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Message from the President

The gala holiday luncheon and silent auction scholarship fundraiser held at the Rosedale County Club in December was very successful. A special thanks to Eileen Ocon who again chaired this event. The silent auction and member contributions totaled \$759.00. Betty Altman's generous contribution was greatly appreciated.

Ronni Miller, Founder and Director of Write It Out, a motivational and expressive writing program for individuals of all ages presented the program *Strut Your Stuff: expressive Writing for Personal Growth* at our January meeting. An interactive expressive writing exercise from the Write It Out program triggered by Scott Joplin's music followed her talk of a thumbnail account of her life as a writer. She defined "stuff" as the interior life material that feeds our work and contributes to good health and personal growth. ††The participants: artists, writers and musicians created a spontaneous memory collage written in prose and poetry.

Our annual art exhibition reception held at Art Center Sarasota was a success with the crowd who enjoyed our artwork and food. The exhibit will run through Friday, February 27th. As a reminder, the Pickup is Saturday, Feb. 28th from 10:00-12:00 PM. †A special thanks to Nell Rude for her dedication and creative efforts that made this event so successful. Nell supervised hanging of the art work and set up the food tables.

At our February meeting, Ronni Miller will lead a panel discussion of members of Pen Women on "Inspiration and the Muse". Members were encouraged to write in 50 words or less describing a personal experience with a MUSE.

The Awards Luncheon at the Laurel Oak Country Club will be held on March 18th. The awards are presented to qualified high school students in first, second and third place in art, music and letters. Again this year, I would like you to consider contributing to our Merit Scholarship Program that recognizes other deserving students. Sponsoring members and patrons will be listed in the program brochure.

Reservation forms for the February, March and April meetings are included in this newsletter. Please send them by the specified dates to our Hospitality Chair, Barbara Jendrysik. The February board meeting will be at 10:00 AM. There will not be a board meeting in March.

I look forward to seeing you all in February.
Sylvia Price

SPONSOR DUTIES AND PROCEDURE

Please Submit Complete Applications!

1. Bring the Prospective Member you are sponsoring to a meeting.
1. Submit Prospective Member's work to the Board at the following meeting.
1. If Board approved, you will be given an application to give to your Prospective Member.
1. Prospective Member is to complete the application. Sponsor should assist, if necessary.
1. Sponsor does not submit folder to Membership Chair until checking all requirements as follows in this sample for an art application:
 - A. Proof of juried shows, three (3) shows
 - B. Photo samples of work (3)
 - C. Proof of sales, three (3)
 - D. Sponsor and Endorser signatures
 - E. Pre-stamped envelope for mailing of Prospective Member's folder
 - F. Check to National and Check to Sarasota Branch in appropriate amounts (check for current fees)

Similar procedure also apply to Music and Letters with some variations. Please consult the Membership Chairperson who will provide you with complete instructions at the appropriate time.

It is recommended that all data be placed in three ring plastic sleeves. Three holes should be punched in documents and securely attached.

When the Prospective Member is accepted as a new member by the Board and then by National, the Sponsor is to support this member by bringing her to meetings, being seated with, etc. Our Membership Chair will oversee that all Sponsor responsibilities are being fulfilled.

If you are a member who has a page on our Web site, please contact our Webmaster Ed Ice for answers to your questions regarding any adjustments or changes you would like made. Also, if you desire to have a page on our Web site, contact him at his email address below: ed@gottagodivin.com

PENWOMEN PROGRAMS FOR 2008-2009 Sarasota Branch

**February 11
Bird Key
Yacht Club**

**** "Inspiration and the Muse"
†Panel Discussion made up of members of Pen Women. †**

**March 18
Laurel Oaks**

Student Awards Luncheon

April 9

Annual Business Meeting

Bird Key Yacht Club

"Show And Tell" Each member present has a 30-60 second opportunity to show, read or play a piano piece.

It is with deep sorrow to inform you of the unexpected death of Nell Rude's son, Brett Rude, in Chicago, January 20, 2008. A condolence card will be sent to Nell and her husband from the NLAPW, Sarasota Branch. Beverly Fleming, Corresponding Sec.

"2008 SILENT AUCTION - KUDOS & MANY THANKS

It is with a grateful heart I send thanks out to those of you who gave of your time to help bring our Silent Auction together before, during & after our December meeting. Much appreciation to Halide Smith for working with the Rosedale staff, seeing to the arrangement of our auction tables & reserving the room for our December luncheon. Volunteers Marge Bennett, Pat Davidson, Amy Elder, Kathleen MacDonald, Ronni Miller, Alice Moerk, & Barbara Thelen handled a variety of jobs to help this year's Auction become a success. As always, Barbara Jendrysik was there to handle our reservations & to hand out name tags. If I have forgotten anyone, apologies & extended thanks for your generous support.

Proudly, our Scholarship Fund raised over \$700.00 in sales this year. BRAVO! We also received a very generous gift of \$4,000.00 from Betty Altman! What a boost! How wonderful! Without members contributions there would be no auction &, thus, our Scholarship offerings would be so much less. Thanks to each & every member who donated their creative items & to those of you who gave attractive, resalable items or monetary contributions.

