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National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section

Bulletin

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A BELIEF IN ACTION[®]

December, 2016

Four flyers enclosed.
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THE MOURNING AFTER

After a bruising election campaign filled with hateful, cruel, and divisive rhetoric from our now president-elect, our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section membership has a bigger TO-DO LIST

Take a
deep
breath

Reach out to
trusted ones.

Donate to causes
which further
human dignity
and justice.

Encourage
constructive
bi-partisan
efforts.

Remain
vigilant.

Lend our voices to
the large numbers
of individuals and
groups standing
ready to protect and
promote human
and civil rights.

Use updates from our
Legislative Chair
and State Public
Advocate for
opportunities to hold
our legislators
accountable.

Urge family
members, neighbors
and friends to
support members in
our communities
who feel vulnerable
to expressions of
hate.

Support our
Sections' PACS
and programs to
further our
mission to support
women, children,
and families.

Fill in my action
plan!

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NCJW'S POST-ELECTION CALL TO ACTION

November 9, 2016, Washington, DC-NCJW CEO Nancy K. Kaufman released a statement renewing a Call for Civil Discourse upon the election of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States.

On November 9, the day after the election the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, noting the divisiveness of our country, responded to Donald Trump's pledge to be president for all Americans with its promise "to work at the grassroots level to build bridges of understanding based on our most basic values of dignity and fairness for all." NCJW stated its intentions "to work with the president-elect and congress to advance NCJW's priorities, which includes improving the lives of women, children, and their families and promoting a more just and equal society for all, regardless of race, religion, immigration status, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression."

NCJW also urged congress to work across the aisle to resolve "our country's pressing problems including judicial vacancies, immigration reform, advancing reproductive justice, and preserving health care for millions of Americans, among others."

Welcome to New Member

Joan Non

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

Wendy Rader at WVRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com 215 657-9347 or Judy Fried at judyfried38@gmail.com 215 245-1309

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We are a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. Our web site is www.NCJW.org

A GRANDPARENT'S LESSONS on HUMAN DECENCY.- A THANK YOU FROM HIS GRANDDAUGHTER



I will keep working for this country because I believe so strongly in America. It has been a tough week. To those who won this week, you have a huge responsibility.

Last night, as I flew back home, I felt like I did on the flight home for my grandfather's funeral - sad and unable to stop the tears, but proud at the same time. I named my son after my grandfather, Drew Springfield. Many of you from Georgia knew Drew. He set a good example of what it means to be a citizen of this country.

He went to a small one room schoolhouse in Murray County, GA. He skipped many grades (all grades were in the same room). He lost his mother at 6. At around 18, he was accepted in officer training school and moved to attend an Army school along the Potomac River in Virginia, studying in the outhouse at night. He then made Army 1st Lieutenant, and went to Hawaii before being shipped to the South Pacific. He oversaw the building of airstrips across the South Pacific islands: Guadalcanal, Tinian, and so many more before landing on Iwo Jima. I say this because I take to heart many of the key lessons from his experience during the WWII years - an experience that is written in so many of our collective family histories.

I have been so concerned with many people embracing and even cheering the hateful rhetoric this season. Please, friends, as you celebrate your victory do not forget what so many brave Americans gave years and even their lives fighting for: here are a few of the lessons I think of when I think of him.

- Grandad oversaw an African American unit. He told me that there is no place for racism in this country and that too many of us do not take the time to know each other. He said he learned as a young man that we were no different by working side by side with his African American neighbors as sharecroppers in Chatsworth, and by standing alongside those brave men overseas. I never sensed racism in him and once asked him why, and that was his response.

- He told me that people the world over want to come to America because we are a good nation and he saw this desire firsthand during the war. He was so proud of this about our country. We are a nation of immigrants - and for goodness sakes our demographic trends say that we must have a lot of immigration in order to maintain the workforce needs required to revitalize the economy and support the boomer and post-boomer generations.

