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Dates to Remember

Apr. 14 - Book Signing
Apr. 28 - Literary Tea
June 9 - Judy Lopez Awards

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From our Interim President



Hello WNBA/LA Chapter Members,

Last Sunday I experienced one of the perks of being your chapter president, and that is presiding over Book Savvy 2013, our annual day-long seminar about the world of publishing. I met and worked with librarians, literary agents, authors, and publicists...some of whom were familiar to me, and some of whom were new. All were and are talented and dedicated people. It was a treat! Book Savvy was begun by Kelly Sullivan Walden four years ago, and it is now a mainstay of our event calendar. It gets better every year! [Follow us on Facebook](#) and see lots of pics from the Book Savvy event: [Click here](#)

This year Book Savvy was supported by three new sponsors... Shelf Pleasure, Over and Above Creative Group, and author Cher Slater-Barlevi. Check out their ads at the end of this newsletter!

Be sure to scroll down for information about our next event, our Literary Tea, scheduled on April 28th. This is also a regular event, now in its third year.

I hope to see you on April 28 at the Literary Tea...and bring a friend!

Sincerely,
Ruth Light
Interim President

Chapter News

LITERARY TEA

It sounds like we will be drinking words, but in fact we will drink tea and eat tea sandwiches and enjoy delicious desserts after hearing from three incredible authors who will share their new novels...set in Russia, Egypt, and 1930's America during the Dust Bowl. We will hear about the surprising true stories behind their novels, their inspiration, and their writing and publishing processes. This event was begun three years ago by Sharmagne Leland-St. John-Sylbert, whose astounding teapot collection and amazing poetry set the stage for our future teas. Please join us!

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Where: Joan Jackson Residence

When: April 28, 2012

Time: 2:00-5:00 pm

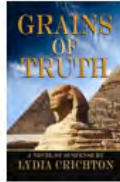
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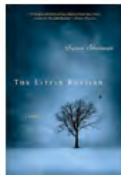
Limited seating---please reserve early by paying on our website:

<http://www.wnba-books.org/la>

Our Featured Authors:



Lydia Crichton: A native Texan, Lydia Crichton has enjoyed a twenty-plus year career in marketing and fundraising for nonprofit organizations in major cities across the United States. Extensive international travel furthered her education in many invaluable and unexpected ways. On a trip to Egypt in 2002, poignant experiences led her to discover a passion for telling stories that entertain as they explore complex and controversial social and political issues. She is the author of *Grains of Truth*, a romantic thriller set in Egypt and first novel in her Julia Grant Series. For more info, visit: lydiacrichton.com



Susan Sherman:

Susan Sherman is a former Chairman of the Art Department of Whittier College, a small liberal arts university once attended by President Richard Nixon. She is also the co-creator of "That's So Raven," one of the most successful television shows for children in the history of the Disney Network. She is the author of historical fiction novel, *The Little Russian*, chosen by People Magazine for "Great New Reads in Fiction." For more information, visit: susanshermanauthor.com



Helen Sedwick: Helen Sedwick grew up in a theater family in New York City. She majored in English at Cornell University and worked as an advertising copywriter before attending the University of Chicago Law School. She is now a lawyer, environmentalist, and writer, living in Sonoma wine country. Her young adult novel *Coyote Winds* is inspired by her father's true tales of coming of age during the Dust Bowl. For more information, visit: helensedwick.com

YOU ARE INVITED----

The Judy Lopez Memorial Awards for Children's Literature are granted annually to works of literary excellence for nine to twelve-year-olds. The awards are made in remembrance of Judy Lopez, a founding member of the Los Angeles chapter of the Women's National Book Association who was deeply interested in seeing that children's literature of quality is recognized and rewarded.

Established in 1985, the Judy Lopez Memorial Awards presentation and dinner are held each year on the second Sunday of June (June 9) at the UCLA Faculty Center. This is consistently an evening of inspiration and delight for authors, librarians, and booklovers, and we would love to have you join us. Go to www.judylopezbookaward.org to read more. There on the website you will find instructions on how to receive a hard copy invitation to this event.

This is an event for authors and readers of all ages and genres...not just for people interested in children's literature. The dinner conversations are interesting and eclectic, and the speeches never fail to entertain and engage....and occasionally prompt a standing ovation. We hope to see you there!

Member News

Allison Pescosolido, M.A. and her business Divorce Detox was featured on the cover of the New York Time's Style Section this past December. The article profiles how a New York Times reporter flew to Los Angeles to get a Divorce Detox from Mrs. Pescosolido. Read the profile here <http://tinyurl.com/ddnyt>. Allison is frequently featured in the media (CNN, Fox...) for her expertise on the subjects of relationships, breakups, marriage, divorce, dating and her unique treatment approach for divorce recovery. Her success in helping clients quickly identify, manage and overcome the specific challenges in relationships and divorce has led her to become the nation's leading relationship expert.



Barbara Schiffman will sign her book *THE AKASHIC MUSE: Collaborating With Your Soul & The Akashic Records for Writing & Other Creative Endeavors* on Thursday April 4th (7-9:30pm) at Ascension New Age Bookstore & Cafe in Bonsall CA (on Route 76 in North San Diego County, www.newagebooks11.com) and lead a free mini-workshop on enhancing creativity. She'll also teach an intro class on accessing your own Akashic Records on Sunday April 7th (12-4pm) at Ascension Books.

