National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE A BELIEF IN ACTION<sup>®</sup> May, 2019

#### **125 YEARS OF POWERFUL JEWISH WOMEN**

NCJW confronts today's most urgent social and economic challenges facing women, children and families. Powered by the Jewish imperative to ensure dignity for all, we impact policy, advocate for justice, and support the community. Your voice has never been more essential and our voices together make a meaningful difference in the world.

Become A Member

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#### **THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE 2019**

Over three days beginning April 7, 2019, ten members of our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section attended NCJW'S premiere national advocacy conference. Their compelling experience is expressed visually and narratively within this bulletin. The following testimony should whet your appetite to learn about the scope and impact of the experience of the Washington Institute.

I never really thought much past our own NCJW section's advocacy efforts prior to attending the Washington Institute. There, I realized our importance throughout the entire nation, Israel, and even further. We are a powerful organization and player in so many efforts pertaining to our values and priorities. We have members working as advocates in every state and on the national level, as well as powerful partners. I saw how much we can influence laws and policies with our efforts and our voices, and the importance of doing our part to make a difference. I feel energized and proud to be a member of NCJW.

Harriet Winokur

Preparing for a "day on the hill".



NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section representatives with members of other Pennsylvania delegations. (L to R) Paula Goldberg, Cindi Pasceri, Jeanine McCreary (Pgh), Barbara Nussbaum, Janet Ecksel, Eleanor Levie, Liz Downing, Phyllis Barsky, Harriet Winokur, Aileen Salus, Lynne Jacobs, Cheryl Kleiman (Pgh), Meredith Brown (Pgh), Hannah Rowley (Lancaster), Cristina Ruggiero (Pgh).\*

\*Pgh refers to Pittsburgh



#### SAVE THE DATE!!!

On Thursday, May 2, 2019, our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section will be honored with the Excellence in Education award by the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center at a luncheon to be held at the Philmont Country Club. See inside flyer for details!

# **President's Message**

Winter is finally over! Welcome back to those of you who were "Snowbirds" or "Snow Flakes"! How wonderful it has been to see the trees and flowers in bloom in time for Passover. Passover reminds us to welcome the stranger into our homes and community and to honor our long tradition of remembering what it means to have been enslaved and now to be free. This tradition of ours, always helps us to think of refugees and immigrants who long to be free in our country. We, as social justice and human rights advocates, always keep this in the forefront of our minds and hearts.

Speaking of social justice and human rights, I am so proud to say that last week, 10 of us from our Section returned from National NCJW's Washington Institute. This was my second Washington Institute and once again, I returned energized and proud of our NCJW leadership both in our section and around the country. This experience gave the 10

of us, along with 400 other advocates from the USA, Israel and Australia, the opportunity to discuss issues such as: Voter Engagement, Immigration & Refugees, Gun Violence Prevention, Health Care, Workplace Equity, Anti-Semitism, and Reproductive Justice for Women. We then visited our U.S. Senators and Representatives, along with our colleagues from Pittsburgh and Lancaster, PA. Three of our Greater Philadelphia participants, relatively new members of our section, now plan to assume positions of leadership. I am so grateful to Lynne Jacobs, our State Policy Representative, who helped organize our contingency as she also arranged for our Congressional Visits on Capitol Hill. The women from our section who attended the Washington Institute are: Aileen Salus, Cindi Pasceri, Eleanor Levie, Harriet Winokur, Janet Ecksel, Liz Downing, Paula Goldberg, Phyliss Barsky, Lynne Jacobs and myself.

Our section is growing and engaging more and more women. I hope that in the coming months, and into next year, more of you will become active with us as we continue to strengthen our passionate and collective efforts to speak out against injustice and to provide community service to those who need us.

**B'Shalom** 

Barbara

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A Reminder:

A vote by the membership for our new slate of officiers will take place at the May program meeting. Nominees are listed in the April Bulletin.