- He also told me of the responsibility of nuclear weapons. I took him to see the Enola Gay when it came to a museum in DC and we had a memorable talk in front of the Iwo Jima memorial afterwards. Decades earlier, he had seen the Enola Gay at a refueling stop before it dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. He said he was conflicted. That had the bomb not been dropped I wouldn't be here because he would have been one of the first groups sent to invade the Japanese mainland. However, he talked about the agony of a weapon with that power and how we must always pray for leaders who will be responsible. We talked about our post-war defense agreement with Japan, and how it was important for the United States to do everything in our power to keep other nations from attaining weapons and a multifaceted arms race from ensuing. There are deep-rooted reasons for many of the steps we take around the world to protect and support our allies.

The comments during this election make me concerned that our not so distant history that so many gave their lives for is not understood. A real understanding of history doesn't make for good soundbites or reality television.

The forces of hate will destroy this country if we let them. It's tempting to turn to hate as our country struggles to realign to the forces of globalization that are frightening to so many as life as we know it is changing. We must work together to try to find the new way forward that incorporates everyone and draws on our better angels. Embracing hate, racism, sexism and bigotry as a country will be the end of us.

Thank you Grandad. I know you would have been first in line at the polling place, shaking hands, rattling your change in your pockets and loving to watch everyone vote. I loved voting with you and know who you would have voted to elect. Some of the tears I shed now are because your memory deserves better. I hope this country rises to your humble greatness. I will never give up.

April Springfield Blanco

Editor's Note:

April is one of four women from Louisiana who used their own funds to come to Pennsylvania to canvass in a swing state where they hoped to have most impact. Mal and I feel fortunate for the time we spent with them as well as inspired by a glimpse of their lives as progressives in a deep southern state, dedicated to advocating for human dignity and justice.

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

Tuesday, December 6 at 11:30am Lunch

Program: "Violets or Violence?" Jewish Tradition about Home Life and a Look at Domestic Violence in our Jewish Community!

Speakers: Rabbi Richard Steinbrink and
Robin Axelrod Sabag LCSW

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 at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon

"Julia Says, Bon Appetit!"

A One Woman Show presented by Linda Kenyon
(as Julia Child)

NO PROGRAM IN FEBRUARY

Tuesday, March 7

"NCJW's Israel Connection: An Inside Look"
Dina Charnin: NCJW's Senior Israel Advisor

Wednesday, April 19, Evening

Joel Schwarz, MD, "Laugh, Will, and Testament".

Tuesday, May 2. Luncheon

Paulette Rackow, "Cezanne & Pissarro
a most unlikely pair!"

Tuesday, June 6

Closing Luncheon, Meadowlands Country Club



EAT, PLAY, AND LOVE THE GAME

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PUT THE FUN IN

FUNDRAISING

Hope this becomes a tradition!

Thank you to Joan and Rob Sax and
Charlotte Schwartz.

Public Affairs Community Service (PACS)

VOLUNTEER and/or CONTRIBUTE

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

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Zelda Stern 215 947 2348



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Susan Horwitz horwitzsusan@yahoo.com and Cindi Pasceri vpasce@gmail.com



Ronald McDonald House
PHILADELPHIA

Join us as we prepare
breakfast for patients
and their families as part
of our NCJW Guest Chef
Program at the
Philadelphia
Ronald McDonald House



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Thank you.

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Bring supplies for Dawn's Place

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 coffee

We have returned to Ben Franklin Elementary School to tutor first graders and ready for another successful year. The Vice-Principal greeted us warmly and gave us student tutorial packets, individualized for their reading skill and comprehension needs. The packets are easy to follow and teacher training is not a requisite.

We need more volunteers so that we can make an impact on more children. You can go any day of the week that works for you. It is hoped that some of our "snowbirds" will get involved when they fly home. Our contributions of school supplies is making a positive impact. Please bring donations to the meetings or you can drop them off at my house.

Sherry Kohn kohnsherry@gmail.com

GOOD DEEDS WITH GOOD FUN!

