

Go On Girl! Book Club

HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Interim President



Once more we find ourselves approaching the close of another unprecedented year. Our social interactions were in front of screens, blocked by face masks, or separated by Plexiglas. We have grieved the loss of too many beautiful souls. We have been tested to the very core of who we are as an organization. And yet, I have never been clearer or more resolute about the importance of our work. I am impressed by our unshakable commitment to a deep and authentic respect for Black literature and authors, by our steadfast stance in reinvigorating our literary sisterhood, and by our unwavering generosity in providing a platform and scholarships for new literary talent to emerge.

In September, I accepted the Board nomination to serve as your interim President with both hesitation and excitement. The hesitation was because with the loss of Lynda we were traversing uncharted territory and with the looming pandemic we were being forced to examine all of our organizational practices. I was excited because I remain inspired by the bold aspirations of this organization. We are powerful advocates for authors of the Black Diaspora, and I am honored to lead us to the next turn on our journey.

Despite and perhaps because of a challenging year, we will press onward! Together with you and our Board of Directors we will continue to further our mission of advocating for authors of the Black Diaspora. We will continue broadening our sphere of influence through activities such as Conversations with GOG, the Go On Girl! Vlog, and corporate partnerships with brands such as Audible. We will expand our scholarship support to budding authors attending HBCUs, and to unpublished writers. We will continue to provide forums for young people to learn from noted authors through our Young Writers Workshop. We will continue to bring our sisterhood together in various forums to celebrate our appreciation for Black literature. Finally, we will honor Lynda's life in a manner that aligns with her wishes, and that respects the desired privacy of her family.

As I settle into the holiday season, I am so grateful for your support of this great sisterhood! We've accomplished so much over the past 30 years, and we have so much more to accomplish together as we advocate for OUR authors. I am confident of our success because we come from a legacy of strong Black women determined to thrive and to ensure that our communities do as well.

Wishing you and yours the blessings of this season.

Vivian Phillips Husband
Interim President



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Go On Girl! Book Club Executive Board



New Award Category – Narrator of the Year

The Executive Board has approved a new award category - Narrator of the Year. The vote for this award will be included in the voting for Author and New Author of the Year. Since GOG members are choosing audiobooks 26% of the time, we believe it is time to celebrate audio narrators of the Black Diaspora.

2022 Reading List

		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH

Go On Girl! Book Club January-June 2022 Reading List

		
APRIL	MAY	JUNE



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