

“Why Judges Matter”



**Meet the Hon. John J. Tuchi
U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Arizona**

*Federal judges sit for lifetime appointments.
Federal courts determine most of our rights.
That’s why ensuring a fair and independent judiciary is essential.*

**General Meeting: Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30pm
Pueblo Norte Senior Community
7090 E Mescal St, Scottsdale**

Guests and visitors welcome

Information at www.membership@ncjwaz.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February is a month filled with holidays and special observances. Among them are Valentine's Day, Arizona Statehood Day, President's Day, and Susan B. Anthony Day. The entire month is designated as Black History Month. You may wonder what the common thread is between these holidays.

The answer is **Voting Rights**.

Valentine's Day ... - This is a day devoted to Love. At NCJW we love fighting to protect the rights of women and families. This includes ensuring all eligible voters regardless of their religion, race, color of skin, or gender has this right.

Arizona Statehood Day ... Arizona is one of many states trying to make voting more difficult for minorities. Our Section is continuing the fight against this travesty.

President's Day ... Our great democracy enables us to elect a President every four year. No one should be denied having their voices heard in a Presidential (or any) election.

Susan B. Anthony Day ... This renowned American suffragette fought hard so that today it is taken for granted that all women have the right to vote. But do they? The answer is NO. Minority women are losing this right, along with minority men.

Black History Month ... Voting was a central theme of the Civil Rights movement. People fought and died to secure this right. Their sacrifices should not and must not be in vain.

NCJW strives for social justice and to safeguard individual rights and freedoms. NCJW fights discrimination of all kinds. Trying to prevent anyone from voting by taking away this right or by making it too difficult to vote is the ultimate form of social injustice and discrimination. We will continue to fight to protect **Voting Rights**.

Ask us what YOU can do to help!

Susan Schesnol, President1893@ncjwaz.org

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FROM THE DESK OF STATE POLICY ADVOCATE (S.P.A.) CHAIR

On January 21st several of our members and friends joined approximately 20,000 other civic minded women and marched in the Phoenix Women's March, "March to the Polls", around the AZ Capitol. Again, we let our feet do our protesting and showed the world that we are here and accounted for. After a rough year in the United States with an unpredictable President and a willfully complicit Congress, we have to make our vote count. I am reminded of the women's vote in Alabama this Fall when Doug Jones became the Democratic Senator from that very red state. The mood at the march was different this year ... last year we were apprehensive of the future, this year we know we must remain strong, united and diligent to stand and keep the rights we deserve.

The following day, 23 of our NCJW members and Hadassah members joined together to go back to the AZ Capitol for a guided tour of the Capitol Museum and to sign up for "RTS", Right to Speak", an interactive program on the Arizona Legislative website, azleg.gov. We were able to spend some time with Katie Hobbs, current Democratic Minority Leader in the State Senate. We learned how important it is to remain engaged in the activity of our Legislature and to respond to their actions. Phone calls and emails do work and so does the RTS system. The big take-away was the need to make communications personal. If we use a program produced by a website or an organization, change the message and use your own words, even "Are you kidding???" has meaning when disagreeing with a particular vote. Seriously, personal messages and personal stories go a long way.

From now on and through the rest of the AZ Legislative Session you will be hearing more from me as bills are being heard and voted on. I hope you take advantages of these notifications and respond to the situation. Education, healthcare, and the budget will be in the forefront and I will attempt to keep everyone up to date If anyone wants to go to the Capitol to visit with their legislator, please contact me. We can make this happen together.

Carol Consalvo

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“WHY COURTS MATTER”

Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30pm

Pueblo Norte Senior Community

7090 E. Mescal St., Scottsdale

Ensuring a fair and independent judiciary is one of NCJW's major goals. The judges who are confirmed to lifetime seats on federal courts make decisions that impact every aspect of our lives, including the control we have over our own bodies, our privacy, freedoms, rights, and protections. During each term, 100 cases or fewer are typically heard by United States Supreme Court. The majority of decisions are made in the federal district and appellate courts. Our guest speaker, the Hon. Judge John J. Tuchi, U.S. District Court Judge for the State of Arizona, will clearly explain “Why Courts Matter” at our February meeting.