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section members and their guests turned out in great numbers to enjoy a luncheon and fashion event, with our own members as models. Proceeds from this event benefit women, children, and families in need. Donations were made to the Jewish Family and Children Services(JFCS) to make a brighter Thanksgiving and Hanukkah for the families they serve. A special thank you to Joyce Krasnoff for her role as our liaison to JFCS.

To all of those who came out and made this a success, a big THANK YOU!!

Our NCJW tasteful and beautiful models pose at the Annual Membership Luncheon's Fashion Show Left to right are Patti First, Sherry Kohn, Donna Harris Charlotte Schwartz, Joan Sax, Ruth Katz and Syd Koenig.



Kudos to Judy Fried and Wendy Rader who have a lot to smile about for a wonderful afternoon.



Sandy Fryer, Wendy Rader and Judy Fried presented Life Member pins to new Life Members, Edythe Mazer, Barbara Nussbaum and Diane Morgan. Charlene Kurland accepted for Ellen Toplin. New Life Member, Hal Tragash, not in the picture, is also a new Life Member.

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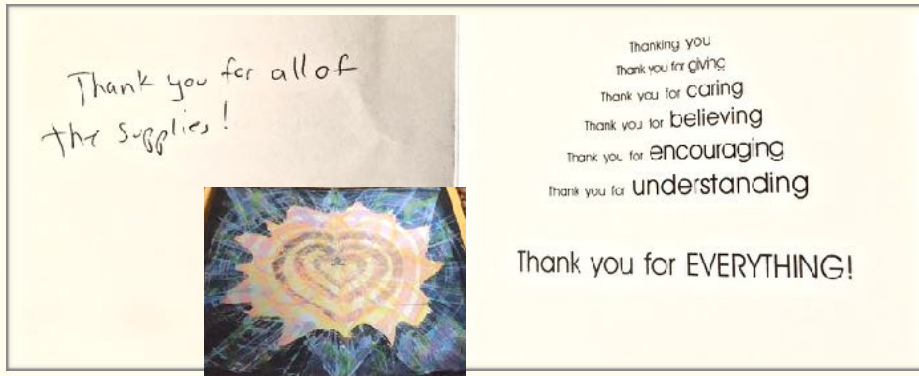
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This *Thank You* card from the Ronald McDonald Foundation was sent to our NCJW section member, Zelda Stern, in appreciation for the toys and supplies collected at our June 2016 closing luncheon for the Foundation's summer camp for children with cancer. This is also a tribute to Zelda's heartfelt commitment to serving those children and their families. Zelda has spearheaded NCJW donations to the Ronald McDonald camp and leads our section's participation in the Guest Chef program at the Ronald McDonald House.



Thank you to all for your donations and to Zelda for all that you do!

Note:

The mandala, the circular symbol inserted in the card (it is actually on the cover) is a spiritual and religious symbol in Indian religions representing the universe. It signifies perfection, eternity, unity and completeness.

Goodies For Good Guys



Please help us continue this wonderful NCJW tradition as we assemble trays of delectable homemade, and store bought treats to be delivered to those who must work on Christmas Eve. We deliver our trays to police, firefighters, and hospital and nursing home employees.



We need homemade and store bought cakes, cookies and candy and most importantly volunteers to assemble the trays.

We will work on Friday, December 23rd starting at 10 a.m. at my home.

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What a great way to share by making a donation to our Section. Contact Pearl Tragash at 215-542-0595 We will make a note of it. An acknowledgement to you and the recipient is our pleasure.



Attendees to a presentation on November 10 entitled "Preserving Jewish History in Philadelphia" include our section NCJW members, left to right: Linda Dzuba, Margie Zukerman, Rhena Kelsen, Jessica Lydon and Barbara Nussbaum. Jessica Lydon is the archivist at the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center, Rhena Kelsen is the immediate past co-president of the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center.