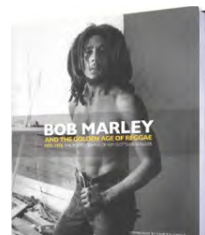
Get info or order her book via her website <http://YourLifeandSoul.com> or e-store <http://YourSoulSupportShop.com>. For info on book signing/intro class: 818-415-3479.

Alva Sachs - As a WNBA member and Board Member of Reading Is Fundamental of Southern California, Alva Sachs, award winning children's author had the opportunity to share a very special day with the LA Kings Stanley Cup Champions to celebrate reading and literacy. Gathering at the Staples Center-Los Angeles, CA RIFSoCal and the LA Kings joined together to collect books, raise money, and raffle a signed team hockey stick all for the love of books and kids! It was great fun meeting the fans and showing support for our LA children.



Lisa-Catherine Cohen - Our own Lisa-Catherine performed at the MBar (1253 N. Vine, Hollywood) for L.A. Women in Music (LAWiM) on Wed. March 13th. Backing her was a fantastic band, led by producer/composer, percussionist, Steve Reid, who has played with the likes of Miles Davis, Supertramp, and co-founded the Rippingtons- and has played on over 700 albums by everybody you've ever heard of! Even her backup singers are stars in their own right! Lisa-Catherine is so psyched!

Kim Gottlieb-Walker's coffee-table photo book *Bob Marley and the Golden Age of Reggae* has entered a second printing and is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and all good bookstores. There is also a French language edition entitled "Bob Marley, Portrait Inedit en Photo, 1975-1976, Photographies de Kim Gottlieb-Walker.



National News

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

Last June (2012) our chapter hosted the WNBA national executive board meeting, and it's almost national meeting time again. It will be in Nashville this year, and Rachele Yousuf, chapter vice president, will represent our chapter in Nashville as she assumes the presidency of the chapter on June 1st. During the weekend Rachele and the rest of the executive board will attend the ceremony for the presentation of the WNBA Award, which is given biannually to a woman who has done meritorious work in the field of literacy.

This year's recipient of the award is Ann Patchett.

WNBA PANELL AWARD SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED

Since 1983, the Women's National Book Association has awarded one of the most prestigious honors in children's bookselling. Given annually at BookExpo America's Children's Book and Author Breakfast, the WNBA Pannell Award recognizes bookstores that enhance their communities by bringing exceptional creativity to foster a love of reading in their young patrons. **This year's nominees are:**

General Bookstore

Avid Book Shop, Athens, GA
Byrd's Books, Bethel, CT
Nicola's Books, Ann Arbor, MI
Newtonville Books, Newtonville, MA
Porter Square Books, Cambridge, MA
Main Street Books, Davidson, NC
Vroman's Bookstore, Pasadena, CA
Park Road Books, Charlotte, NC

Children's Bookstore

Books and Cookies, Santa Monica, CA
4 Kids Books & Toys, Zionsville, IN
Hooray for Books, Alexandria, VA
The Bookbug, Kalamazoo, MI
The Voracious Reader, Larchmont, NY

The nominated store puts together an electronic submission with a description of activities, goals, or any contribution to the local community that involves young people and books. Photos, media coverage, letters from customers, or anything else that transmits the degree of contribution can be included in the submission.

Along with WNBA, Penguin Young Readers Group co-sponsors the award.

LOOKING FOR READERS!

It is a pleasure once again to provide an update on our NRGM marketing initiative Great Group Reads and ask for your help in recruiting new readers to the committee.

It is now the fifth year of Great Group Reads and interest in the program increases, as publicity expands and publishers become more aware of the value of their books appearing on the list. Last year our 20 selections included such popular book group favorites as *The Dovekeepers*, and *The Orchardist*, as well as other wonderful midlist novels and memoirs.

Many of last year's readers have indicated that they'd like to continue-a tribute to their stamina!--but also to the excitement of reading and discussing good books. We would like to recruit new readers from all WNBA chapters, but especially from Boston, **Los Angeles**, Nashville, and Seattle.

We are looking for thoughtful readers (and paid-up chapter members) who:

- * Are avid readers willing to commit the time to read 20-25 books in 4 months (end of March to early August)
- * Read widely, especially in literary fiction and memoirs (we don't generally read genre fiction)
- * Are currently involved in a book discussion group
- * Feel comfortable expressing an opinion about what they've read beyond "I liked it" or "I didn't like it" and posting on a group blog

We would also like to stress this is a "recommendation" and not "review" task. We're anticipating a very exciting year, as Great Group Reads matures and grows.


Anyone who is interested should send a note about their interest and reading experiences to Rosalind Reisner at: roz@thereisners.net

Jill Tardiff, Chair, National Reading Group Month
Rosalind Reisner, Coordinator

(Thank you to the editors of our national newsletter, The Bookwoman, for allowing us to reprint the previous two articles.)

USA Today: Washington, D.C., tops 'most literate city' study
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