

ABOUT & BETWEEN

Get Involved: NCJW's Community Service Programs

Join your Kansas City NCJW Section and help to change the world for the better by participating in one of our many community service projects, initiatives and public policy issues. For more information or to get involved in any of the following programs contact Carla Oppenheimer, coppenheimer@kc.rr.com.

NCJW: A Faith in the Future, A Belief in the Action[®]

Snack Pack Program at TCP: Volunteers visit *The Children's Place* several Fridays each month to pack food backpacks for the children for the weekend. This program provides nutritious food for families.

Cake Bakers Program: Each month NCJW members bake cakes for children celebrating birthdays at the Gillis Home.

The **Colgate Dental Van** visited the Kansas City area during the week of April 24. NCJW provided the volunteers to assist area dentists on the van while offering free dental screenings and oral health education to under-served children living in our rural and urban communities.

Dictionary Day and The Dictionary Project of K.C.:

Last fall, NCJW provided dictionaries to third-grade students at ME Pearson Elementary School in Kansas City, KS.

Baskets 4 Babies: Our program delivered 105 baskets to area agencies for young mothers who could not otherwise afford necessary items for their infants.

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NCJW Kansas City Upcoming Events

Watch your email for additional information regarding the following events.

June 4 ➡ **Dinner at Texas RoadHouse** 135th & 69 Hwy, Overland Park
Just hand them the enclosed coupon and 10% of your tab will go back to our NCJW section.

June 6 ➡ **Installation and Awards** (see page 4)

August 19 ➡ **American Heartland Theatre Event**

To reserve your tickets, send \$36 per ticket and a self addressed stamped envelope to the NCJW office, 5311 W 75th St., Prairie Village, KS 66208

July-August 2012 ➡ **Honey Sales** Place your orders by mid-August.

NCJW, Brandeis and Hadassah Fundraiser

ArtShare, the first ever collaborative fundraising effort between NCJW, Brandeis and Hadassah was held on April 15 at the Jewish Community Campus. Two life members of all three organizations, Carolyn Goldman and Barbara Gorodetzky, (pictured right), donated their artwork and the proceeds, to these three organizations that have impacted their lives. One hundred percent of the purchase price of each

item directly benefited the three sponsoring organizations. The event was extremely successful with over \$1,200 raised for NCJW!

The committee consisted of members from each of the organizations. NCJW's committee members were Meg Adler and Linda Sander. Hopes are to continue this collaborative fundraiser in the future.



We Care For Eye Care

NCJW is pleased to report that during the 2011-12 school year, we have been able to provide eye exams and glasses for 42 children whose families did not qualify for any kind of eye care assistance. NCJW is greatly appreciated. Here are a few responses:

"To the wonderful ladies of NCJW, Thank you for providing an exam and glasses for one of our students. Lesli could not wait to show them to everyone. It has given her new focus and she has begun to set new goals for herself. With gratitude. -Windy Garrett, RN"

"Thank you very much for helping us get Lesli her new glasses. She is very excited to have them and is proud of them. She wears them everyday and they are already helping her tremendously. Before, when she took a test on the computer we had to slide the screen just a few inches from her face and now she can sit and look normally. I know they will help her learn more and do better in school. NCJW gives in seeing that students get eye exams and glasses. Thank you. Debra Whitney (Lesli's Teacher)"

(KATS) Kids + Teachers = School

NCJW will conclude its' 11th year of giving birthday parties for students in six inner-city schools (90-95% free and reduced lunch) in Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, MO. Through the collaboration of NCJW and Shawnee Mission East High School's SHARE Program (Students Helping In Areas Related To Education), we have been able to ensure that approximately 2,500 children had their own birthday party.

As a result of generous donations we were able to provide each child with his/her own birthday bag which included a book. A hearty *Todah Rabbah* to *Krispy Kreme Donuts* (103 & Metcalf) for supplying donuts for these birthday parties.

In 2012-13 school year we will begin a new KATS project. Watch for details and get involved. For more information contact Ellen Dalen, edalen1017@aol.com.