## SAVE THE DATES

#### **EVENTS and ACTIVITIES**

- May 9 Painting With a Twist 1 p.m.
- May 14 Luncheon/Panel of Female Rabbis
- June 4 Closing Luncheon Talamore Country Club

#### **BOARD MEETING**

May, 7 Tuesday,

9:30 a.m - 3:00 p.m. at GIANT



**News about our Membership Social Committee!** 

We are looking for members who would like to plan and participate in activities such as lunches, movies followed by discussions, cards, bridge, Mahjong or whatever might interest you.

We are hoping to form geographic groups in Center City, Northeast Philadelphia and Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Contact Ann Pollock for information.

215-773-0594 apollock1229@yahoo.com



#### MahJong Thursdays

Our NCJW Greater Philaelphia Section members are playing MahJong on Thursday afternoons. We meet at Panera on The Fairway at 12:30. If you are interested in playing, please call or text Sherry Kohn Eisman. 215-208-0550

#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU!**

On Tuesday, March 26th, we had our first social get together at Curds N Whey. Fifteen women shared a delicious lunch and converstion. One of the women, Sherry Norton, came as a guest and joined NCJW. Look for plans for future get togethers and come and join us!

Our first attendees were Nora Boardman, Marcy Burton, Gerrie Greene, Lynn Margolis, Linda Mosko, Ellen Mirbach, Sherry Norton, Cindi Pasceri, Ann Pollock, Ethel Rabinowitz, Kay Skloff, Ellen Slepion, Arlene Slobodzian, Michele Utain and Lea Wecht. What a lovely turnout!

Ann Pollock Chair, Social Committee



National Council of Jewish Women 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. We are a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. Our National web site is www.NCJW.org

#### NCJW PRESENTS ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Greater Philadelphia Section welcomed members and guests to a presentation by Nancy K. Baron-Baer,, Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League of Eastern Pennsylvania/ Southern New Jersey/Delaware <u>on Wednesday evening April 10</u> at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel. She discussed "Anti-Semitism Around the World and in Our Own Backyard." She presented a slide presentation of statistics from both a local and international overview of the alarming increase in anti-semitism including social media and hate crimes. An audience question and answer session followed Baron-Baer's discussion.

Pictured at the event, from left, are Barbara Nussbaum, NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section president, Program Vice President Joyce Eveloff, guest speaker Nancy K. Baron-Baer, and Margie Zukerman, Program Vice -President.





Four members of the Advocacy Committee attended a HIAS region-wide training about advocating as Jews on behalf of immigrants and refugees. L to R Janet Ecksel, Lynne Jacobs, Sherry Kohn-Eisman, Rhonda Mandel.



Barbara Nussbaum, Greater Philadelphia Section President and Arizona NCJW President, Susan Preis Schesnol, discussing our wonderful NCJW sections and brainstorming together!

#### Congratulations to:

Charlotte and Joel Schwartz on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jonah Max Fisher.

Linda and MIchael Dzuba on the marriage of their son, Noah, to Elaine Ordiz.

Beth Steinman on the birth of her grandson, Leo Edward.

Marcy Aronow on her marriage to Fred Katz.

#### **Speedy Recovery to:**

Lynda Myers from her recent foot surgery.

We need ads for the Bulletin. If you know of someone who would like to advertise with us... Contact: Pearl Tragash 215-302-3586. Business size cards are \$50 for 10 issues of our Bulletin.

#### **\$50 GIANT CASH CARDS**

GIANT cards are available for purchase. Please contact Roz Fudell. 267-939-4424 (Note: this is a new number)

If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email or if you hear of a member's passing, please contact Harriet Winokur harrietwinokur@gmail.com

#### WE ARE ONLINE www.ncjwphiladelphia.org ~Photographs of member event goals ~Legislative and Advocacy updates ~An archive of NCJW Bulletins ~Notices and flyers for our fund-raising events ~Book Club links ~Volunteer Opportunities ~Options for Donations We welcome your ideas to broaden our content!



