

IT WAS A VERY GOOD NCJWAZ YEAR!



Ellen Widoff, Carol Consalvo with Hannah G Solomon Award, Susan Schesno; Rabbi Koppell, Beatrice Kahn, Rabbi Magal, Rabbi Kanter; Beatrice Kahn, NCJW National President; Luncheon panelists Doug Bland, Katherine Roxlo, Rabbi Langowitz, Jodi Liggett, Geraldine Hills, Civia Tamarkin; NCJW and Hadassah at State Capital; Ellen Widoff, Rabbi Kanter, Rabbi Koppell, Rabbi Burech; Women's March with husbands; Attorney Stanna Slater; Civia Tamarkin, Ellen Widoff, Beatrice Kahn; Cantor Rubenstein; "J" trainer Christi Christiaens; Ann Sherman with Hon. John J. Tucci; 2018-2019 NCJW Board.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Sunday, May 13th mothers in the United States will be celebrated and recognized for everything they do for their families every day of the year. This custom started in 1908. Mother's Day became an official holiday in 1914.

A decade and a half earlier in 1893 our founder, Hannah G. Solomon, started our grassroots organization based on Jewish ideals not only to celebrate and recognize mothers, but to also protect **ALL** women, their children, and their families by striving for social justice and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

NCJWAZ is proud to continue fighting this good fight on Mother's Day and Every Day. We encourage you to join us in our on-going advocacy, activities, and events that help make the world a better place for everyone.

Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day and Happy Every Day!

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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE POLICY ADVOCATE

If you ever wondered what the Arizona Legislature works on when they are in session for approximately 100 days from the second Monday in January to mid-May, please click on the following link and you will get an idea. Click here>>> [Legislative Update](#). My friend Anne Schneider, a former ASU political science professor, compiles a "legislative update" weekly and I've attached the link for your review for the week of April 28th.

Without getting too deep into the weeds on what is going on at the Capitol, the *Arizona Capitol Times* will send you a morning update email with the highlights of the day, click here >>> [Arizona Capitol Times](#). A subscription to the Arizona Capitol Times is costly but you can sign up for "morning edition" which is free and will give you an idea on what is going on at the Capitol that day. Once you read the headlines, you can "google" the subject on the Internet and usually get more information. Both these vehicles help me keep up with local politics ... and sometimes I share them with our membership for edification and -- more importantly -- to motivate everyone into action, by sending an email or calling your legislator.

During the summer months we can concern ourselves with what is happening in Washington DC. My eyes will be on some of the Supreme Court decisions which usually come down in June. There are some very important decisions that will affect DACA recipients, the President's travel ban, gerrymandering issues, cell phone privacy, and possibly sports betting around the country, along with several more. To keep up with Supreme Court cases, there are several websites on the Internet, such as *Bloomberg News* or *Alliance Defending Freedom*. Our very own and newly formatted www.NCJW.org is an excellent source of information on the issues that we are concerned with.

Wishing everyone a good summer ... stay cool and keep in touch with the issues that concern us all.

Carol Consalvo, SPA/AZ

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Membership – **Important Changes** – Please Review!

ANNOUNCING NEW ANNUAL DUES - JULY 1

First increase in 3 decades

For the first time in 30+ years there will be an increase in annual dues which are among the lowest of any NCJW section. The Board of Directors of NCJW AZ approved this change to help sustain our growing organization and to align the section with national NCJW's current policy.

As of July 1, annual dues will be \$54.

Dues will continue to cover membership in both NCJW AZ and NCJW.

All renewals are due as of July 1 when the new fiscal year begins (except for those new members who joined on or after March 11, 2018).

LAST DATE to SIGN UP FOR NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS - JUNE 1

Save Money – Makes A Very Special Gift (Mother's Day is May 13th)

June 1 is the cutoff for becoming a Life Member in accordance with the new national NCJW policy. There will be no new Life Memberships available after June 1.

