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Bulletin

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON and VENDOR BOUTIQUE
Tuesday, November 1, 2016 SEE THE FLYERS INSIDE

IT'S TIME TO HAVE THE TALK!



Your children or grandchildren are preparing to leave for college. They have packed their clothes, linens, music and electronics, but are they registered to vote? Do they have their absentee ballots?

It is unlikely that our children and grandchildren have not raised questions and concerns and formed opinions about this brutal and chaotic election cycle with two presidential candidates expressing such divergent world views that carry promise or peril for the future. We must impart to our new voters the urgency to vote for the offices of the President as well as their state representatives who support the policies that impact our lives everyday.

Here is your informational toolbox.

VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS

Voter registration forms can be obtained at post offices, libraries and through your local political committee. Forms must be returned by Tuesday, Oct. 11.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Link for your student to use to obtain his/her absentee ballot:

http://www.votespa.com/en-us/Documents/Absentee_Ballot_Application.pdf Questions? Call 610-278-3275.

DEADLINES: The last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot is 5:00PM ,Tuesday, November 1.

NOTE: POSTMARKS DO NOT APPLY and original applications must be received (no facsimiles or emails).

Voted Ballots: All civilian voted ballots must be returned to the County Board of Elections Office by 5:00PM, Friday, November 4.

NOTE: If hand delivering, only the actual voter may return their ballot.

And while we are on the subject... join us for our Sept. 20 program featuring
Dick Polman, political analyst.

His topic? "Who's Going to Win the Most Crucial Election of Our Lifetime?"

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SAVE THE DATE

Programs to be held at Congregation Keneseth Israel.
Please note, not all programs will be held on Tuesdays

September 5 thru September 18, shop at Below Five (all merchandise \$5 or less) and 10% of your purchases will sent to NCJW. See inside flyer.

Tuesday, September 20. 11:30 a.m. Speaker, DICK POLMAN, political analyst (+Luncheon)
Topic: "Who's Going to Win the Most Crucial Election of our Lifetime?"

NO PROGRAM in OCTOBER

Tuesday, November 1 10:30 a.m. Annual .Membership Luncheon featuring a Vendor Boutique and Fashion Show

Thursday , November 10.... Philadelphia Jewish Archives: (+Luncheon)
"Preserving Jewish History in Philadelphia"

Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 TRIVIA NIGHT A Fun Night of Team Competition and Camaraderie
Tavern on Pine
2840 Pine Road
Lower Moreland Township, PA 19006

Tuesday, December 6. To Be announced

Tuesday, December 13 Tour of Paulsdale
Learn about Alice Paul who was an early and major mover in the Suffragette Movement.
We will visit the family homestead in Mt. Laurel NJ.

Tuesday, January 17 "Julia Says, Bon Appetit!" (+Luncheon)
A One Woman Show presented by Linda Kenyon
(as Julia Child)

NO PROGRAM IN FEBRUARY

Tuesday, March 7 To Be Announced

Wednesday, April 19, Evening Joel Schwarz, MD, "Laugh, Will, and Testament".

Tuesday, May 2..... Paulette Rackow, "Cezanne & Pissarro - a most unlikely pair!" (+Luncheon)

Tuesday, June 6 Closing Luncheon, Meadowlands Country Club

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Board Meetings September 6 October 6 November 3 December 1

Public Affairs Community Service

As we, our NCJW Greater Philadelphia section members, begin this new year 2016-2017, we can reflect on our past endeavors and achievements to fuel our optimism for the coming year. A monthly letter I receive as one who represents our section to Jewish Children and Family Service of Greater Philadelphia (JFCS) expresses the impact we have on building their capacity to provide vital services to those in need. Our campaigns to raise funds to help their families celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukah and Pesach convey our value of family and community. Your attendance at events such as The Mural Arts tour in May (a smashing success) supports our mission to help families. THANK YOU!!!

Joyce Krasnoff

"Back to School" ads tell me of summer's end. I hope that a good summer has energized you to come on board with PACS projects. Here is an update on our volunteer opportunities. Susan Horwitz and I hope to add more!

- Ben Franklin Elementary, Phila. School District: tutoring, office work, trip chaperons.
- Mitzvah Circle: sorting clothing, household supplies for needy families including MLK DAY of volunteering.
- JCHolocaust Awareness Museum: Drive and introduce survivors speaking at schools.
- Goodies for the Good Guys: prepare and deliver trays of goodies to hospital staff and police working on Christmas.
- Holocaust Essay Contest: readers/judges
- Ronald McDonald Guest Chef Project: Prepare and host buffet breakfast for families of critically ill children.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR;

- SCHOOLS: pencils, highlighters, notebooks, paper. (See flyer to use at 5 Below and get great discounts to use for school supplies and raise funds for NCJW.) New children's winter jackets, hats, gloves and socks.
- DAWN'S PLACE: Winter coats, toiletries and household items for this women's shelter.
- Food for local pantries.