# MORE THOUGHTS ABOUT THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE

#### **Cindi Pasceri**

Just got back from two and a half days of the most inspirational, educational days I have experienced in a long time! We were ten learners from our section- and all of us, thanks to Lynne Jacobs' planning had the opportunity to attend workshops dealing with gun violence reform, voter engagement reproductive justice,



feminist movement in Israel, LGBTQ, healthcare, and workplace equity. We heard amazing speakers, asked questions, and engaged with our fellow NCJW sisters from all over the country. Israel's delegation had to leave early to go home to vote! The awards were given to deserving women. The chance to meet and learn about large and small NCJW sections was invaluable. I believe, as a first timer, I came away with a renewed sense of how important our work is. Thank you to Barb, Lynne, and my fellow travelers for this opportunity.

#### Paula Bursztyn Goldberg

The conference was super Great, and meeting up with our Representatives and Senators on the Hill was an eye opener all over again.

#### Barbara Nussbaum

My second Washington Institute... but this time even more powerful, because of seeing more of my NCJW sisters once again and being part of such a strong and powerful group of women whose collective voices are heard everywhere both here and in Israel.

#### **Elizabeth Downing**

As a first timer to WI, I felt very welcomed by old and new friends. As a force for change and furthering progressive Jewish values, there is nothing more important than having meaningful conversations with our elected officials. This was, for me, a valuable opportunity to learn and advance our common agenda. Thank you for this experience!

#### **Aileen Salus**

As a first time attendee at the Washington Institute I found it to be somewhat overwhelming but extremely enlightening. I quickly realized that this is not meant to be a social event even though it is a great opportunity to meet 400 women who are determined to improve the quality of life for everyone.

#### **Phyllis Barsky**

As a first-timer going to the Washington Institute I was apprehensive as to what I would be doing and how I'd fit in. Our members were all supportive and welcoming. Everything was organized to be inclusive. Differing table assignments for each meal ensured we would be with a different group of women for each meal which meant multiple opportunities to meet different people. The speakers were dynamic. Workshops were thoughtful and motivating. Altogether, an exhilarating and motivating experience.

#### **Janet Ecksel**

This was my first Washington Institute and I wasn't sure what to expect.

Whatever I was expecting, what I experienced went far beyond expectations. The workshops, the meals, the people I met from the states & other countries, Lobby day, all were a remarkable experience. Thanks to all who put everything together.



#### SCENES FROM THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE

**Visits to Congressional Offices** 



At Senator Casey's office



At Senator Toomey's office



**Our Greater Philadelphia Section Delegates Attend Workshops And Discussion Groups** 



**Raising Our Individual And Collective Voices In Service To Others.** 



Delegates (left to right) Aileen Salus, Paula Bursztyn -Goldberg,Barbara Nussbaum, Janet Ecksel.

Left to right: Liz Downing, Eleanor Levie, Barb Nussbaum, Cindi Pasceri, Lynne Jacobs, Harriet Winokur, Janet Ecksel, Paula Bursztyn Goldberg



Hearing Incredible Speakers On Crucial Issues For Advocacy









Section President Barbara Nussbaum with member, Liz Downing, marking her first time at the Washington Institute.







NCJW Volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House provided another delicious and nourishing breakfast for families staying there from out of town while their critically ill children received treatment at St. Christopher's Hospital.

Thank you to volunteers for your continuing support of this program and expecially to Zelda Stern for her leadership.

**Promoting Holocaust Awareness with the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center** Manya Perel, Holocaust survivor, spoke to 200 students at Hunter Elementary School in Philadelphia. On either side of Ms. Perel is NCJW Volunteer, Judy Fried, on left, who acted as facilitator, and Assistant Principal Kate Dean on right.



Support Holocaust survivors and liberators as they continue to educate school children throughout the Delaware Valley.

NCJW is asking anyone with a few hours to spare to sign up for The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center. The center will be happy to train anyone who is willing to help whether it means driving and/or facilitating. Please contact me. I will be happy to share details with you. Thank you,



# WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Rebecca M. Landes 😇 Sharon (Sherry) Norton 😇 Diane (Dolly) Love Donna Tartasky Hannah Rowley

As membership vice-presidents, we welcome our new members to call us regarding any questions you may have.