Benefits of Lifetime Membership

At \$350, a life membership can be a solid investment. A member will have paid the equivalent of a life membership after 6.5 years of paying annual dues. An easy way to finance the investment is to forgo 10 restaurant meals at \$35 each. A life membership for a family member or friend is a gift that keeps on giving. *For a 40 year-old woman living to 90, a life membership's value would be at least \$2,350 and likely a lot more as dues increase.*

Existing life memberships are not affected.

TO JOIN, RENEW OR BECOME A LIFE MEMBER

Send a check for \$35 (annual) or \$350 (lifetime by June 1, 2018) payable to NCJW AZ to the Treasurer, Francine Ebersman, 6017 E. Dale Lane, Cave Creek, AZ 85331. Include your name, address, phone numbers and email. **NCJW AZ** dues cover both national and Arizona memberships so please *do not send dues to National* if you want to be a member here.

NCJW AZ is a registered 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization. Please consult a tax professional for tax advice.

FUNDRAISING

As Fundraising VP, I must thank our membership for a successful year! We were involved in so many activities and events - - theater parties, a house party, Non-Event Sock Hop, tribute cards, film festival and of course, our luncheon raffles. Thanks to those who assisted and to those who participated.

I am taking the summer off to travel and spend time with family. Why don't you do the same? I'll get back to NCJW work in the fall. Have a great fun summer.

Judi Gross

Fundraising@ncjwaz.org

BUNNY'S CORNER

PUEBLO NORTE VOLUNTEERS: ***Thank you Sondra Bondy for joining our list of Pueblo Norte volunteers***

Members are still needed as volunteer facilitators for Poker, Black Jack, Concentration, 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? Or 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.

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 you've been really generous to this program too. This month we donated 15 phones! Pat yourselves on the back ladies!** EYEGLASSES: Any and all to be given to the Lions Club for recycling.

Bringing a can or box of food, soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, diapers or even a single toothbrush to our next meeting to be passed on to the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank and you will be doing a Mitzvah.

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

JOIN OUR NCJW INTEREST GROUPS

We hope you will consider joining one or more of these ongoing social activities. It's a great way to get to know your NCJW Arizona sisters. We invite you to try 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. Our "Out and About" activities involve day trips to interesting places and events in and around the Valley. Watch future bulletins or check your email for notices of these special outings.

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 6:30 -9:00 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: mahjpai001@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.
- **Done in a Day Mitzvah:** These are volunteer and visit opportunities that occur throughout the year. Watch for details.
- **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

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
NCJW Board	Phyllis Faber	Wishing a complete and speedy recovery
Susan and Jeffrey Schesnol	Phyllis Faber	Wishing a complete and speedy recovery
Debby and Lee Finkel	Phyllis Faber	Wishing a complete and speedy recovery
Sondra Mesnik	Phyllis Faber	Wishing a complete and speedy recovery
Paula Eckstein	Phyllis Faber	Wishing a complete and speedy recovery
Judi Gross	Phyllis Faber	Wishing a complete and speedy recovery
Irene, Beth and Hayley Magerman	Phyllis Faber	Wishing a complete and speedy recovery
Carol and Joe Consalvo	Phyllis Faber	Wishing a complete and speedy recovery
Barbara Mannis	Jimmy and Bobby Pazol	Thank you for a wonderful 2 nd Seder
Susan and Jeffrey Schesnol	Abbie Beller	Get well soon
Susan and Jeffrey Schesnol	Ruth Weil	Get well soon
Susan and Mark Jacobs	Doris Greenbaum	In memory of beloved husband Bob
NCJW Board	Selma Grass	In memory of your son-in-law
Claire Bickel	Selma Grass	In memory of your son-in-law
Fran Richter	Phyllis Faber	Wishing a complete and speedy recovery
Fran Richter	Andy Minkoff and family	In memory of beloved husband Sherman
Barbara and Burt Mannis	Dottie Neuman	In memory of Fred
Paula Schulman	Fran Berger	Happy birthday and enjoy your new home

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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