

**Join us for an afternoon of entertainment
and refreshments as we thank our outgoing officers
and board members and welcome the talented
women who will lead our Section in 2017!**

**We have invited, “Gert Schuster,” a local comedian with a great
talent for storytelling and making folks laugh.
Gert has appeared at the IMPROV, on various stages,
on cruise ships and on TV over her long career.**



Sunday, June 4 at 2pm
Pueblo Norte Retirement Community
7090 East Mescal Street, Scottsdale
RSVP: membership@ncjwaz.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On May 30th Jewish people all over the world celebrated the 2 day holiday of Shavuot. This holiday that commemorates the gift of the Torah is often overlooked and has been relegated to one of little importance. However, the contemporary messages found in The Ten Commandments are more important today than any other time in history.

Let's look at 5 of the Commandments that are significant and relevant to us as members of NCJW. National Council of Jewish Women is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

You Shall Not Murder: Murder is forbidden, no matter what the motive. The 20th century witnessed the legitimization of murder on racial grounds by the barbaric leaders of Germany's 3rd Reich. In the 21st century civilization is threatened by those who justify murder on the basis of religious conviction. In many states in America there are also state-sanctioned murders in the form of the death penalty.

You Shall Not Commit Adultery: Adultery tears apart families. Little regard is given to the price family members pay when their home is broken up. Yet, it seems on an almost daily basis we learn of another public figure who has committed adultery.

You Shall Not Steal: Theft means more than taking someone's property. We also steal whenever we do not live up to our obligations. Our word is our bond and we must honor and respect it.

You Shall Not Bear False Witness: Words are weapons. They can destroy reputations. They can kill friendships. Harmful speech, spiteful slander, malicious rumors, and hurtful gossip are all forms of bearing false witness. In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."

You Shall Not Covet: It is difficult not to covet when advertisers bombard us with images of what materialist items we need in order to be happy. Those who covet fail to recognize that there is enough in the world to satisfy everyone's need, but there is never enough to satisfy everyone's greed.

We must all strive to rise above the impulses to break these Commandments and we must teach our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren to do the same by our words and more importantly our actions as we continue to perform the Mitzvah of Tikkun Olam-repairing the world.

Susan Schesnol, President president@ncjgaz.org

FUND RAISING

Arizona StandDown

It is time for our members to start collecting items for 2018 Maricopa StandDown on January 25-26, 2018. Note the earlier date this year for those who are interested in Volunteering at the event. Contact me with questions via email or phone. We are looking forward to another successful and rewarding year.

Here's our wish list of Items for the Children's Section. We are continuing to offer child care while veteran parents are getting services and are also providing items for children):

- School and art supplies
- Children's books (really nice ones please)
- Umbrella style strollers for children
- Backpacks for kids
- Gently used or new children's clothing
- Sunscreen for kids

Judi Gross, Fundraising VP Judigross@gmail.com 480.206.1261

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

Computers and the programs that make them run are wonderful and not so wonderful when they don't work. For years I was using a Microsoft email program that I have become one with and it worked so well for our purposes. Then Microsoft (in their infinite wisdom) decided to stop supporting Windows Live Mail and encouraged all the users to switch to Outlook. After trying to keep what I had going for months I realized it was a losing battle. Therefore, I am converting to Outlook and that is giving us a major headache. Slowly I have been moving my contacts (925) over and soon this project will be done. For this reason, you haven't been hearing from me regularly. Thankfully, many of our "sister" organizations have picked up the slack over the past weeks. I know we are all in various stages of hysteria vis-a-vis the current political atmosphere but we must continue to be informed, vigilant, and thoughtful when dealing with our local and national issues.

Fortunately, the Arizona Legislature adjourned for 2017 because they could have continued to pass dreadful legislation. We ended up with additional school vouchers for private schools, no meaningful education funding, making it more difficult for Arizonians to bring public initiatives up for a vote, and playing games with the Maricopa County Sheriff's, Department budget allowing public safety to be compromised. These are just a few issues that make me feel sad when thinking about the vulnerable populations in our midst!

Nationally, our Senators and US Representatives have not surprised us and voted along party lines. No comment. I did find an app that keeps us up to date on how our legislators have voted on each bill. Sign up for "Countable"- it's easy and a good news source without any biased political commentary.

NCJW National is working on a new website and it will be rolled out soon. Sounds like a good move!

Wishing everyone a good summer ...stay safe, try to stay cool and keep on fighting for our issues whenever called upon!

Carol Consalvo, NCJWAZ SPA

BUNNY'S CORNER

PUEBLO NORTE VOLUNTEERS: Ladies, would your hubby be interested in becoming a NCJW volunteer? Readers are needed in both Assisted Living and Healthcare. Of course, they and you are welcome and needed to facilitate other activities. 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? Visitors for the residents in Healthcare are always needed, 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED: KINDLES 4 KIDZ will recycle empty computer ink cartridges at office superstores for store credit which will enable them to buy KINDLES for underprivileged children. 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. 8 PHONES WERE MAILED IN MAY! EYEGLASSES: Any and all to be given to the Lions Club for recycling.