May you all have a healthy, creative & successfully divine 2009!

Most Sincerely ... Eileen Ocon ... Silent Auction Chair"

NLAPW Launch Lincoln Legacy Book - "Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln: A Commemorative Collage"

The National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) as a pre-Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration event launched its book, Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln: a commemorative collage.

As a multi-faceted project designed to celebrate the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln and disseminate a greater understanding of his concepts of freedom, equality and reconciliation, the NLAPW challenged their membership to produce artistic, dramatic, literary and musical works that speak to Lincoln's style of leadership, his contemplative character and his persuasive use of language.

Publication Details

Published by Pen Women Press located in Washington DC, proceeds of book sales are used to establish a Lincoln Legacy Scholarship award for students that produce literary works of merit which best exemplifies one or more of Lincoln's contributions to the American ideals of freedom, equality and opportunity.

To order a copy, forward your name, mailing address and payment of \$28 which includes shipping costs to NLAPW, 1300 17th Street NW, Washington DC 20036-1973. Details of the 'public-at-large' book launch and description of book contents are available at web site <http://www.nlapw.org/events.html> The League sincerely appreciates your support of its projects.

Welcome to *The Writers Corner*. This part of the newsletter will be represented by the N.L.A.P.W. Writers. The next Pen Women Writing group will meet on Monday, February 2nd, at Dannie Russell's house, located at 8731 54th Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34211, phone (941)753-9446, danniegold@aol.com, from 11-1. Bring a bag lunch and e-mail her to RSVP. Dannie lives in the Rosedale Country Club.

The January meeting was hosted by writer, Elizabeth Waterston. The following members attended: Elizabeth Waterston, Dannie Russell, Alice Moerk, Jolie Bell, Syliva Bambola, Ronni Miller, Aina Segal and Amy Elder. We spent an hour discussing the wants and needs of the group. In summary, the group is fine with bringing a bag lunch but doesn't want to stop the momentum of the group to eat. Some members would like to gather after the meeting for lunch. For those who find the group to be a great muse for writing, members are available after the meeting to write. The following is what people wanted from the group: networking, marketing, support, critiquing, feedback, being together, goal setting and sharing work. We critiqued work the second hour. Writers brought multiple copies of their work to be critiqued. The group has decided to start a section in the newsletter called *The Writers Corner*. Throughout the year writers will contribute book reviews, poems or shorts, book signing information

MEMBER NEWS

Pat Davidson has accepted an invitation to participate as one of 5 En Plein Aire artists on Saturday February 21 at Longboat Key Harbourside as a benefit for The Longboat Key Center for the Arts, a division of Ringling College of Art and Design. Guest auctioneer for the event will be Dr. Larry Thompson, President of Ringling College.

Pat has also had a painting included in the American Juried Art Salon's Winter Show, 2009. On Saturday, January 17th she will be juring a scholastic art show in Venice for the Rotary Club of Venice.

Music of both **Halide Smith** and **Alice Moerk** will be performed at the annual Stenberg Memorial Concert Sarasota's Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church on March 8 at 3:00 PM/ The church is located at 7436 Prospect Rd. Contributions are \$8.00. All proceeds go toward Sarasota and Manatee music organizations such as Sarasota Symphony, Bradenton Symphonic Band, Florida Voices, etc. Advance tickets may be purchased from either Halide or Alice .

Halide K. Smith recently presented a musical program entitled, "**MusArt**" Sight and Sounds (Halide's music and art combined) to the Sigma Alpha Iota, International Music Fraternity Sarasota-Manatee Alumnae Chapter. Performers were Estelle Schultz, flute; Karen Birch Blundell and Stephanie Daige, oboe; Edward Pritchett, violin; and Mary Webb, piano.

The Neuro Challenge Art Show will be accepting paintings on Monday, January 12 from 9-12 at the Institute for Advanced Medicine, Rand Blvd. and Clark Road (just east of Honore, just past Applebees). Questions? Call Sue Anderson 922-5457 or e-mail suesart4805@aol.com.

From **Ronni Miller**: Thank you to all who have submitted a piece to be included in our booklet for our Inspiration And The Muse Program In February. If you have artwork that goes along with your written piece, bring it along to the luncheon.

A Muse for our program is anyone, anything, anyplace, any feeling, thought or experience that has inspired you to create a piece of writing, music or art work. Just write a 50 word personal account of one of those experiences. Send it to me by e-mail RMillerWIO@aol.com or by snail mail to P.O. Box 704 Sarasota, FL 34230 *now* so it can be included in our booklet to be distributed at the February meeting. Don't miss the **January 19th deadline** for written pieces to be included in the booklet.

Anne Abgott and **Alice Benjamin Boudreau** were compared to Georgia O'Keefe by Joan Altabe in the November 6th Bradenton Herald. The writer saw relationships to O'Keefe flower close ups because we both have done work that zeros in on subjects. The article mentioned Anne's at Art Uptown exhibit at Nov. 15-21 and Alice's December exhibits at the Dancing Crane and Harmony Galleries.