For more information, contact Sherry Kohn 215-322-0441 or Susan Horwitz 215-938-8569



Highlighting HIPPY on the National Stage

President Bill Clinton, while addressing the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday, July 26th discussed Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton's success in establishing the state of Arkansas' first HIPPY program 30 years ago. HIPPY stands for the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters. HIPPY is a groundbreaking preschool program that partners with parents to prepare their children for success in school, particularly those most at risk because of poverty.

(ed. note...Glad our NCJW section lends support to such a great cause.)



Volunteers for the NCJW Guest Chef program

Mark these Sunday dates:

September 25 November 6 December 4
March 5 April 2

Please give me at least 2 weeks notice on date(s) you can participate. Thank you. Zelda Stern 215 947 2348

Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center

NCJW is asking anyone with a few hours to spare to sign up to support Holocaust survivors and rescuers as they continue to educate school children throughout the Delaware Valley.

The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center will be happy to train anyone who is willing to help whether it means driving and/or facilitating. Please contact one of us and we will be happy to share details with you.

Thank you,

Roz Fudell s.fudell@comcast.net and Cindi Pasceri vpasce@gmail.com

REFLECTIONS - on the progress that women have made since I was a recent college graduate

Sitting at a table with our NCJW State Policy Advocate, Lynne Jacobs and other NCJW women at a function for the Feminist Majority in late July, I could not help but marvel at the vibrancy, energy and determination that filled the room. I sat amid over three hundred women, all intent upon obtaining: paid family leave; reasonably priced child care; equal pay; and health care, including complete access to all women's health care needs.

We, women of all ages and backgrounds, filled the ballroom at the Union League on Broad St. Yes - that Union League which not too long ago barred membership to Jews, African Americans and others who were not male and Protestant. In fact, on the few occasions that women could enter this august club, they had to enter through the back door. As a recent college graduate, I had the task of acting as a translator for the then Soviet Minister of Energy and Gas. The somewhat pompous minister was miffed, to say the least, that he had to enter what he thought was the servant's entrance because of this female interpreter. A very different picture from our July event, when hundreds of women entered the Union League through the main entrance of the grand staircase on Broad St.

Yes, we no longer have to enter through the "back door" of fancy clubs, but we still need to fight for equal pay, and all the other parts of our progressive social and economic agenda. We need to ensure that women have a strong voice and a seat at all tables to obtain our goals. It is vital that more women are elected to all levels of government: local, state and national.

Linda Lempert

Note: The Feminist Majority Foundation is a non-profit organization in the United States dedicated to women's equality, reproductive health, and non-violence.

"NCJW Disseminates Anti-trafficking Information for the Democratic National Convention"

—notes from our Legislative Chair.

With the "trafficked teens" cutouts from NCJW as a backdrop and seated behind our table filled with a plethora of information about both labor and sex trafficking are some of our coalition members : Back row L to R: Claire Lipschultz, NCJW CA SPA (State Policy Advocate); Linda Lempert, Greater Phila. Advocacy Chair; Lynne Hvidsten, NCJW MN SPA; Nancy Kaufman, NCJW National Exec. Dir. Front row L to R: Lynne Jacobs, PA SPA; Muriel Rains & Ellyn Waller, Phila. Anti-trafficking Coalition



NCJW joined with other members of our Philadelphia Anti-trafficking coalition at Convention Hall over the four days of the Democratic National Convention. Our coalition provided Anti-trafficking information, speaking with people from all over our country. We answered questions, exchanged information, and shared ideas for increasing public awareness and suggestions for websites that yield information about the status of anti-trafficking laws in their own states along with federal laws. Participating coalition members included nuns in charge of Dawn's Place, representatives from the Nationalities Services Center, the Salvation Army, Covenant House, as well as my husband, Spencer Lempert.

Speaking of our own state's anti-trafficking laws - PA SB851 (Safe Harbor) has been put on hold until the fall when we expect a push to get it passed. We do not know as yet who the targeted senators will be, so stay tuned. SB851 was side-lined in the PA senate judiciary committee because of the consideration of PA HB1948 (the horribly extreme anti-abortion bill). This bill was introduced in the senate judiciary committee after having passed the House in late June. On July 13, 2016 it was "tabled", meaning further consideration by the senate judiciary committee was postponed.

Our Anti-trafficking table was among many organizations located in the exhibition hall at the convention center during the DNC, including Planned Parenthood, Johnson & Johnson promoting the health of children and early childhood education, and Teachers' associations. I had the opportunity to attend a briefing by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) with former governor Bill Richardson on the panel. The briefing highlighted the changing demographics of our country. The panel presentation emphasized an increase of almost four million eligible Latino voters by November of this year since the election of 2012.