FUNDRAISING

ARIZONA STANDDOWN 2018

I want to thank our crack setup team. We had no idea what we were coming into and how much space we would have available. Wednesday is our set up day, bringing in cartons of clothes gathered and shopped for all year. The following members assisted us with the sorting and set up: Rita Walton, Steve Gross, Julie Rubenstein, Terri Jonas, Carol Consalvo, and Susan Schesnol.

Thursday brought great helpers again –Susan Schesnol, Debby Finkel, Rita Walton, Beverley Lane, Debbie Jacobs, Brenda Gimán. We spoke with the veterans, they shared their stories with us, we provided them with clothing, and organized and reorganized the piles of clothes when needed.

Friday brought another group of fine helpful women –Debby Finkel, Sydell Ukeiley, Andi Alpert, Karen Feldman, Linda Ross, and Naomi Spielman. We gave away more clothing and packed up leftover clothing to be donated to U MOM, which provides clothes and shelter all year to the homeless vets. Working together, we should be able to decrease the numbers of homeless vets significantly. It was clear to us that there were fewer *homeless* veterans at the event than last year, but many veterans who return home are still in need of services even when they have housing.

This was a huge endeavor. We spent 79 staff hours at the event and provided clothing for 200 families (115 on Thursday and 85 on Wednesday). We want to express our appreciation to all who donated clothing and cash, picked up clothing, and helped us with this worthwhile endeavor.

CELEBRATION OF ART AND NATURE

Our thanks go out to Andrea Markowitz and Pat O’Brien for hosting a wonderful House Party at their very cool house on January 14th. The discussion about the art and the house made for a thought-provoking afternoon. It never entered my mind – how do you bring all the construction equipment and supplies up the winding narrow roads, sharp turns and onto the construction site? This is a house and an art collection that needs to be seen and can’t be described on paper. Also, a note of thanks to those who didn’t attend out of concern for the health and welfare of those who did attend. Great raffle, good food, and a wonderful group of people to share a lovely afternoon with. Thanks to Andrea and Pat and all the guests at the party.

Judi Gross, Fundraising Vice President fundraising@ncjwaz.org

SOCK HOP NON-EVENT

Todah rabah to those who have sent in donations for our Non-Event. Your generosity enables all of us, regular and life members alike, to continue to both support and benefit from the programs and objectives of NCJW, locally, nationally, and in Israel.

This year's Non-Event invitations were absolutely remarkable. Much effort from many people combined to conceive, produce, and distribute them. I thank my committee members, Paula Eckstein, Debby Finkel, Irene Magerman and Sondra Mesnik, who had a major role in this success.

We are fortunate to share the blessings of advocacy and community service that make membership in NCJW so meaningful. The friendships that we share with fellow members are special. As with any aspect of life, however, the more you give, the more you get.

The following members have helped us reach our goals and I want to thank you all so much.

Delia Alter	Carol Lieber
Candy Arthur	Zera Lipetz
Jan Aver	Marlene Lorraine
Myra Baum	Irene Magerman
Bunny Berkowitz	Barbara Mannis
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Lin Katzenstein	Rita Walton
Beverley Lane	Henny Weiss
Ruth LeGrand	Ellen Widoff
Joan Levin Sacks	Connie Wolf
Bonnie Levitt	Lois Zeidman

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

MARCH 11, 2018 – This year the subject of our annual NCJW Awareness Event is “**The Power of Courageous Leadership: Positive Action in a Negative World.**” Our goal is to increase awareness and respect for each other during a time where negative criticisms have become personal attacks. Leaders in the areas of the environment, gun safety, reproductive justice and civil dialogue will present examples and guidance to civility. The luncheon will be held at the McCormick Scottsdale Resort.