Please contact: Wendy Rader WRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com or 215 657-9347

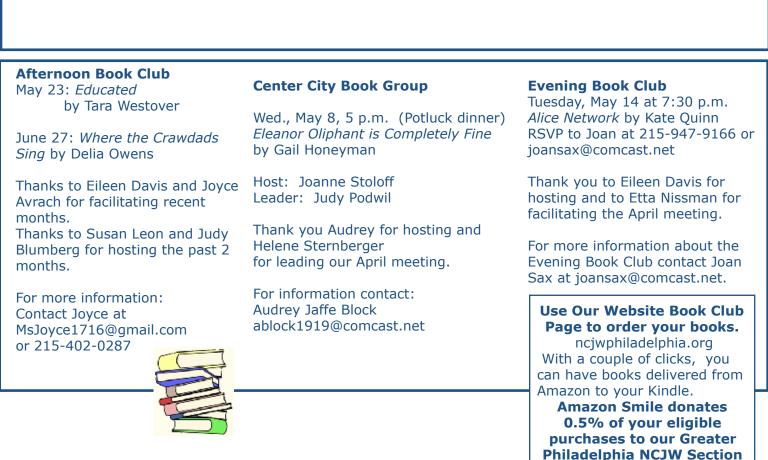
Judy Fried judyfried38@gmail.com 215 245-1309

We will be delighted to send out membership packets.

\*Membership Dues: Annual \$40 (Be an Angel \$50 😇)

Please LIKE us on our Facebook page Search our full name "National Council Of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section" \*Good news! Our dues have not increased and remain at \$40.

For an additional \$10 you can achieve "angel" 😇 status which increases the number of people we can assist.





A special thanks to Betsy Parziale, Judy Blumberg, Elaine Coren and Bobbie Kroungold for working on the April Bulletin mailing and for being regular Bulletin mailing volunteers almost every month this year. Betsy Parziale is the one who takes the bulletins to the post office every month and took charge of the project when I was out of town so a special "hats off" to you, Betsy.

In addition several Afternoon Book Club members have pitched in to help from time to time. Thanks to all of you for helping to keep our members informed of the wonderful work we do.

Sandy Fryer



#### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE EVENTS The Annual Holocaust Memorial Ceremony

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 1:00pm at 16th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway (Rain location Rodeph Shalom, 615 N.Broad St, Phila.) In rememberance of Victims of the Shoah a representative from our NCJW section will participate in the Wreath laying ceremony at the beginning of the program.

Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center's Presentation of their Excellence in Education Award to our NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION. Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 11;00am at a luncheon held at the Philmont Country Club GUEST SPEAKER: NCJW SECTION PRESIDENT: BARBARA NUSSBAUM

KUDOS to members of our section who: volunteer at the Holocaust Museum and Education Center; facilitate discussions with students and Holocaust survivors at the Holocaust Symposium for High School students; and those who sponsor an annual Holocaust Writing Contest engaging with Philadelphia and suburban schools to promote awareness and learning of the Holocaust.





Raffle books will be mailed out in early May. The sale of these tickets will enable our NCJW section to continue and expand the support that we give to women, children and families-- locally, nationally, and in Israel.

Join us in making our biggest fundraising effort of the year a success. The drawing will take place at our closing luncheon on June 4, 2019. You need not be present to win.

Raffle stubs and checks can be mailed to: Lois Blum 1218 Dillon Rd. Ft. Washington PA 19034

Thank you for your support! Rhena Kelsen, Raffle Chair

#### Advocacy Update

Help us advocate about healthcare expenses in PA!
NCJW is are a member of the PA Health Action Network, which works to improve healthcare for everyone in PA. Two of the issues they are calling attention to this year are:

--soaring prices of prescription drugs
--surprise medical billing (when you go in for a procedure and subsequently receive a huge unexpected bill)
Right now they are seeking the stories of people who have experienced either/both of these.
If you or anyone you know would be willing to describe what has happened to them, please let me know. You can ask around...anyone who has something to say on this will have a chance to speak up (literally or on paper).

