



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.



Mark Your Calendar for March 7th Favorite Songs from Favorite Movies

Featuring

Stars from Beach Blanket Babylon

Scott Reardon and Ruby Day with Britt Day at piano

Fireside Room, Gateway at 7 PM

appetizers, desserts, wine

Cost \$35 per person / \$40 after Feb 21

Proceeds go to Winter Nights and Human Trafficking Projects

Watch Your Email for the Reservation Form



The Healthcare Forum Was a Huge Success!

Several hundred people attended the Healthcare Forum on Saturday, January 25, held in the Fireside Room at Gateway and co-sponsored by NCJW. The speakers were very interesting and informative, and the complimentary lunch was enjoyed and appreciated. Another great NCJW event!

General Meeting February 26

Shalom Bayit Comes to Rossmoor

Did you know that 1 in 4 Jewish women, gay men, and transgender people experience domestic violence in their lifetime? Shalom Bayit is the Bay Area Jewish community's resource for abuse prevention and response. Join the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) on Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the Donner Room at the Event Center to learn more about what Shalom Bayit is doing to increase safety in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Coffee and cake will be served at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10:30. The meeting is free and open to all Rossmoor residents and their guests.



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

Members of NCJW attended the Contra Costa Women's March in Walnut Creek and held up signs advocating against Anti-Semitism.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Mintz
Paula Gillett



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:

Rochelle Becker, *in memory of Elsa Stern*
Rose Jackson, *get well tribute to Lee Burnett*
Rose Jackson, *in memory of Seymour Printz*

Scholarship Fund Donations:

Get Well to Lee Burnett, from Claire Rosenzweig
Happy Birthday to Marvin Norman, my brother, on his 88th birthday, from Claire and Paul Rosenzweig
Mazel Tov to Maria and Tommy Blohm and wishing them good health and happiness in their new home, from Claire and Paul Rosenzweig

Scholarship Fund Donations:

Full scholarship in memory of our beloved son, Alan Rosenzweig, from Claire and Paul Rosenzweig
\$200 donation from Arlene Geiger

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 the 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:

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 – Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Facilitator: Helene Feldman

July – America's First Daughter – Patsy Jefferson, daughter of Thomas Jefferson by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

Facilitator: Rose Jackson

August – The Women's Hour 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: I must congratulate all my knitters (including myself) on the prodigious amount of garments that we have sent over to the Layette Program for the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. In tallying up the numbers since I took over the program in the year 2000, we have sent: 1,027 blankets, 1,063 caps, 843 sweaters, 60 booties, as well as 105 blankets and 69 caps to the Veterans Hospital. WOW!!!

My thanks this month go to:

- Muriel Dash
- MarySue Hutchins
- Rose Jackson
- Janis Hoffman
- Lora Siskin
- Audrey O'Donnell

Remember ladies - I have yarn, I have patterns, I have patience, and I am home!. Please give me a call and start to knit. It is so rewarding and fun! Contact Claire at Claireknits@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.