love of reading. Book Buddies provided story times and fun activities for children on Saturday, July 14.



The following local children's authors read, sold, and autographed their books: Ryan Afronsky, Gladys Elizabeth Barbieri, Ron Noble, Cori Paul, Leslie Ryan, Alva Sachs (WNBA Member) and Dennis Yang. Book purchases benefited the Papa Didos Ideals Foundation non-profit organization.

Books and Cookies - 2230 Main Street -Santa Monica, CA 90405 (310-362-3103)



**Barbara Schiffman:**

WNBA member Barbara Schiffman hosted a book signing at Mystic Journey Books in Venice on July 5, 2012. She read from one of her two chapters included in the anthology book: *2012: Creating Your Own Shift* and shared insights from the Akashic Records (our Souls' collective energy-archives) about the 2012 Shifts now in progress. According to Barbara's chapter, everyone on earth is helping shape our collective consciousness shifts through our emotional and spiritual energy. So it helps to be peaceful and positive versus fearful or expecting global disaster. More info on this and the book (published by Shift Awareness Books, available on Amazon.com): [YourLifeandSoul.com](http://YourLifeandSoul.com).

**Member Book Review**

**Ruth Garcia-Corrales, author and WNBA Los Angeles Member...**

"Just finished reading the book of WNBA member Joanna Poppink, *Healing Your Hungry Heart, Stories, Meditations, and Exercises for Health and Freedom*. The way she walks the reader through a process of recuperation is so well thought and

so well describe that anyone can start her recommended exercises to live better. Even though the book is written for people with eating disorders, I recommend it for learning about boundaries and how to handle moments of personal crisis. It's a piece of knowledge and experience sharing written in a very soft and elegant pen."

## Nationally Speaking



## FIRST ANNUAL WNBA WRITING CONTEST!

[Complete Rules Here](#)

After years of celebrating published authors, extraordinary book women and others in the field, we have decided it is time to celebrate emerging writers.

Full details about the contest and about the Women's National Book Association are available on the website: [www.wnba-books.org](http://www.wnba-books.org).

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### Pannell Winners:

[Book Beat](#) in Oak Park, Mich., and [Monkey See, Monkey Do... Children's Bookstore](#) in Clarence, N.Y., have won this year's Lucile Micheels Pannell Award, given annually since 1983 to a general bookstore and children's-only bookstore "that excel at inspiring the interest of young people in books and reading" and sponsored by [Women's National Book Association](#).

**Book Beat** won in the general bookstore category; Monkey See, Monkey Do won in the children's specialty category. The awards will be presented at BEA's Children's Book and Author Breakfast on Wednesday, June 6, in the Javits Special Events Hall.



Each winner will receive a check for \$1,000 and a framed piece of original art. This year's artwork will be contributed by Jenni Desmond and George Ford (the first illustrator to win the Coretta Scott King Book Award in 1974). Penguin Young Readers Group is again underwriting the award.

According to Valerie Tomaselli, the WNBA Pannell chair, the jury of five book industry professionals who selected the winners praised Book Beat for its "passion and true understanding of children's books and young readers [and its] tremendous success as an independent haven within a tough urban environment." Monkey See, Monkey Do was commended for its enthusiastic and innovative approaches to getting kids engaged with reading, and its "spirit of entrepreneurship, looking for ways to make money not just from book sales."

Look for us in your inbox in mid-September, and remember...  
"Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken." Oscar Wilde