Lynne Jacobs ljacobs816@gmail.com
Pennsylvania Policy Advocacy Chair

National Council of Jewish Women

# THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



NCJW volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House provide breakfast and more to families staying there from out-of-town while their critically ill children receive treatment at St. Christopher's Hospital. To all participants in this "nourishing" program, know that you make a meaningful difference. Unforgettable are the words of one parent who looked at our volunteer group and said, wistfully, "this is what my mother would do for me if she could be here." Interested in becoming a volunteer? Prepare breakfast for

patients and their families as part of our NCJW Guest Chef Program at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.

Our new schedule will be published in September.

Please give me at least 2 weeks notice on date(s) you can participate. Call Zelda Stern at 215-394-8335



#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Join our wonderful NCJW group of volunteers at our adopted Benjamin Franklin Elementary School now in our fourth year. Work with our first and second graders to help them accomplish pre-reading and higher reading skills with our one to one concentrated time and encouragement.

Please call Harriet Gran at 215-836-5993 or email <u>hgranncjw@gmail.com</u>.

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Judy Fried (215) 245-1309 judyfried38@gmail.com

**Sponsoring an event** for a minimum of \$100.00 in honor of a special event or person in your life, or in memory of an important person is a great way to do a double mitzvah! You are honoring the person or event and helping NCJW. You can share this sponsorship between friends. Your name ( or names) will be on the invitation flyer. This is a lovely and meaningful way to support our NCJW section!

Please consider sponsoring an upcoming event.

Just call Patti First at 215 887-1888 or Ellen Mirbach at 215-771-5311 and tell us what event you'd like to sponsor.

Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

Our new section card is selling 6 for \$25 or \$5 each.Purchase the cards at a meeting or contact Ellen or Patti and they will send a card for you. Contact Ellen Mirbach,215-771-5311, semirbach@gmail.com or Patti First, 215-470-1560, patal16@verizon.net.

INCLUDE NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section in your estate planning,

You can help its important work continue for years to come.

**Celebrating a simcha or have one you would like NCJW to recognize?** We will make a note of it. An acknowledgement to you and the recipient is our pleasure. What a great way to share by making a donation to our Greater Philadelphia Section. For information, call 215-302-3586 and leave a message for Pearl Tragash, Treasurer.

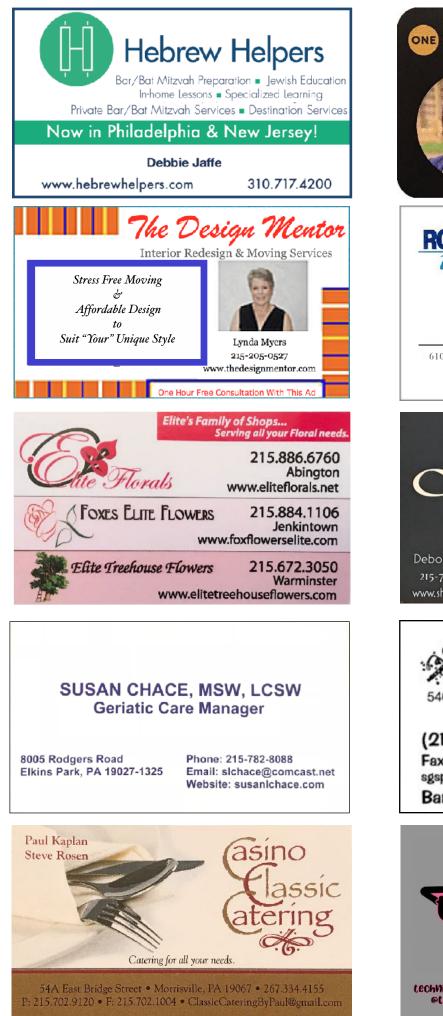


#### Supplies needed for Dawn's Place - Shelter for Survivors of Sex Trafficking

Household cleaners, laundry soap, dish liquid, paper napkins, paper towels, toilet paper (single-ply only!), personal grooming products.... also NEW single bed sheets and non-perishable food.