Mazel Tov to:

Gladys Greenfield for her granddaughter's marriage.
 Sandy Fryer for her granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah.
 Cindy Pasceri on the birth of her grandchild
 Ellen Mirbach on the birth of her grandchild
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Evening Book Club

The Guest Room by Chris Bohjalin.
 Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.
 RSVP to Evelyn Goldhammer, 215-884-8076 or egoldhammer@comcast.net.

Thank you to Susan Horwitz for hosting our November meeting and to Evelyn Goldhammer for leading a lively discussion.

Center City Book Club

The Rent Collector by Camron Wright
 Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 at 7 p.m..

Discussion Leader: Joanne Stoloff
 Home of Sheila Chacker, The Warwick,
 1701 Walnut St.,

Thanks to Joyce Krasnoff for hosting our November meeting and for leading such a meaningful discussion of Euphoria

Afternoon Book Club

Dec. 22 *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman
 Jan 26 *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff.

All meetings are in the Dublin Terrace community room. 1:00 p.m. to socialize, 1:30 p.m. for discussion.

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Thanks to Sandy Fryer for facilitating an interesting discussion in Oct. and Judy Blumberg for facilitating in November.



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Tuesday, December 13, 2016

10:45 AM

Members \$45

Guests \$50

Learn about Alice Paul, a major leader in the Women's Suffragette Movement in the United States who was instrumental in the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. Visit Paulsdale, her birthplace and childhood home, which now serves as a museum and home for the Alice Paul Institute that is dedicated to equality and human rights. We will have a DVD presentation and a guided tour of the Quaker homestead.

Lunch will follow at **Barone's Tuscan Grill**, 280 Young Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057.



Questions?.... call Joan Sax 215-947-9166.

Directions

From I-295 North or South

Take Exit 40: Route 38 West/Moorestown. Just before 3rd traffic light, take jug handle on right for Mount Laurel Road. Turn left and cross Route 38 onto Mount Laurel Road (there is a gas station at the intersection). Turn right onto the second street, Hooton Road. Paulsdale is approximately 1/4-mile on the left.

From New Jersey Turnpike North or South

Take Exit 4: Moorestown/Philadelphia. Follow Route 73 North (stay in right lane). Turn right at Fellowship Road. Continue on Fellowship Road for several miles, through five traffic lights, until you reach Route 38. Turn right onto Route 38 and continue to Mt. Laurel Road. Turn right on Mt. Laurel Road and make another right at Hooton Road just one block from Rt. 38. Paulsdale is approximately 1/4-mile on the left.

From Philadelphia

Take the Ben Franklin Bridge to Route 30 East/Admiral Wilson Blvd. Follow signs to Route 38 East/Moorestown and Mount Holly (the exit ramp is on your left). Continue on Route 38 East, and pass Moorestown Mall on your right. Turn right onto Mount Laurel Road (there is a gas station at the intersection). Turn right onto the second street, Hooton Road. Paulsdale is approximately 1/4-mile on the left.



The Greater Philadelphia Section of National Council of Jewish Women

Meeting and Luncheon
Tuesday, January 17, 11:30am
Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel
8339 Old York Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027



Julia says "Bon appétit!"

A one woman show presented by actress, LINDA KENYON, as Julia Child and written by Clay Teunis. Referring to the portrayal of the American cook, author and television personality who introduced French cuisine and cooking techniques to America, one reviewer says, "Linda really is Julia Child."

Linda Kenyon's many other stage portrayals include Babe Didrikson and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Luncheon-Members: \$17.00

\$22 for non Members

If a guest becomes a member of NCJW, \$5.00 will be deducted.....

Want to skip Lunch? Join us at 1:00 p.m. for the program. Non members pay: \$5.00

Any questions: please call Margie Zukerman at 267-261-7728

Checks must be received by Friday, January 13 in order to have lunch

Checks received after that date will be returned.

Reminder: Please bring school supplies for our adopted Philadelphia elementary schools, cleaning supplies for Dawn's Place and clean, folded, used clothes for Mitzvah Circle.

Julia says "Bon appétit!"

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PHONE _____

email _____

of Guests _____

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