

Author: Dr. Blanche Penn
Community Advocate | Author | Speaker

About the Author

Dr. Blanche Penn is an author, community advocate, and civic leader whose work reflects decades of service, creativity, and leadership in the community. Her journey in public service began nearly 30 years ago through the **Tuesday Morning Forum**, where she connected with leaders such as Sarah Stevenson, Bob Davis, Jim Richardson, Malachi Green, and others who were committed to strengthening communities.

Bob Davis later submitted Dr. Penn's name to **Governor Jim Hunt** to serve on the **Disability Board in Raleigh**, an opportunity that helped launch her journey into civic engagement and leadership. At the time, she was a stay-at-home mother raising four children while working part-time. Through encouragement and mentorship from individuals such as **Anthony Hunt, Stoney Sellers, Jackie Edward Walton, Laura Mc C.** and many others, she continued to grow in her work supporting community programs and initiatives.

Dr. Penn also has a background in theater and performance. As a **Theatre Major**, she participated in productions portraying characters such as **Tina Turner and King George**, while also engaging in numerous community activities and programs including the **Silver Fox Cheerleaders, Man Taking Children to School on the First Day, Lake Arbor community initiatives**, and many other outreach efforts supporting youth and families.

Many of these experiences and community stories are reflected in her book "**Shift Happens**," where readers can learn more about her leadership journey and the impact of community engagement.

Dr. Penn often shares this important message:

"If you have ideas, keep them, document them, and make sure people know where those ideas began. Your name should never be the last name or no name on the page."

Books by Dr. Blanche Penn (Available on Amazon)

- **Shift Happens (2020)**
- **The Stay Focused Chronicle (2021)**
- **Checking Off the Right Box You Can Always Find Good, but It is A Process (2022)**
- **Greatness Under the Rock (2023)**
- **Lake Arbor Home Sweet Home: Charlotte North Carolina Tenant Rights (2023)**
- **The Rock Has Been Removed: And the Queens Have Been Revealed (2024)**
- **Crown Your King: Make the Best Move (2024)**
- **3:34 AM (2024)**
- **When Friendship Crosses the Line (2026)**
- **I Will Leave You Before I Hurt You (2026)**

Upcoming Book

Unseen, Unshakable, Unstoppable (2026)

Author's Message

Through her writing and community work, Dr. Penn encourages individuals to recognize the value of their voice and their role in shaping stronger communities. Her work reminds readers that every experience, challenge, and idea has the power to inspire change and leave a lasting impact.