

**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 14th, 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 ongoing 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!

Susan Schesnol, President president@ncjqaz.org

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

Washington DC is dysfunctional and 1700 Washington Street in Phoenix is rolling right along, passing bills and budgets that go against everything NCJW advocates for. The 2016 election rocked the liberal agenda to its core while it emboldened right-wing extremists. The "silver-lining" Rabbi Bonnie Scharfman talked about at our January meeting is the increased level of activism among liberals. Marches, phone calls, emails and, most importantly, the attention it has generated gives us hope that there may be a change of leadership at the mid-terms in 2018.

Please, do not let up, do not become complacent! Don't accept that the current administration represents the "normal" state of affairs. There are two applications for your smart phone and computer -- one is "5 Calls" and one is "Countable." Download those "helpers" and keep voicing your opinions on legislation that is egregious to our way of thinking.

Last month, Susan Schesnol and Sondra Mesnik joined me for a meeting with Congressman David Schweikert, who represents CD #6 in Arizona. About half of our Section members reside in this district. In the course of our 30-minute meeting we were offended by some of the questions he asked us and disappointed, though not surprised, when he made statements that were simply untrue. We brought up reproductive justice issues and sensible gun legislation and respectfully reminded him that he represents all the people of CD#6 – including moderate Republicans, Democrats and Independents. Congressman Schweikert, Paul Gosar (CD#4), and Trent Franks (CD#8) are members of the "freedom caucus," formerly known as the Tea Party. Martha McSally (CD#2) and Andy Biggs (CD#5) are considered moderate Republicans, though they align with the freedom caucus as well. Raul Grijalva (CD#3), Ruben Gallegos (CD#7), Kyrsten Sinema (CD#9) and Tom O'Halleran (CD#1) are among the Arizona Democrats in Congress.

In Arizona, our Legislature is made up of 30 State Senators and 60 State Representatives. Currently the make-up of the Senate is 17 Republicans and 13 Democrats. The House of Representatives has 35 Republicans and 25 Democrats. Several NCJW members and their spouses went down to the Capitol last week and signed up for the RTS (Right to Speak) platform on the AZ Legislature web page. This feature gives participants a voice on pending legislation and becomes part of the record at the Legislature. Please contact me if you have any questions about this opportunity.

To all of you who are heading for cooler climates, have a safe and good summer.

Carol Consalvo, SPA/AZ

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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.

Performed at:

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:*

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of Tickets Requested: _____

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

FUNDRAISING

JUNE 24 THEATRE PARTY

I want to personally invite you to join NCJW for another wonderful evening at Theatre Artists Studio on Saturday evening June 24th. Be sure to check out the flyer in this bulletin for specific information. We have reserved a block of 20 tickets but we sold out for the last production. Please don't wait to order this time!

SUMMER STOCK

Eight short plays written and performed by members of Theatre Artists Studio, including *"The Emperor's New Nose"* by Andrea Markowitz, a member of NCJWAZ. . Synopsis: An emperor who thinks he is perfect falls from his perch in this fractured fairy tale with a timely moral. For information visit <http://www.thestudiophx.org/>

STANDDOWN AZ

The 2017 StandDown Arizona clothing drive and distribution for Homeless Veterans was a giant success and we are already planning to participate again in 2018. We will start collecting clothing in July, but you can begin gathering things right now. We are looking for new or very gently used infant's and children's clothing.

StandDownAZ is a three-day event held at the State Fairgrounds (probably in February, again). Please share clothing from your grandchildren and your neighbors' children. Or you can donate cash and we will use it to buy more of the items we need.

Please call or email me if you are interested, if you need to ask questions, if you can help with donations, or if you are willing to help at the event in February at the State Fairgrounds.

Judi Gross, Fundraising VP

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

"Oh, Sister[s] Where Art Thou?"

That question was answered loud and clear at NCJW's National Convention in Atlanta. An amazing group of "Council" members of all ages attended this event in Atlanta from March 23-25. I was fortunate enough to be a member of the Arizona delegation, along with Susan Schesnol, Carol Consalvo and Ellen Widoff.

Not a moment of our time was wasted. We networked like crazy, sharing ideas and concerns. We workshopped (regrettably, there was no time for actual shopping in the adjacent mall), heard speeches, listened to a message from Hillary Clinton who accepted an award, met the NCJW leadership, including the new national president who takes over in June. We extended an invitation to the CEO to visit Arizona section as well as to the new staff member who coordinates NCJW's Israeli programs and positions.

One of the highlights was viewing exhibits of special projects that had made a difference to members and their communities around the country. It was extremely gratifying to see the impact and results that NCJW sections have achieved and to know that our own Arizona section has accomplished so much as well.

As is often the case after such an intense immersion, I left with even more questions. My biggest question remains my greatest challenge as co-VP of Membership. How can we bring in more progressive Jewish women, *especially* gen X, Y and millennial women, to join NCJW –an organization whose mission since 1893 has been to strive for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms"?

I'm still working on the answers. Please, put on your thinking caps and share your thoughts and ideas with any of us on the Board.

Lin Katzenstein, Co-VP Membership membership@ncjwwaz.org

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

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: 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@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 Lieber 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.

HELP WANTED: MITZVAH MAVEN

With the section year coming to an end, we are starting to plan for the upcoming year. We are looking for someone to coordinate our short-term volunteer projects. This would involve contacting the organizing group, finding out how many volunteers they need and what tasks are required, and letting NCJW members know about it. In past years we have participated in the annual AZ MOM Dental Clinic. This year's event is December 8 and 9, 2017 at the State Fairgrounds. NCJW volunteers sign up through the AZ MOM website and let the Mitzvah Maven know they are volunteering and which shift. Please let Susan Schesnol know if you are interested in coordinating this activity at ncjwpresident@ncjwaz.org

BUNNY'S CORNER

PUEBLO NORTE VOLUNTEERS: Ladies, would your hubby be interested in becoming an 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 Pamela, 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.

EYEGLASSES: Any and all to be given to the Lions Club for recycling.

GET RID OF UNWANTED PAPERS AFTER YOU DO YOUR INCOME TAXES:

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Tribute contributions will be listed in the Bulletin unless you request otherwise. We can mail tributes for you or you can purchase packets of cards. For more information contact: fundraising@ncjw.org

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Irene Magerman	Bunny Berkowitz	Wishing you a speedy recovery
Carol and Joe Consalvo	Ronnie Plattner	Looking forward to time together
Friday Writing Group	Hannah Kaplan	Mazel tov on the marriage of your son
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May Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Yom Hazikaron Book Group 1:30pm	2 Yom Ha'azmaut	3 Canasta 1-3pm Dine Around Mah Jong 6:30pm	4 Mah Jong 11-3 Canasta 6:45-9:30pm	5 Knit Wits 1-3pm Writing Grp 2-4pm -3pm	6
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June

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