We welcome your assistance in gathering items for the raffle (**contact Connie Wolf, consultcbw@me.com**), in encouraging your friends and relatives to attend, and however else you may want to get involved. Please contact me at deb612nf@cox.net for more information.

2018 Hannah G. Solomon Award – MARCH 11, 2018

We are very excited to announce that Carol Consalvo will be the recipient of the prestigious NCJW Hannah G. Solomon award. This award is presented to a person who has helped change and expand the role of others in vital areas of community life, and who’s leadership in areas of NCJ W concern — improving the quality of life for women, children, and families — has motivated others to fight for change and enlightenment in the community. Way to go, Carol!

APRIL 17, 2018 – Annual Installation of Officers and Directors will be held at Pueblo Norte. We are delighted to host a panel of female rabbis who will tell their stories of how they chose to be rabbis. Also. More details to follow.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for NCJW AZ Section has been meeting to determine who will lead our section for the upcoming year. We always welcome committee chairs and members. If YOU are interested in being part of our very dynamic board, please let me know, deb612nf@cox.net. Experience is not required, only a good heart and a desire to be an advocate for change.

Debby Finkel

MEMBERSHIP

How to Join To join NCJW AZ, send your check payable to NCJW AZ for \$35 to the treasurer, Francine Ebersman, 6017 E. Dale Ln, Cave Creek, AZ 85331. Include your name, address, cell # and email address. Or bring your check to any interest group, meeting or event.

Upgrading to Life Membership? You can still become a Life Membership with a \$350 check or a payment of half now and half in fiscal year 2018-19.

Questions? Contact Lin Katzenstein, Membership VP at NCJAZ.membership@gmail.com

JOIN OUR NCJW INTEREST GROUPS

Here's a great way to get to know your NCJW Arizona sisters. Join one or more of the following groups that meet weekly. And if you don't see a group and would be interested in helping to start one, contact membership@ncjwaz.org

These groups meet weekly

- **Afternoon Canasta Group:** Wednesdays from 1-3:30 PM. Want to learn a fun game? This is not your grandmother's canasta. Contact bzmayl@icloud.com
- **Evening Canasta Group** – Mondays from 6:45 -9:30 PM New players are welcome cheri829@gmail.com
- **Mah Jongg** – Thursdays from 11am to 3pm Contact Paula Schulman studio7611@gmail.com (602-616-4848)
- **Mah Jongg** – Wednesdays from 6:30pm. Contact Netta: mahipaj001@gmail.com
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers:** Fridays from 1-2:30 in the craft room at Pueblo Norte (7090 E. Mescal) We create blankets for Project Linus, a national organization that tries to provide love, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill or traumatized. Contact fredapine@gmail.com

These groups meet bi-weekly or monthly

- **Writing Group** – Stretch your creativity. We meet every other Friday at Pueblo Norte from 2:30 to 4pm. Contact hankaplan@me.com
- **Book Group** – 1st Monday of each month at 1:30PM in the library at the BJE Library at the JCC. New members are welcome! For information or to be put on the mailing list, contact ebwidoff@gmail.com
- **Dine Around** – 1st Wednesday of the month. We meet for dinner and conversation at a restaurant. Contact fundraising@ncjw.org to be added to the list.
- **Movie Mavens** – Second Wednesday of the month, around 4pm, October through May. All members are welcome. We attend the movie as a group, then go out for a bite to discuss the film. Email goes out to membership announcing the movie. RSVP for more information or contact Carol cjkl@cox.net
- **Visit a Shut-In Volunteers:** Contact fbunnyb@cox.net for information or to become a volunteer.
- **Out and About:** Visits to museums, cultural sites and interesting destinations around the Valley.

NCJW TRIBUTE CARDS: PERFECT FOR ANY OCCASION!

