

Dear Women's National Book Association/LA Chapter Members,

This email will, once again, be the monthly newsletter, so Happy April to you, and read on to find: a LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, information about GREAT GROUP READS, how to GET YOUR BOOKS DISPLAYED at the NATIONAL MEETING, and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT-----

It is a wonderful honor to sit as interim president while Kelly Sullivan Walden embarks on her new adventure in New Mexico. I know that I can speak for all that she will greatly miss. However, we hope that she will be back often, and grace us with her presence at the exciting events that will be taking place this year.

On the eve of Kelly's announcement, we had the extreme pleasure of having a "meet and greet" with Mary Grey James, who is the upcoming National WNBA President. We spoke at great lengths about our upcoming events, putting procedures more in place, how we are planning with our events to honor the amazing authors in our midst, and finding ways to welcome new members. This delightful evening had the WNBA/LA Board of Directors present and the evening was hosted by long-time board member, Margaret Karlin. We were all blessed with Mary Grey's southern charm, as we sipped wine and ate savory dishes... I'm still dreaming of that chicken dish you served, Margaret!

There are some exciting updates in this issue, as well as in the upcoming months, so stand by for many great announcements and developments in WNBA/ LA. The first news to share is the election of the new board of directors. You will receive your email ballot in a few days, so please vote!

June also marks our Judy Lopez Memorial Awards for Children's Literature - the date is June 13th to be exact. So, mark your calendars to make sure you don't miss a ticket to this hot, sellout event.

We are looking for volunteers for our upcoming events, so if you have a desire to help out, we welcome you! Volunteers for the actual events are greatly appreciated, as we need greeters, organizers and more.

Also, we're looking for a newsletter editor. Please contact Ruth Light at [ruthabc@ca.rr.com](mailto:ruthabc@ca.rr.com) if you are interested in this position

Our next event is April 10th at the home of Anna Bruni Benson. Her address is:

1110 North Bundy Dr.  
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The event will begin at 1:00 with a luncheon. There are 5 chapter members who have recently published books, and the event is to honor and celebrate them, and introduce their books to our chapter members. Julia Drake, our past newsletter editor and current member-at-large on the executive board, will introduce each of the authors before they read. Afterwards there will be a Q&A with the authors and a chance to network during dessert. The flier for this event is attached, and we hope to see you there!

THE AUTHORS are: Joan Jackson, Margaret Karlin, Barbara Cherne, Anna Bruni Benson, Judith Yoakum

If you have a book or author idea, we would love to hear from you. The idea of having more casual gatherings to honor literature is an idea that I have been behind since I became vice president. When I first became a board member I heard that WNBA/LA had this kind of gathering in the past. So, back by popular demand, we are excited to put together a more casual gathering, so that the importance of literature and women authors are honored and not lost in this digital age. I have been a producer in technology for over fifteen years now and even