

Women's National Book Association Los Angeles Chapter

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Don't Forget!

Don't forget to **RENEW** your
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We welcome new members all
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Judy Lopez Memorial Award
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Local sponsoring membership is
available to any individual, local
organization, or agency that
desires to make an initial or
additional annual contribution to
the chapter.

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Dates to Remember

Aug. 30: Alva Sachs
Oct: Great Group Reads

From our President



Dear Chapter Members,

This past weekend, the board had its
annual summer planning meeting. The
all-day board meeting (you read that
right) is the place where we discuss
the entire year ahead of us, planning
annual events and adding new ones
for the coming year. The thing that
constantly amazes me about the
women (and men) that I work with on
the board is their never-ending faith in
the chapter, in its members, and in the
desire to strengthen our little

community. Because the thing is, all of us are volunteers. And the
number of hours we all spend trying to make our chapter the best
it's ever been is astounding when you remember that these people
have day jobs, take care of families, go to school, and do a million
other things.

But we do it because we believe in our mission, and we believe in
the work we are doing. We believe that the world, in our own small
way, is becoming a better place because of our efforts, big or small.
So I want to say thank you to the people who have supported me
and the chapter this past year. To the board: I don't know where I
would be without you! To the members: None of this would matter
without YOUR faith and support in us.

Here's to another fantastic year!

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

Chapter News

L.A. Times Festival of Books - a WNBA/LA Booth?



BOARD MEMBERS

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Ruth Light

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* Chapter News Editor

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* The Bookwoman Coordinator

* UN Coordinator

* Publicity Chair

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As we announced in the last newsletter, the West Hollywood Book Fair has been cancelled till further notice. Our chapter had a booth at that book fair for 10 years, and we always offered free booth space to our members, who then sold books, and networked, and handed out information, and generally had a good time. Now that the Weho Book Fair is gone, your executive board has been considering participating with a booth at the [L.A. Times Festival of Books](#).

The Festival of Books, however, is a much larger, 2-day event, and thus the fee for a booth is much higher. We would like to continue to offer booth space at a book fair to our chapter members, but we would not be able to offer it for free at the Festival of Books.

So here is the question...and please direct your answers to rachellyousuf@gmail.com

Would you be willing to pay \$30.00 per hour for space at a WNBA/LA booth at the L.A. Times Festival of Books?

We need your feedback! Let us know ASAP so that we can proceed to reserve a booth if enough people are interested!

TIME TO RENEW!

If you have not renewed (or joined!) yet, go to the website www.wnba-books.org/la to do so. The coming membership year (June 1st through May 31st) is packed with long-standing and brand-new events. In September you will have an opportunity to read your own work at the Mystic Journey Bookstore in Venice, join the executive committee at their board meeting, and enjoy meeting three authors at our Literary Tea. And that's just the beginning! Our year holds many wonderful activities and events.

Please renew (or [join!](#)) now!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

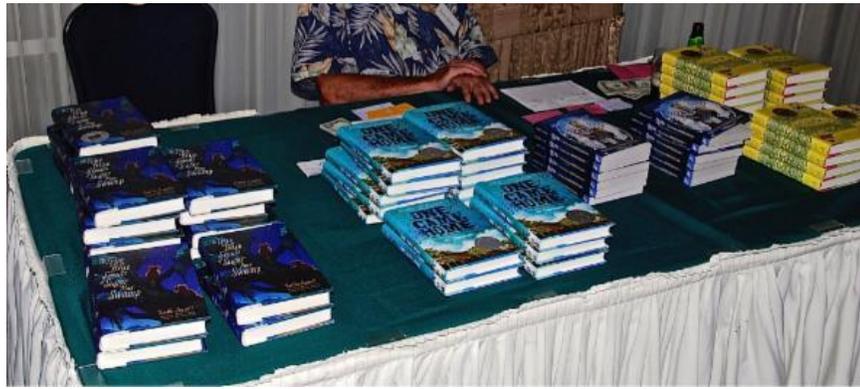


Every summer, Curacao, the large-format retail complex that caters to the Hispanic community, sponsors a summer reading program for children in Los Angeles, Panorama City, Huntington Park, and South Gate. This summer, our Los Angeles Chapter of the Women's National Book Association has been providing volunteers to read to the kids in this program. This is a new outreach for our chapter, and one which we hope to continue for many years. The goals are education, language and vocabulary development...and fun...and the kids and volunteers are all enjoying it! We'll be doing this again next summer...maybe YOU would like to volunteer for it! You'll get information in the spring about how to join us.

29th Annual Judy Lopez Award Dinner

Our Judy Lopez Award Dinner, held at the UCLA Faculty Center on June 8, was...as usual..interesting and inspiring. The Judy Lopez Award is given annually for excellence in children's literature. Enjoy the pictures, and plan on being there next year for the 30th!!