Make someone's day by sending a handwritten message of support, celebration, or sympathy. Now you can choose either the traditional NCJW card or the new "celebration" card. A tribute card is a thoughtful way to express your sentiments while supporting NCJW. All \$5 contributions will be listed in a future issue of the Bulletin unless you express otherwise. We can mail individual cards for you or you can purchase packets of cards. *Send your check payable to NCJW Arizona Section to Francine Ebersman, 6017 E. Dale, Cave Creek, AZ 85331.* For more information contact me at tributecards@ncjwaz.org

Lynn Greenberg

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To My Dear NCJW Family:

Thank you so much for your support and kind wishes during the last several months. Through my brother Will's illness and death followed so closely by the loss of my dear Aunt Audrey, you have been compassionate and generous in spirit and deed. I have appreciated every tribute, donation, phone call, text, email, and hug. It has been a great comfort to me and I cannot thank you enough.

Francine Ebersman

2018 GREATER PHOENIX JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 3, 2018

Title of Film	Location	Date In Feb	Time of Film	# of Tickets @ \$11 each	Total Cost
1945	Shea 14	15	7pm		
	Park West Peoria	19	3pm		
AN ACT OF DEFIANCE	Shea 14	12	7pm		
AMOR	Shea 14	22	3pm		
	Park West Peoria	15	7pm		
AVALON	Shea 14	15	3pm		
BOMBSHELL-The Hedy Lamarr Story	Shea 14	18	7pm		
	Tempe Marketplace	18	3pm		
	Park West Peoria	21	3pm		
BYE BYE GERMANY	Shea 14	11	7pm		
	Tempe Marketplace	22	7pm		
FANNY'S JOURNEY	Shea 14	25	3pm		
	Tempe Marketplace	11	3pm		
	Park West Peoria	18	3pm		
HARMONIA	Shea 14	13	7pm		
HEADING HOME-The Tale of Team Israel	Shea 14	18	3pm		
	Park West Peoria	13	7pm		
THE INVISIBLES	Park West Peoria	25	3pm		
AN ISRAELI LOVE STORY	Shea 14	14	7pm		
	Park West Peoria	14	7pm		
	Tempe Marketplace	14	7pm		
ITZAK	Shea 14	25	7pm		
	Park West Peoria	12	3pm		
	Tempe Marketplace	15	7pm		
KEEP QUIET	Shea 14	13	3pm		
KEEP THE CHANGE	Shea 14	14	3pm		
	Park West Peoria	20	7pm		
PAST LIFE	Shea 14	19	7pm		
PAWN SACRIFICE	Shea 14	21	7pm		
A QUIET HEART	Shea 14	20	7 pm		
	Tempe Marketplace	20	7pm		
SAMMY DAVIS JR.: I'VE GOT TO BE ME	Shea 14	22	7pm		
	Park West Peoria	11	3pm		
	Tempe Marketplace	25	3pm		
SHELTER	Shea 14	19	3pm		
	Tempe Marketplace	19	7pm		
THE TESTAMENT	Shea 14	21	3pm		
	Park West Peoria	22	7pm		
THEY PLAYED FOR THEIR LIVES	Shea 14	11	3pm		
	Tempe Marketplace	21	7pm		
				TOTAL	
FILL OUT & SEND WITH PAYMENT FORM & CHECK					

FILL OUT THIS FORM, CLIP AND ATTACH IT TO YOUR LIST OF FILMS

DEADLINE FEB. 3

(All tickets subject to availability.)

Make checks payable to NCJW-AZ

**c/o Bunny Berkowitz
9393 E Palo Brea Bend #2007
Scottsdale, AZ 85255**

YOUR NAME: _____ YOUR PHONE#: _____

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WILL CALL DESK ON THE DATE OF YOUR FIRST MOVIE.

For further information call: Bunny at 480-621-8422

BUNNY'S CORNER

PUEBLO NORTE VOLUNTEERS: *Thank you Evelyn Woldman for joining our list of Pueblo Norte volunteers.*

Members are still needed as volunteer facilitators for Poker, Black Jack, Concentration, Trivia, and their form of Scrabble in the Assisted Living section -- days and times will be determined by the volunteer and Pam, the events director. Can you donate one half-hour a month? Visit with the residents in Healthcare, any day or time. Contact Bunny Berkowitz at fbunnyb@cox.net or 480-621-8422 for details, questions and hopefully with the date(s) you are available. Pueblo Norte has been very generous in their hospitality to NCJW.