Linda Lempert

Outcomes From Our 2016 Holocaust Essay Contest

We had a very successful year with five schools participating: Springfield Middle School, Elkins Park Middle School, C.W. Henry School in Mt. Airy, and newcomers: Upper Dublin Middle School and AMY (Alternative Middle Years) Northeast. Elkins Park Middle School was welcomed back after an absence of several years.

I would like to thank all of the committee members who helped read and judge the essays: Harriet Gran, Susan Horwitz, Lee Tonik, Linda Dzuba, Essie Cutler, Joyce Eveloff, Sandra Lewis, Barbara Auerbach Katz, Marilyn Koff, Linda Lempert, Julie Goldman, Judy Fried, Joan Sax, Rhena Kelsen, Gloria Salmonsohn, Diane Plotnick.

One of our school's participants led to the addition of a member to our NCJW section, The student we chose as our Elkins Park school winner, wrote a very moving story. We learned later, in a letter from her mother, that her own mother is a Holocaust survivor. Imagine our surprise when we discovered that the student's grandmother had attended a two-year course at Gratz, also attended by five of our Board Members. Small world! Her grandmother is now a member of our NCJW section.

We are looking forward to our next cycle of student writers for our 2017 Holocaust Essay Contest.



Essay readers at work

Evelyn Goldhammer



On Sunday, July 30, 2016, NCJW continued their long standing commitment to support the Women's Center of Montgomery County at their annual Walk/Run event at Germantown Academy.

The WCMC is a volunteer, community organization with a primary focus on freedom from domestic violence and other forms of abuse with programs to empower women.

Standing at right is NCJW member, Diane Morgan

A Big High Five From Me to You

On behalf of the Greater Philadelphia Section, I'd like to thank all of you who participated in our personal giving campaign. Due to your generosity, we reached our goal and will be able to pay our obligation to National without taking funds from our treasury which enables us to contribute more to our worthy projects.

Judy Wenzel
Personal Giving Chair

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Evening Book Club

Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 pm
The Greater Journey by David McCullough
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Thank You to Etta Nissman for hosting the July pot luck lunch and meeting of the Evening Book Club and to our facilitator, Faith Edelman for leading a great discussion. A thank you also to Susan Horwitz for hosting our June Evening Book Club meeting and Eileen Davis, our facilitator for a job well done!

Book Clubs



Center City Book Club

Sept. 14th at 7 P.M.

Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman
Hostess: Sandy Finkle, William Penn House, 1919 Chestnut St., Apt. 1324
Leader: Eileen Dwell

Thanks to Rosalie Kurz for hosting our June meeting and to Phyllis Barsky (new member in 2015-2016) for a wonderful job leading Hidden Power

Daytime Book Club

Sept. 29- A Backpack, a Bear and Eight Crates of
Vodka by Golinkin

Meetings are held at the Dublin Terrace community center. 1:00 to socialize and 1:30 for discussion.

Contact Joyce Avrach at 215-402-0287 or
barryjoy@aol.com for more info.

Mazel Tov to:

Celia Rothkopf on the birth of her new grandson and the induction of her son Dr. Jay Rothkopf as president of the Montgomery County Medical Society.

Rhoda Hershman on the birth of her great granddaughter.

Ellen Mirback on the birth of her new granddaughter

Condolences to:

Nellie Thalheimer, our long time member, on the loss of her husband, Hans Thalheimer

Millie Stein on the loss of her brother, Manny Miller

Dene Bloom on the loss of her brother, Jules Samitz

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Welcome to New Members

Karen Ruggiero

Arlene Kenin Paula

Bursztyn Goldberg

Michelle Smilk

Sheila Mednick

Diane Lipton

Sydele Koeing

Phyllis Marks

Eve Berger

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

Do You Know a Prospective Member? Please contact:

Wendy Rader at VWRBarbieGirl150@gmail.com 215 657-9347 or Judy Fried at judyfried38@gmail.com 215 245-1309

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**The Greater Philadelphia Section of
National Council of Jewish Women
invites you to join us for our**

**Annual Membership Luncheon
and Vendor Boutique**

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

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MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 11:30am



Dick Polman

" Who's Going to Win the Most Crucial Election of our Lifetime?"

Dick Polman is the national political columnist at NewsWorks, the news website sponsored by WHY Y in Philadelphia. A former political reporter and columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer, he has covered every presidential campaign since 1988. A Center City resident, he also teaches journalism at the University of Pennsylvania, as the full-time "writer in residence." He has been a frequent guest on C-SPAN, CNN, MSNBC, the BBC and various NPR shows- most notably, Marty Moss-Coane's "Radio Times" on WHY Y. His political column, which appears five times a week, can be accessed online at newsworks.org/polman

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