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Great Group Reads -- Selection Committee Information

We are recruiting new members to join the Great Group Reads Selection Committee for 2014.

Great Group Reads is a major initiative of National Reading Group Month (NRGM), which is sponsored by the Women's National Book Association (WNBA).

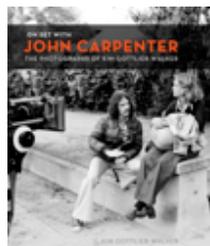
An overview of Great Group Reads:

Each year, the Great Group Reads (GGR) Selection Committee prepares a list of recommendations of literary fiction and memoirs for book discussion groups around the country. Publishers supply the Selection Committee with reading copies. Selected books are publicized and promoted on the National Reading Group Month website with professionally designed display materials such as shelf-talkers and table-top posters for anyone to download and use in promoting these titles for independent bookstores, reading groups and libraries. It is an important service for the reading public and for publishers. Participation in the selection is rigorous but rewarding!

For additional information, [click here](#).

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Member News



Kim Gottlieb-Walker's new coffee table photo book *On Set with John Carpenter*, due to be released in October, is available to pre-order from [Amazon](#) or [Barnes & Noble](#) (or your favorite bookstore). It covers the movies Halloween, The Fog, Christine, Escape from New York and Halloween II. Halloween franchise producer

Malek Akkad says "Kim's work possesses the rare quality that far exceeds the expectations of a typical film unit still"

exceeds the expectations of a typical film unit still photographer. She captures a moment in time that lets the viewer become a part of the collaboration, camaraderie, and fun that is inherent on the film sets on which she has worked. Her pictures are a fascinating glimpse at the other side of the action, and tell a deeper story for fans of these great films to appreciate. Rather than just document the process, she invites us to be a part of it, and that is what sets her work apart."

WNBA-LA chapter member Barbara Meltzer

served as Guest Editor of the July/August In Focus section of Aging Today newspaper, published by the American Society on Aging. In addition to creating ideas for the section and finding experts to write articles, Barbara wrote the cover story, which is titled "What Does Aging Well Really Mean? It All Depends Upon Your Vantage Point." Barbara also serves as a Commissioner on the LA County Commission for Older Adults and has made all issues/products/services related to Boomers and Beyond a specialty of her Los Angeles-based public relations agency, Barbara Meltzer & Associates. (www.meltzerpr.com)



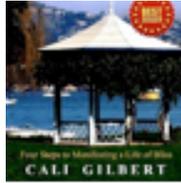
Alva Sachs, award winning children's author, is pleased and honored to announce that she has been elected President of Reading Is Fundamental of Southern California (RIFSoCal). RIF serves Title 1 schools with books for free for children to take

home to build home libraries and foster the love of reading. RIF is the oldest nonprofit literacy program in the United States. California services over 100,000 children in the greater Los Angeles area and Orange County. Check out www.rifsocal.org. She will be appearing with her books at Mrs. Figs Bookworm store in Camarillo Saturday, August 30, 2014, 1-3:00pm. Family fun with books and kids!

Lisa-Catherine Cohen has been hard at work on the book she's been commissioned to write by a child Holocaust survivor. The book is tentatively titled: *Kuka-The Golden Child in the Red Coat*. This woman (Kuka)-according to the man on Schindler's actual list, who originally told his story to Thomas Keneally, author of the book the film is based on-is Spielberg's inspiration for the little girl in the red coat in his Oscar-winning film. With harrowing escapes and frightening close calls, this story will be published in the winter of 2014.



Member Cali Gilbert's 5th book, *It's Simply Serendipity*, reached the #2 spot on Amazon's Bestseller List last week. It officially launched July



Bestseller List last week. It officially launched July 1st in hopes of reaching #1 across the globe. This book has already been endorsed by some of the biggest names in Personal Development, and Cali is honored to share her personal story of transformation with the world.

Visit: <http://www.caligilbertauthor.com/its-simply-serendipity.html>.

Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00L5RSI4M>.

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National News

JILL TARDIFF'S HUSBAND PASSES AWAY

Many of you know Jill Tardiff through her dedication to WNBA, and her wide-ranging support of all of WNBA'S various programs. Jill was instrumental in launching National Reading Group Month www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.com and Great Group Reads www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr, and she has been the driving force behind WNBA's association with the UN and UNICEF for decades. Unfortunately, Jill Tardiff's husband, Paul Koslowski, passed away last month suddenly at the age of 60.

WNBA, on a national level, will be collecting donations in Paul's honor. If you would like to contribute, please contact Ruth Light at ruthlight3@gmail.com

Look for us in your inbox in mid-Sept 2014 and remember...

Onomatopoeic words (sound words) can enhance the imagery and realism in your writing. Here is a list of them for you to think about:
beep, bong, bray, chirp, clack, clink, clomp, creak, fizz, hiss, hum, quack, rev, rustle, slurp, snort, swish, twang, whack, zoom.

Happy writing!!