

# Sugar & Spice



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September 2008

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## Words from our President



Aloha!!!

I want to thank everyone that came to last book club meeting. Everyone was asked to come dressed in something Hawaiian and we had members that really did their thing. Of course we had our very own diva Tawanna that won the best Hawaiian dress prize, even though her "tatas" were twisted. We can't overlook Tatia and Sandra who was giving her a run for the money. Sandra was so bad she even had a cup to match her outfit.

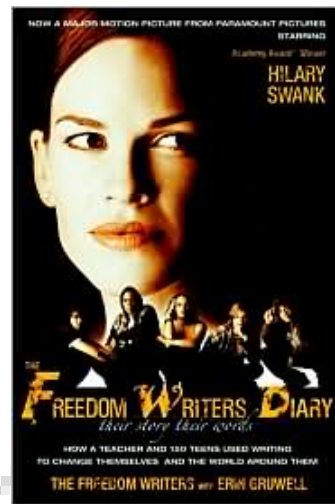
October is Breast Cancer awareness month. Yes Sugar & Spice will be doing our part to continue our fight in bring awareness to our communities Tatia is working with H&R Block in their commitment Judi and myself will be participating in the walk with "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer". We will be walking on Oct. 14, in Queens. If you are interested please fill out a form and start asking for donations. I am asking those of you who walked with me last time to join me this year.

Members please be mindful of each other there are members who have family members that is continuing their fight or has succumbed to the disease or Breast Cancer survivors those I know about: Lillian sister Debra, Judi's sister, Phillis' aunt, Alicia's mother, and Yvonne's friend.

## Book of the Month

September's Book of the Month is  
*Erin Gruwell's*

### The Freedom Writers Diary



**Book synopsis:** Shocked by the teenage violence she witnessed during the Rodney King riots in Los Angeles, Erin Gruwell became a teacher at a high school rampant with hostility and racial intolerance. For many of these students -- whose ranks included substance abusers, gang members, the homeless, and victims of abuse -- Gruwell was the first person to treat them with dignity, to believe in their potential and help them see it themselves. Soon, their loyalty towards their teacher and burning enthusiasm to help end violence and intolerance became a force of its own. Inspired by reading *The Diary of Anne Frank* and meeting Zlata Filipovic (the eleven-year old girl who wrote of her life in Sarajevo during the civil war), the students began a joint diary of their inner-city upbringings. Told through anonymous entries to protect their identities and allow for complete candor, *The Freedom Writers Diary* is filled with astounding vignettes from 150 students who, like civil rights activist Rosa Parks and the Freedom Riders, heard society tell them where to go -- and refused to listen.

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## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be hosted by Phillis and Gail. This meeting will be held in Harlem on 117<sup>th</sup> Street, between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Please contact either member for directions.



## Past Events

The discussion of the books went very well even discussed the July book, which was a surprised to everyone. We were also treated by a performance from our members on their outlook of "Getting Hers" Lydia, Judi, & Yvonne portraying Tess, Kim, & Niki. At one point we thought Yvonne as Niki was going to give Kim a beat down. They had everyone in stitches. We then did "better than I know myself" and Tawanna, Sandra, & Annie as Jewel, Carmen & Regina. Let me tell you, Sandra as Carmen was on point. She was so good even with her head & eyes movement to emphasis her point. While all of Ladies were performing you could not hear a pen drop outside. They had everyone's attention. Thank you ladies for a job well done.



## Important news

Mandatory Business Meeting: The date for this meeting is Sept. 14 @ 3:00 pm. We are expecting this meeting to last for a couple of hours so please free your calendar. All of Sugar & Spice members must attend this meeting. The meeting will be at Judi's if you need directions, please giving her a call. You must stay for the entire meeting. Please come on time so we can finish within a reasonable time frame.

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## Special Guests:

We were blessed to have author "Donna Hill" and also author "William Fredrick Copper" William did the honors for us by introducing his good friend Donna even though she did not need an introduction. Donna is family to us and we even showed her some love by presenting her with a birthday gift from Sugar & Spice.



Sept. 06 - Tawanna and Alicia went to see The Divas of Literature on tour. We had a very good time spending the afternoon with our girl Renee Flagler, and another author Abiola Abrams.



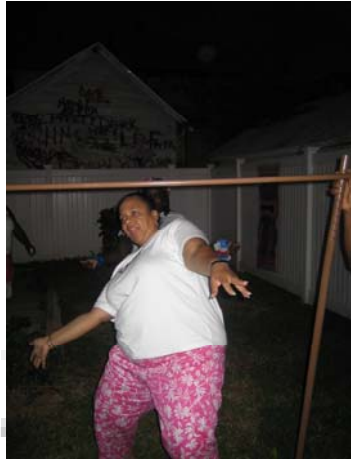
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These women are some real Divas and they were holding court at the Borders bookstore in Green Acres Mall. After the book signing we went to the after party at The Pamper Me Day Spa which was hosted by Renee Flagler. We had such a good time with Renee and Abiola. These women even did a reading from their books. Renee's sequel to Mountain High Valley Low is finally here. "In Her Mind" I can't wait to see what Shelly is up to. Abiola first novel "Dare" sounds like it is a page turner. The Divas of Literature Tour is five authors in five cities. Renee Flagler has put so much work into this wonderful tour. Watching her in action and getting so much joy from talking about the books and the different women on the tour was truly a treat for us.



We would like to let Jackie Christie and her husband Doug Christie know that our prayers are with them and their family in their time of need. Jackie is one of the authors on the tour b

but had to cancel due to her father-in law ailing health.

The next meeting theme will be relaxed and light. Some food ideas: small shrimp cocktail (one for each table about 4), small cheese and crackers platter (same as above), rice, fish fried chicken wingets, BBQ wings, tossed salad shrimp Cesar salad, macaroni salad, fruit platter collard greens, muffins. Call Tatia or Alicia with dish you are bringing



## Prayer Request

Please pray for Judi's mom and all members of Sugar & Spice.

## September Birthdays:

Tasha (23<sup>rd</sup>) Sandra (13<sup>th</sup>)

Until next month, stay blessed and remember to read.