To support these incredible programs, send your donation to: NCJW
5311 W 75th St., Prairie Village, KS 66208
Be sure to mark your donation for:
We Care For Eye Care or KATS.

Bylaws Update: Revised April 2012

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1 (Old) The elected officers of this Section shall be a President, not more than 4 Vice Presidents, Treasurer Financial Secretary and Corporate Secretary. Officers shall be considered Directors. Each office may be shared by two (2) or more persons.

Section 1. (Revised) The elected officers of this Section shall be a President, not more than 4 Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Corporate Secretary. Officers shall be considered Directors. Each office may be shared by two (2) or more persons.

Section 2. (Old) The officers shall be elected by the membership at the election meeting to serve for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are installed. Officers shall not hold the same office for more than four (4) consecutive terms, with the exception of the Vice Presidents who may serve for one (1) additional term, provided they are rotated in their areas of responsibility.

Section 2. (Revised) The officers shall be elected by the membership at the election meeting to serve for a term of one (1) year, except president who will be elected for 2 years, or until their successors are installed. Officers shall not hold the same office for more than four (4) consecutive terms, with the exception of the Vice Presidents who may serve for one (1) additional term, provided they are rotated in their areas of responsibility and the president who cannot serve a consecutive term.

Section 5., Financial Secretary - (Old) It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to maintain an accurate membership file, issue dues bills, collect dues, which shall be remitted to the Section

Treasurer, issue official receipts to members upon request, and maintain an up-to-date record of payments and delinquencies. The Financial Secretary shall seek payment of dues by members in arrears. The Financial Secretary shall report on the status of the Section membership at Board and Annual Meetings. The Financial Secretary shall send to National Headquarters, on a timely basis, such reports on membership as are required in accordance with the procedures established by NCJW, Inc. The Financial Secretary should be a member of the Finance Committee, and the Finance Committee should be a standing committee – Article IX, Section 1)

(Revised) This position is to be removed as it will now fall under Vice President of Membership Duties.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. (Old) There shall be no fewer than (12) elected directors, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) year, or until the successor is installed. The President(s) may appoint up to three (3) additional members to the Board who shall serve terms of One (1) year and shall have voting privileges. An elected director may serve up to seven (7) additional years. Thereafter, an elected director shall not again be eligible for election to the Board of Directors until one term (1 year) has elapsed.

Section 2. (Revised) There shall be no fewer than (8) elected directors, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) year, or the new year begins. The President(s) may appoint up to three (3) additional members to the Board who shall serve terms of One (1) year and shall have voting

privileges. An elected director may serve up to seven (7) additional years. Thereafter, an elected director shall not again be eligible for election to the Board of Directors until one term (1 year) has elapsed.

Section 6. (Old) A vacancy occurring in the office of President shall be filled by the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting. The person so selected shall serve until the end of the term of the President's predecessor. An interim President who serves more than one-half (1/2) of a full term shall be considered to have served a full term.

Section 6. (Revised) A vacancy occurring in the office of President shall be filled by the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting. The person so selected shall serve until the end of the term of the President's predecessor. An interim President who serves more than one-half (1/2) of a full term shall be considered to have served a full term. Usually the end of term is at installation. If no installation is held, the end of term is June 30, when the fiscal year ends.

ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS

Section 4. (Old) There shall be an Annual Meeting for the election and installation of officers and directors and for the presentation of annual reports to the membership. This meeting shall be held between May 1 and June 30.

Section 4. (Revised) There could be an Annual Meeting for the election and installation of officers and directors and for the presentation of annual reports to the membership. This meeting shall be held between May 1 and June 30. Or election can be done via electronic devices.

A Look Back...

By Berenice Haberman, *Co-President*

As one of the *Trifecta* Presidents, this will be the first and last message from us in this year's newsletters. When we took office in June our focus was sustainability. We came on to re-energize this incredible organization. I'm happy to report the progress we have made. Our operations are running smoothly, our fund development strategy is robust, although we are still working hard to build our individual donor base. We have increased our visibility and our membership, and tried new programming. The fact that our *Section* has been able to survive and thrive over these many years is a testimonial to the dedicated volunteers and members who have continually stepped forward to support the projects and advocacy that have been the hallmark of our organization. It is a wonderful experience to be part of an organization that is progressive, courageous and focuses both on thought and action, to make the world a better place.