From Africa... by Dannie Gold

Hippos

Like a mammoth bolder
rising at the creation
of earth's crust,
Mother emerges
from the shallow water
standing silently.

White egrets glide
to rest on her leathery,
dark hide,
then fly off.

Mother and Baby submerge
into the warmth of the cold, deep lake.
Oval ringlets mark the spot.

Downstream,
Mother nudges and pushes Baby.
Yawning
 Stretching
 Blowing and snorting
 Playfully lumbering ashore
to lounge in the warm sun
like beached mushrooms sautéing.

As sun sets
Baby hoists its mighty body.
Four stubby stumps
take tentative steps
to forage on shore.

Overcome by the effort
Baby steps
 retreats to the water
 and is no longer seen.

Floating bobbing mushrooms
in the dark.

Door Ajar

Door ajar
cool moist air
soaks the room
lulls me to sleep
Songbird's music
blends with the breeze
soothes my mind
I am dreaming
Black night
lifts it's cloak
paints a silhouette
in the heavens
Leaves dancing
branches swaying
palms bending
choreography of nature
Night swept away
new sunrise
plate of gold
hangs from an azure sky
morning in paradise
Sarasota

by Just Glad

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Book review on *Dance With The Elephants -Free Your Creativity And Write* by Ronni Miller

"Once upon a time in the dawn of possibilities, I dreamt of being a writer. Master of my craft, like Wynken in a wooden shoe, I steered for the stars. The smell of printers ink between covers of books was my propellant. As a child, the stories I dreamt became the stories I wrote, crudely in pencil, illustrated by pastels... Traveling hills of acceptance, valleys of rejection, plains of unsureness and plateaus of confidence became a way of live." So begins the book *Dance With The Elephants-Free Your Creativity and Write* by Ronni Miller now in its third edition since 1996. This book is for writers, artists, and musicians or anyone who has experienced the hills and valleys of the creative life and enjoys identifying with personal essays on one woman's experiences about persistence, confidence, priorities and deadlines. The National Association of Poetry Therapy certified poetry therapist Karen Rippstein has said of the book "Miller demonstrates how writing creates a container for our innermost feelings where we have a chance to gain insight and awareness." Sixty motivational exercises from Miller's nationally recognized Write It Out® program guide the reader in the second half of the book to dream, and play with remembered experiences. Dr. Marylen Oberman said "Ronni Miller's book... provided me with a way to access my feelings, memories and experiences that needed to be written and shared."

The book is \$15.00 and can be purchased from Ronni Miller (www.writeitout.com)

March 18 --Awards Luncheon--Laurel Oak Country Club
R.S.V.P. by March 11

Directions to Laurel Oaks Country Club: From Sarasota, Laurel Oaks is located on Bee Ridge Road, east of the I-75 exit. Proceed East on Bee Ridge approx. 4 miles. Laurel Oaks is on your left at the light, across from the Bent Tree Country Club.

Time: 11:30 A.M. Cocktail bar service
Lunch served promptly at 12:00 noon

1:00 P.M. Program & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Menu Choices:

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| 1. Chicken Florentine with Dijon sauce | \$24.00 |
| 2. Stuffed Sole | \$24.00 |
| 3. Vegetarian | \$24.00 |

Dessert: Lemon Berry Tartlet

Entree prices include vegetable, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and all gratuities.

March 18 Awards Luncheon - R.S.V.P. by March 11

Member: _____	Choice # _____
Guest: _____	Choice # _____
Guest: _____	Choice # _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Membership Dues ----

Our annual membership dues for the year 2009-2010 are almost due. The dues cover the period from May 2009 until April 2010. Please fill out the form below and send it with your dues payment by May 1. Thank you!

Barbara Jendrysik, Treasurer

**THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICAN PEN WOMEN
SARASOTA BRANCH
Membership Form
2009-2010**

Dues are to be received by May 1, 2009

Branch Members: \$65.00 (\$40.00 for National, \$5.00 for State, \$20.00 for Branch)

Patrons: Bronze \$50___ Silver \$75___ Gold \$100___

Reciprocal Members \$20___

Checks should be made payable to:

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICAN PEN WOMEN, SARASOTA BRANCH

Fill out the form below and send it with your check to:

Barbara Jendrysik
613 Buttonwood Drive
Longboat Key, FL 34228

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**THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICAN PENWOMEN
SARASOTA BRANCH
2009-2010 Membership Form for Treasurer**

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Address

Telephone (Home/ Work): _____ E-Mail: _____

Category Arts _____ Letters _____ Music _____ Patrons _____

April 8 --- Bird Key Yacht Club 11:30 A.M.

R.S.V.P. by April 1.

Baked basil-crusted Mahi with grilled pineapple and strawberries. Served with a honey-ginger yogurt sauce on a bed of field greens. **\$20.**

A **Vegetarian** plate, without the fish, is also available, upon request. **\$20.**

Prices include assorted miniature muffins, coffee, tea and all gratuities.

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April 8 Meeting - R.S.V.P. by April 1.

(Please note "Vegetarian lunch", if requested.)

Member: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____ **Total Enclosed \$** _____



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