



A FAITH IN THE FUTURE A BELIEF IN ACTION

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NCJW CONTRA COSTA SECTION FUND RAISER FOR OUR CHARITIES CALLING ALL NCJW BAKERS – AND BAKING BUYERS!!

We are all looking forward to Rosh Hashanah and the beginning of a new year – one filled with sisterhood/brotherhood – good health and prosperity for all! Our struggles with the virus and the problems in our country this year have been bitter. Rosh Hashanah, like all new year's, is about hope for good things to come.

So, what better way to sweeten the season than to enjoy the taste of a home baked honey cake OR apple honey cake!! Help us create a “a zis yor” (a sweet year) by baking honey cakes for a Rosh Hashanah NCJW Fundraiser. We will even provide recipes if needed! Honey and apples are a very traditional foods during Rosh Hashanah. Its sweetness symbolizes the wish for a happy, sweet life in the upcoming year. It's common to have a Rosh Hashanah feast end with a beautiful, moist honey cake or apple/honey cake.

Cakes will be collected and sold for \$18 (chai) to acknowledge the symbol for life.

If you can help with this great project, please contact Sherry Rowen at 925.787.9870 or sherryrowen@yahoo.com. We will need the cakes by September 16 or 17. Order letter and details will be sent later.

May this new year bring us the freedom to hug our families, enjoy up close holiday celebrations and the blessings of hope for the future! Put on your aprons and bake away!



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The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is pleased to share an excerpt from the thank you letter received from 2020 recipient of the Women's Reentry Scholarship Honoree, Shelly Sallo:

“After graduation I will attend the University of Pacific to earn my pharmaceutical degree. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to my goal. By awarding me the 2020 Women's Reentry Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.”

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

Phyllis Jacobs

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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.

Community Affairs

Community Affairs support the following agencies with money donations and essential resources they need.



NCJW knitters create warm blankets and garments for newborns at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center.

Rossmoor Fund: The **Rossmoor Fund** is a California non-profit public benefit corporation serving the charitable and educational needs of the **Rossmoor** community.



The **Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano** provides 18 million meals to the hungry each year. This is especially vital during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Their purpose is to end hunger in our community.



Grateful Garments Project helps women who have been victims of rape and human trafficking. The Grateful Garment Project's mission is to ensure that every victim of a sexual crime who crosses the threshold of a Sexual Assault Response Team facility or who seeks medical attention and/or law enforcement involvement is provided with whatever new clothing, toiletries, snacks, and other miscellaneous items that he or she may require, to reduce further negative impact against their being.



We sell Equal Exchange chocolate to help fight modern day slavery and help raise money for local charities. Through fair trade, small-scale farmers are better able to: Support their families, stay on their land, and build their own businesses. With fair trade premiums, farming communities make investments in education, health programs and services. Additionally, the profits we earn are used to help our other local charities.



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:

August – The Women's Hour by Elaine Weiss Facilitator: Suzanne Ellis



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:

I have lots of new and wonderfully colored yarns. Now that we are sheltering in place, please give me a call and begin knitting for our babies in the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. Babies are still being born and they will need warm blankets and sweaters for the coming winter. It is a most rewarding "mitzvah" that we can do at this trying time in our lives. My doorknob gets a lot of action - call me and tell me what you want to knit and I will leave the "goodies" outside. You can return the finished goods the same way - just let me know!

Thanks to my ladies who have knit such beautiful things - the hospital appreciates all that we do.

Muriel Dash Terry Solomon MarySue Hutchins Ann Resnick Irene Zelman

Contact Claire at Claireknits@aol.com 925-947-5924.



Women Discussion Groups:

All three of the NCJW Women's Discussion Groups are now meeting on ZOOM and will do so until we can all get together again in person. The groups share each member's thoughts on various non-political topics both serious and lighthearted. Contacts and meeting times for each group are as follows: Rose Jackson, 925-279-0735, third Wednesday of the month, 1 to 3 p.m., or 2 to 4 p.m. on occasion;

Edith Sandberg, 925- 683-1127, third Tuesday of the month, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Toby Cowen, 925-322-8239, third Thursday of the month, 2 to 4 p.m. Space in each group is limited to promote conversation among the participants. Currently, each group can accommodate one to three new members. For more information, call Toby Cowen, coordinator, 925-322-8239, tee2cee@aol.com.



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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