So what have we done this past year:

Technology – We are increasing our visibility by communicating better with our members. We are now more environmentally conscious eliminating excess paper and making our reports easier to read.

Programming – Interfaith Luncheon; *Women Helping Women*, *Voices of Israel*; Art Event at the Nerman Museum

Fund Development – *Light Up a Life*; *Silpada Jewelry Party*; *ArtShare*; *Dining to Donate* and *Honey*. -Place your order in July!

Community Service – *Baskets for Babies*; *KATS*; *We Care for Eye Care*; *Snack Pack Program*; *Dictionary Day* and *Colgate Dental Van*

As we pass the gavel to the new leadership we know it will be in good hands. They will continue to deepen our roots and provide needed programs and services, educate our members and advocate for issues impacting the lives of women, children and our civil rights.

A special thank you to Linda Kelley, our Office Manager, who has made our office and organization run so smoothly. Thank you all for your continued involvement, be it sending an email to Congress, renewing your membership, attending our events and especially ensuring our visibility for years to come. See you at our Installation and Awards Program, Thursday, June 6th.
- Berenice, Meg and Ellen

NCJW is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into actions. 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. -www.ncjw.org



Interfaith Luncheon

The annual Interfaith Luncheon was held on March 2. The topic was *Religion and Healing*, with Bill Tammeus as moderator.

Pictured L-R: Iman Taalibuddin, Al-ansare, Beti Moskowitz, Co Chair; Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick; Sandy Suffian, Co Chair; Bethany Klug, DO, John Lantos, MD; Bill Tammeus. Ellen Portnoy, Co Chair



NCJW Leaders Retreat

Ellen R. Portnoy is pictured with Nancy Kauffman, NCJW CEO/Executive Director, at the NCJW Leaders Retreat which was held in New Jersey in February. I, Ellen, was fortunate to attend this motivating event which offered small workshops, large plenary meetings and the opportunity for networking. This retreat was complete

with programs and ideas about NCJW in the U.S. and Israel. I learned of two specific programs I would like our section to consider when planning future programs. The first, *Lilith Salon*, is comparable to a book club, but instead, we read and discuss articles from *Lilith Magazine*, a quarterly publication which contains articles that raise important social issues. And second, we can investigate the *Agunot*, women who are unable to obtain a *Get*, Jewish divorce. Let's Explore, get involved!



New Board to be Installed

Join NCJW, **Wednesday June 6th** at 7 pm for our annual program when we honor our members and present chapter awards, celebrate and thank our outgoing Board of Directors and welcome our new Board of Directors. The evening will begin at 7 pm with our featured speakers from CASA, Brittany Stillwell, Martha Gershun and Lois Rice, and will be held in the Prairiebrooke Gallery, 7900 Santa Fe, Downtown Overland Park. The host for the evening is Jody Cosner, jodycosner@sbcglobal.com.

2012-2013 NCJW Officers:

Co-Presidents:	Meg Adler (1 yr) & Carla Oppenheimer (2 yrs)
VP Fund Development:	Ida Levine
VP Community Service	Milisa Flekier & Linda Sander
VP Membership	Bev Newman
Corporate Secretary	Maureen Salz
Treasurer	Berenice Haberman
Immediate Past President:	Ellen Portnoy

General Board:

Debby Agron	Sharon Friedman	Lynn Murray
Susan Choucroun	Barbara Holzmark	Sandy Suffian
Jody Cosner	Mirra Klausner	Andi Wildman
Diane Davidner		

Award Recipients

Jennie Levitt Leadership:

Mirra Klausner

Service to Section:

Naomi Kauffman

Emerging Leader:

Carla Oppenheimer

Hannah G Solomon:

Ellen Portnoy

Community Service:

Carol Sader

or Current Resident

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