# ITS TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.





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National Council of Jewish Women

Harriet Winokur 732 Johns Lane Ambler, PA 19002-2616

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# National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

# ANNUAL CLOSING LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF 2019-2020 OFFICERS Tuesday, June 4, 2019 -- 11:00 a.m.

# Talamore Country Club 723 Talamore Drive Ambler, PA



### WOMEN SOLDIERS AND SPIES OF THE CIVIL WAR

This presentation addresses those women who chose to become soldiers and spies during the Civil War. See how their ingenuity and society's perception of them allowed them to perform successfully in both these endeavors. Learn why they selected the path they did and how they were able to function effectively as soldiers and influence history as spies. Discover how their will to survive the war and to create a future for themselves and their families drove them from their traditional roles and into a new world for women. Performed in period costume.

# Member: \$55.00Guests: \$60.00ADVANCE PAYMENTS REQUIRED - NO PAYMENTS AT THE DOORCHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 24, 2019

Questions? Call Margie Zukerman 215-862-5114

"Your generous donations at the luncheon will be appreciated! Consider bringing your cash or NCJW check contributions to our luncheon to help NCJW to provide additional grants and support to even more people across our communities." (Judy Wenzel, Personal Giving Chair, 215-591-0851)

REMINDER: Also bring toys to the Ronald McDonald Oncology Camp. And the 2019 NCJW Annual Raffle drawing will be held at the luncheon, so don't forget to buy your raffle tickets in advance.

Please Mail Checks Made Payable to NCJW to: Margie Zukerman -- 5106 Meridian Blvd -- Warrington, PA 18976

Luncheon Choices: Chicken Piccata (C); Sesame Seared Salmon (S); Vegetarian Eggplant Gateau (V)

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Please list names of other attendees with whom you might like to be seated (we will do our best to accommodate):

National Council of Jewish Women **Greater Philadelphia Section** MEETING & LUNCHEON Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:30 a.m.

# How Are Women Advancing Jewish Thought, Prayer, Education and Practice?

# Panel Discussion with Female Rabbis

A discussion along with a robust question and answer session with three female Rabbis:



Conservative Rabbi Andrea Merow, Beth Shalom, Elkins Park PA

Reform Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, Temple Beth Am, Abington PA





Pluralist Rabbi Lynnda Targan, Philadelphia PA

# **REFORM CONGREGATION KENESETH ISRAEL** 8339 OLD YORK ROAD ELKINS PARK, PA 19027 -- MAIN AUDITORIUM RSVP BY FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019

Questions? Call Margie Zukerman 215-862-5114 Please Mail Checks Made Payable to NCJW to: Margie Zukerman 5106 Meridian Blvd. Warrington, PA 18976 NO CHECKS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR (Members arriving without paying in advance can attend the program only but will be seated at the Reserved Table for Program Only attendees) REMINDER: BRING HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES FOR DAWNS PLACE

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() I am joining you for lunch. My check includes \$20.00 for me. (DUE BY May 10)

🔿 I am attending the program but do not want to eat any lunch. (FREE FOR MEMBERS) (Program will begin close to 1pm. Please arrive before 1pm. Also, please know that you will be seated at a special reserved table for non-lunch attendees)

Member Name

Phone EMail

() I have guests attending for the program and luncheon and \$25.00 for each is included with my check. (DUE BY May 10)

Guests' Names Attending Luncheon and Program:

() I have guests attending for the program only (without lunch) and \$5.00 for each is included with my check (DUE BY MAY10) (Program will begin close to 1pm. Please arrive before 1pm. Also, please know that your guests will be seated at a special reserved table for nonlunch attendees)

Guests' Names Attending Program Only: