

NCJW

National Council of Jewish Women

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Dear Contra Costa Section Members,

I just wanted to let you know that NCJW Contra Costa Section is alive and well during the Covid-19 shelter-in-place process. Recently we activated our Book Club and Discussion Groups via Zoom. Also, the board of trustees has met and has started planning for next year for a slate of engaging activities within the confines of sheltering. Until we know what is happening with the Covid-19, it is difficult to know what to plan. We are working on learning how to do large group meetings via ZOOM, webinars, and other options for our various activities.

I am always available to talk if want some conversation. Please stay safe and healthy in these uncertain times.

Regards,

Rose Jackson, President



NCJW honors Women in Re-entry Scholarship

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is pleased to announce the 2020 recipients of the Women's Reentry Scholarships.

The scholarships are awarded to single women, over the age of 25, who are U.S. citizens, and are returning to college. This year's recipients are: Taylor Stewart who will complete her education at Diablo Valley College and then transfer to UC Berkeley to obtain a Master's in Social Work; Shelly Sallo, who plans to transfer to a Cal State school and get a BS in Biochemistry; Brittany Taylor, a single mother of two who plans to pursue a BS in Business Administration; Emily Robertshaw, a single mother of one, and who plans to attend a state university to get her BS in Nursing; Bethany Mowdy, a single mother of two, who will finish her prerequisites and then transfer to Cal East Bay to earn a Bachelor's degree in Psychology; and Janae Protheroe who intends to go to a Cal State College and receive a BS in Nursing.

NCJW is proud of these women and impressed by the way they have overcome obstacles and are moving forward with their lives. We feel fortunate to be able to help them further their careers.

March 7th Musical Program Cancellation Information

Like many other Rossmoor clubs and organizations, and because of the threat of the Covid19-Virus, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) found it unfortunate but necessary to cancel our March 7 musical event which was sold out and greatly anticipated!

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Proceeds from our March 7th program, "Favorite Songs from Favorite Movies" featuring stars from Beach Blanket Babylon were earmarked for support of charitable projects including Winter Nights and Human Trafficking. If you submitted payment to attend this program, we are offering 3 options for reimbursement.

1. Apply that amount to a future event
2. Earmark that amount as a donation to those projects
3. Request a refund

Please contact Terry Solomon, Treasure, NCJW with your choice. Email Tmsolomon33@gmail.com or call 925.548.2389

Thank you for your support of NCJW.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joan Grealis

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Annual Membership Drive Underway

Your annual dues help support the many local and national charities and programs that NCJW is involved in. Annual Membership Dues are \$36.00. It is now time to renew your membership. Please send a check made out to NCJW to Janet Ladner 2001 Oakmont Way #8 Walnut Creek CA 94595. The membership year is July through June. Thank you.

TRIBUTES

SCHOLARSHIP TRIBUTES - MAY 2020

GET WELL TO:

Sheila Silver and hope your recovery is soon, from Lois Blank

MAZEL TOV TO:

Aaron and Lindsey Rosenzweig wishing you health and happiness in your new home, from great aunt and uncle, Claire and Paul Rosenzweig

CONDOLENCES TO:

Sherry Rowen on the loss on your mother, from Lois Blank

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

Carol and Barry Handelsman

Dr. Mark and Marilyn Weiss

GENERAL TRIBUTES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Beryl Esserman, from Rose Jackson

CONDOLENCES TO:

Donna Brian, in memory of her father, from Rose Jackson

Community Affairs



Winter
Nights
Shelter

Winter Nights Family Shelter in Contra Costa County, CA provides homeless families with children (capacity = 30 people) a clean, safe, and warm shelter with bedding at night and a daytime services center

Faith congregations provide space, meals, and volunteers on a two-week rotating basis. Professional staff supervise the shelter at all times.



SHALOM BAYIT
Ending Domestic Violence in Jewish Homes

Shalom Bayit offers confidential peer counseling, support, information, referrals, and advocacy to Jewish women who have experienced abuse in the home. To speak to someone, please call us (toll free within the Bay Area) at:

(866) SHALOM-7 (742-5667) or (510) 845-SAFE (7233)

Announcement

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, all notices, announcements, and newsletters will be emailed to members, and not sent through the mail.



ONGOING EVENTS



The NCJW Book Club will meet the last Monday of each month at 3:00pm via zoom. Here are the dates for the summer months:

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| July – <u>America's First Daughter – Patsy Jefferson, daughter of Thomas Jefferson</u> by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie | Facilitator: Rose Jackson |
| August – <u>The Women's Hour</u> by Elaine Weiss | Facilitator: Needed |



General Tribute Cards: Cards sent for you with a donation that goes to support NCJW projects and charities. Cost \$10.00. Birthdays, Special Occasions, Get Well, Sympathy, Congratulations. To mail your own cards, you can buy packages of 5 for \$20.00 at General Meetings or contact Betty Brandel at 925-299-0119 or bettyandike@comcast.net.



Scholarship Tribute Cards: Cards sent for you with a donation that goes to support NCJW Re-entry Scholarship Fund. Cost \$10.00. Birthdays, Special Occasions, Get Well, Sympathy, Congratulations. To mail your own cards, you can buy packages of 5 cards for \$20.00 at General Meetings, or contact Claire Rosenzweig at 925- 947-5924 or claireknits@aol.com or claireknits@comcast.net.



Knitting for Babies:

Please give me a call - you all know the routine. I have yarn, I have instructions, I have patience, and I am home. The hospital is so appreciative of our efforts. So please get your knitting needles out so that we can continue to bring the "goodies" over to the hospital. Contact Claire at Claireknits@aol.com 925-947-5924.



Women Discussion Groups:

Each group meets once a month via zoom to discuss interesting topics. If you're interested please contact coordinator Toby Cowen, 925-322-8239 or tee2cee@aol.com. There are currently three groups. One group meets on the 3rd Tuesday, one group meets on the 3rd Wednesday, and one group meets on the 3rd Thursday.



NCJW Sunshine Committee – If you know of a member who is ill, housebound, does not drive anymore or needs a ride to a meeting, please let Dottie Getzenberg or Rose Jackson know so our sunshine committee can contact them. The committee will either contact them by a phone call, a visit, a card, or all three. Thank you.

Dottie Getzenberg, 925-891-4471 or dotpep@comcast.net or Rose Jackson, 925-279-0735 or email rose-jackson@comcast.net.



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