When I started this program I just wanted to repay a kindness. AZ. After doing Crosswords weekly with the residents in Assisted Living for more than two years I have yet to repay that debt. The residents' appreciation and kindness towards me for basically laughing, having fun and learning with them for an hour each week still leaves me indebted to them. I look forward to meeting with the residents each week and miss a session only with the greatest reluctance. My week is truly enlivened and happier after spending an hour with the Assisted Living Crossword Puzzlers at Pueblo Norte.

DONATIONS NEEDED: HOPE PHONES will responsibly recycle or refurbish all mobiles, from old and broken to the latest smart phones, and create communication networks for health workers serving millions in fifteen countries. Hope Phones receives the value of each recycled phone to purchase new mobile technology for the field. **Takes a little longer to do, but we've been really generous to this program too. Pat yourselves on the back ladies!** EYEGLASSES: Any and all to be given to the Lions Club for recycling.

Note: *Until further notice, we will no longer collect empty computer ink cartridges. KINDLES 4 KIDZ is no longer accepting them.*

GET RID OF UNWANTED PAPERS: CIVITAN is a non-profit organization focusing on employment opportunities, education, day training (DTA programming), and promoting community for individuals with challenges and disabilities by offering safe and secure Paper Shredding. Cost is \$5.00 per standard Bankers Box and you receive a certificate of completion after 100% document destruction. Call 602-953-2944 and ask for Shredding to set up an appointment to drop off boxes at: 12635 N 42 St. Phoenix, AZ 85032.

NO PROGRAM CAN SUCCEED WITHOUT MEMBER PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE.

TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

All Tribute contributions of \$5.00 or more will be listed in the Bulletin unless you request otherwise. We can mail tributes for you or you can purchase packets of cards. Information at tributecards@ncjwaz.org

TRIBUTES		
FROM	TO	REASON
Susan and Jeffrey Schesnol	Zadel Strihartz	Wishing you a speedy recovery from your fall
NCJW Board	Zadel Strihartz	Wishing you a speedy recovery from your fall
Carol and Joe Consalvo	Zadel Strihartz	Wishing you a speedy recovery from your fall
NCJW Board	Chloe Leibowitz	Wishing you a complete and speedy recovery
Susan and Jeffrey Schesnol	Chloe Leibowitz	Wishing you a complete and speedy recovery
Paula Schulman	Hyman Shapiro	Happy Birthday to my wonderful uncle
NCJW Board	Francine Ebersman	In memory of your dear Aunt Audrey
Rita Walton	Francine Ebersman	In memory of your dear Aunt Audrey
Debby and Lee Finkel	Francine Ebersman	In memory of your dear Aunt Audrey
Lin Katzenstein	Francine Ebersman	In memory of your dear Aunt Audrey
Paula Schulman	Family of Victor Stein	In memory of my loving friend
Connie Wolf	Dr. Don Schon	Wishing you a speedy recovery
Susan and Jeffrey Schesnol	Francine Ebersman	In memory of your dear Aunt Audrey

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mah Jong 11-3	2 Knit Wits 1-3pm	3
4 Board Mtg 9:30am	5 Book Group 1:30pm Canasta 6:45-9:30pm	6	7 Canasta 1-3pm Dine Around Maj Jong 6:30	8 Mah Jong 11-3	9 Knit Wits 1-3pm Writing Grp 2-4pm	10
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18	19 Canasta 6:45-9:30pm	20 6:30pm General Mtg. "Why Judges Matter"	21 Canasta 1-3pm Maj Jong 6:30	22 Mah Jong 11-3	23 Knit Wits 1-3pm Writing Grp 2-4pm	24
25	26 Canasta 6:45-9:30pm	27	28 Purim			

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