



A FAITH IN THE FUTURE A BELIEF IN ACTION

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) 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.



The Annual Yad B'Yad Luncheon Was an Overwhelming Success!

A huge thank you to Sherry Rowen and her extraordinary team of event coordinators!

January Events

Tuesday, January 7 – NCJW Presents: Professor Darren Zook, “Democracy in Danger? Populism, Fake News, and the Global Rise of Authoritarian Rule.” This event will take place in Peacock Theater from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM. The cost is \$18.00 per person.

General Meeting January 22 – Jo Alice Canterbury – The International Jewish Film Festival for 2020

Jo Alice Canterbury, a board member with the International Jewish Film Festival, will talk about this year's upcoming film presentations. Films include *Incitement*, a true story of the development of the assassin of Yitzak Rabin, a documentary on Golde Meir, a film on the making of *Fiddler on the Roof* and many others. Come for coffee and snacks at 9:30am, the NCJW General Meeting at 10:00, and the presentation from 10:00 - 12:00 in the Donner Room, Event Center. See the Rossmoor News for complete information.



Rossmoor Healthcare Forum, Myths, Realities, and Options Fireside Room, Saturday, January 25, 2020, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

This event is free, and lunch will be provided. The sponsors are Harvey M. Weinstein, MD, MPH, Coordinator, Healthcare Forum, Democrats of Rossmoor, NCJW Contra Costa Section, and the Rossmoor Rotary.



NCJW Receives 2019 Charles F. McGlashan Advocacy Award

Congratulations to Our Section's 100% Renewable Energy Committee for winning the 2019 Charles F. McGlashan Advocacy Award which was awarded to Sustainable Rossmoor and the National Council of Jewish Women, Contra Costa Section. The award will be presented February 20, 2020.



Lobby Day 2020 Update - *Save The Date*

The 2020 NCJW CA Lobby Day in Sacramento is May 19-20. Lobby Day is when NCJW members advocate directly with their elected representatives in Sacramento for specific legislation. If you are interested in attending this overnight event, please contact Irene Zelman at irzelman@gmail.com or (805)660-0689.



The Contra Costa Women's March

NCJW National has decided not to participate in the Women's March this year. It is recommended like last year that individual sections decide whether to join a local march. The NCJW Contra Costa Section board will discuss whether to participate this year. The Walnut Creek Women's March Organization is a separate entity from the national group.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Susan Saxe
Cindy Spencer
Norma Davis
Celia Mason

Marcia Katz-Wolf
Phyllis Helfand
Elaine Brown

Lois Kann
Anna Brosler
Robert Kraus



Equal Exchange Chocolate Fundraiser

Help fight modern day slavery and also help NCJW raise money for local charities. Buy Equal Exchange chocolate at our NCJW General Meetings.

TRIBUTES

Condolences To:

Sarah Vital in memory of her aunt, from Janice Green

Richard and Ettie Cassel, Steve Cassel, Jonathan and Beth Cassel in memory of your mother and my extraordinary friend, Lucille Cassel, from Doris Miller

Dr. Marvin Berkowitz and family in memory of wife and mother and our friend, Claire Berkowitz, from Claire and Paul Rosenzweig

Scholarship Fund Donations:

Doris Miller, in memory of her friend, Lucille Cassel

Debra Deitch, in memory of her granddaughter, Rachel Deitch

ONGOING EVENTS



American Mah Jong: Contact Helene Magen email phone. Meets every Friday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in multi-purpose room 3. Experienced players since this is a fast-paced game.



NCJW Contra Costa Section board meeting times have been changed to 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:00am to 12 noon in the Bunker Room, at Creekside.



The NCJW Book Club meets each month in the Mulligan Room, Creekside at 3:00pm. Here is a list of the monthly books, authors, and facilitator:

January - <u>Snow in August</u> by Pete Hamill	Facilitator: Sheila Silver or Karen Swift
February – <u>The Dry</u> by Jane Harper	Facilitator: Naomi Flieder
March – <u>The Great Gatsby</u> by F. Scott Fitzgerald	Facilitator: Toby Cowen
April – <u>Inheritance 2017</u> by Dani Shapiro	Facilitator: Millie Tinkler
May – <u>The Book of Gutsy Women 2019</u> by Hillary and Chelsea Clinton	Facilitator: Mildred Schneidman
June – <u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u> by Delia Owens	Facilitator: Helene Feldman
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: Suzanne Ellis



Membership Dues Annual is \$36.00. Send check made out to NCJW to Janet Ladner 2001 Oakmont Way #8 Walnut Creek CA 94595. The membership year is July through June.



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.



Hand and Foot Card Game: Jane Salzfass, 954-1817. Meets once a month on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00am to 12 noon in Multi-purpose Room 1. The cost is \$5.00 per session and the proceeds go to the scholarship fund.



Knitting for Babies: It's cold and rainy and a good time to be inside – AND KNITTING!!! The babies at the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center still need blankets, sweaters and caps. As always, I have yarn, I have patterns, and I have patience. Thanks to my knitters: Rose Jackson, Carole Handelsman, Mary Sue Hutchins, Irene Zelman, Audrey O'Donnell, and Janis Hoffman, Lora Siskin, Barbara Samuels, Harriet Davis. Thank you to Nancy Kaufman and Carol Handelsman for their donation of yarn. Contact Claire at Clairknits@aol.com 925-947-5924.



Women Discussion Groups: Each group meets once a month at a member's home to discuss interesting topics. If you're interested please contact coordinator Toby Cowen, 925-322-8239 or tee2cee@aol.com.