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NCJW membership renewals!

FY 2017-18* starts July 1st so please renew now. Annual Dues are still \$35.00 or \$350.00 for a lifetime membership payable over two years.

Please make your check payable to NCJW AZ and mail it today to the Treasurer, Francine Ebersman, at 6017 E. Dale Lane, Cave Creek, AZ 85331.

Thank you!

Include any updates to your contact information with your renewal.

**If you joined after 03/31/2017, your first renewal is this time next year.*

NCJW THEATRE PARTY
Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Enjoy a thought provoking evening of theatre
(Optional pre-show supper will be organized later.)



Summer Shorts 2017

“In our annual festival of 10-Minute plays, an audience favorite, you never know what you'll find us doing in our Shorts!” Or so says the blurb on Theatre Artists Studio website! You will see a number of ten minute plays, all written by Theatre Artists Studio community of local artists, and covering a variety of topics.

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Theatre Artists Studio
4848 E. Cactus Road, Suite 406, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254

Tickets \$25/each

Deadline June 10th

*For more information contact febersman@cox.net or send your check payable to **NCJWAZ** with the coupon below to Francine Ebersman, 6017 E. Dale Lane, Cave Creek, AZ 85331:*

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

of Tickets Requested: _____

Amt. Enclosed (# Tickets x \$25.00): _____

NCJW AZ Out & About Event

The Arizona Storytellers Project

The Storytellers Project is a nationwide series of live, curated events from the USA TODAY NETWORK that helps connect communities to diverse audiences.

Presents “Stories About Stories”

Featuring Journalists From The Arizona Republic and azcentral.com telling the stories behind the stories that make this community so wild and wonderful!

Wednesday, July 12th

Phoenix Theater, 100 E. McDowell Rd

5:30 p.m. - Meet for drinks, snacks at Palette at the Phoenix Art Museum, right across the walkway (optional)

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Storytime, doors open 6 p.m. (seating is first-come, first-served)

Tickets - \$10 online at

<https://az.ticketsauce.com/e/stories-about-stories-2/tickets>

Carpools will be organized.

RSVPs and Questions? E-mail febersman@cox.net

EDITOR'S NOTE

Because there will not be a Bulletin in July we have included all the upcoming events that are scheduled so far in this month's issue. However, you will be getting e-blast reminders for these events. Of course, our popular Interest Groups will continue throughout the summer and you are invited to participate in any and all of these activities. The coordinators of all these groups will continue to notify members about details on a regular basis.

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** – Thursdays from 6:45 -9:30 PM New players are welcome cheri829@cox.net
- **Mah Jongg** – Thursdays from 11am to 3pm Contact Paula Schulman studio7611@gmail.com (602-616-4848)
- **Mah Jongg** – Wednesdays from 6:30pm at Chompie's PV Mall. Contact Netta: mahipai001@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@gmail.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 new or unique restaurant. Contact fundraising@ncjw.org to be added to the list.
- **Movie Mavens** – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, around 4pm, October through May. All members are welcome. We attend a 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.com for information or to become a volunteer.
- **Done in a Day:** These are volunteer and visit opportunities that occur throughout the year. Watch for details.
- **Out and About:** Visits and tours of museums, cultural sites and interesting destinations around the Valley. Watch for e-blasts or bulletin announcement of upcoming events.

TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

Honor a family member, colleague, friend, or loved one by sending a handwritten NCJW tribute card with a message of support, celebration or sympathy. Now you can choose either the traditional NCJW card or the colorful new “simcha” design. A tribute card is a thoughtful way to express your good wishes or condolences and, at the same time, support NCJW. All Tribute contributions of \$5.00 or more will be listed in future issues of the Bulletin unless you request otherwise. We can mail individual tributes for you or you can purchase packets of cards. For more information contact: fundraising@ncjw.org

| TRIBUTES | | |
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| FROM | TO | REASON |
| Judi and Steve Gross | Allan Alter | Wishing you a quick recovery |
| Lee and Debby Finkel | George Eckstein | Wishing you a complete and speedy recovery |
| Claire Bickel | Hannah Kaplan | Mazel tov on your son’s marriage |
| Fran Richter | Hannah Kaplan | Mazel tov on your son’s marriage |
| Fran Richter | Wemdu Rozov | Wishing Suki a full and complete recovery |
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| Paula and George Eckstein | Lynn and Larry Schmelzer | Wishing Suki a full and speedy recovery |
| Sondra Mesnik | Lynn and Larry Schmelzer | Wishing Suki a full and speedy recovery |
| Irene Magerman | Lynn and Larry Schmelzer | Sending much love for a full and speedy recover for Suki |
| Barbara London | Lynn and Larry and Suki | Wishing Suki and all a speedy recovery |

JUNE

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JULY

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