

NCJW Bulletin

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Greater Kansas City Section

Annual Membership Luncheon

Barbara Holzmark receives Service to Section Award New Officers and Board Members Installed



Barbara Holzmark, left, receives the Service to Section Award. Presenting the Award is Dorothy Rosenwald, Honorary National Vice President.

Seventy-five people attended NCJW's 1998 Annual Election Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on May 11 at the Designers' Showhouse.

Highlights of the luncheon included the presentation of the Service to Section Award to Barbara Holzmark. Barbara has been a member of our Greater Kansas City Section since 1971 and has served in numerous capacities including Section President from 1987-1989. She has served as our State Public Affairs representative and continues to champion pro-choice, children's issues and various advocacy issues. Barbara's volunteer and service to her community has not been to Section alone. She is the immediate past President of the Junior Women's Symphony Alliance.

Another special highlight was the unanimous approval of Jeannette Cohen to serve as our first Honorary Section Board member. Section members eligible for this honor must be a former board member and have served at least 12 years on the Board. Congratulations to Barbara and Jeanette!

The installation of the 1998 - 1999 Officers and Board Members was conducted by Susan Lebovitz, past President, Greater Kansas City Section. (See Page 6 for listing of 1998 - 1999 Officers and Board of Directors.)

In her comments, Susan thanked the current officers and board members for their service to the organization. She also emphasized team work: "As an officer or board member, you now become part of a team - you must function as such. That may prove difficult at times. All of you possess different, yet valuable skills and personalities which hopefully complement one another and will help you reach decisions that only benefit NCJW. You must take this commitment seriously."

Susan also stressed that members should "listen to each other, learn from each other, be open to new ideas, be aware of their limitations, but most of all, know when to take risks. By agreeing to serve as an officer or board

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Especially for Children

Make plans now to participate in the NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, major community service and fundraising event for 1998 - the John Kelleher Concert, "Especially for Children."

The concert will take place on November 8, at 2:00 p.m. in Johnson County Community College's Yardley Hall. Johnson County Community College has agreed to partner with us for this event.

This is the third "Especially for Children" concert that our Section has presented. Once again, the goal is to obtain funding from sponsors so that we may invite more than 800 disadvantaged and special needs children to attend the concert. Proceeds will also benefit our many advocacy and community service projects, locally and nationally.

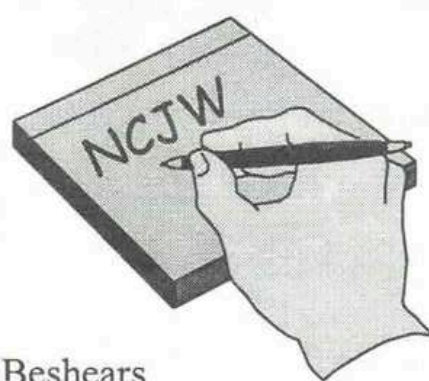
John Kelleher, a musician and teacher, is well known throughout the country for his unique stage appearances. From the Bethlehem Musikfest and Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, Rockland Center for the Arts in New York, to performing arts centers in Tampa Bay and Tulsa, audiences of both children and grownups

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President's Message



By Roni Beshears



It has been my deep honor to serve as Section President for the last year. We have had many accomplishments for which we should be proud. I refer you to the President's Annual Report for 1997/1998 for a description of our activities. A copy of the Annual Report can be obtained by calling Linda (648-0747) in the office. Also contained in this booklet is the NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, Vision 2000 Strategic Plan. Four strategic planning sessions were conducted with 1997/8 and 1998/9 board members. The committee examined the internal strengths and weaknesses of the Section and developed vision statements to guide us into the next millenium. We continued that analysis by discussing the external environment - the circumstances, objectives, and conditions of the markets within which the Section will be competing. We concluded our work by identifying strategies to support our mission and vision statements. A summation of the committee's effort as well as the President's Annual Report was distributed at the Annual Meeting held on May 11 at the Designers' Showhouse. The strategic plan will serve as a guide or blueprint for future planning pending board approval.

I want to thank Merle Cole, Vice President of Programming, Berenice Haberman, and Idelle Williams for working diligently and enthusiastically to orchestrate the May 11 Annual Election Meeting/Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Designers' Showhouse. The house was restored and decorated beautifully and served as a major fundraiser for the Junior Women's Symphony Alliance (JWSA), thanks to the leadership of Barbara Holzmark, completing her term as JWSA President. As many of you may know, Barbara was

honored at the luncheon with the "Service to Section" Award for over 30 years of extraordinary involvement in Section activities. She also won the SERENITY rejuvenating day spa raffle at the conclusion of the luncheon. What a coincidence! In addition, Jeannette Cohen was unanimously approved by the membership to serve as the first Honorary Section Board Member. Section members eligible for this honor must be a former board member and have served at least 12 years on the board. Congratulations to Jeannette and Barbara.

It is with deep gratitude that I thank the officers and board of directors for their hard work and effort this past year. I also want to recognize and thank all the members and active volunteers for supporting the mission of this organization and for devoting countless hours of NCJW volunteer service. I can assure you from my experience and activity with the Section that **YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE.**

As we enter the next millenium, I ask all of you to recommit your financial and volunteer support to NCJW. An article from "The Jerusalem Report," dated April 30, 1998, describes the experience

of author Netty Gross following her attendance at the NCJW's 1998 Washington Institute. The article discusses the metamorphosis taking place within Jewish women's organizations today. "Their volunteers are aging, the pool of potential recruits is too busy climbing the professional ladder and building families to donate their limited time, and those who want to be involved are demanding more than the old Donna Reed image has to offer. So these formidable groups, like their publics, are desperately evolving in a bid to keep pace." Ms. Gross sites challenges facing Jewish women's volunteer organizations such as: modifying the organizational structure to meet the needs of educated and experienced women; acknowledging that women want influence now and are unwilling to spend their lives working through the chapter or section; TIME is the number one issue for men and women today. NCJW leaders say that Jewish women want community service, advocacy, Jewish content and Jewish spirituality.

We have an exciting new board with bright, energetic and enthusiastic women of all ages. As we evolve as a board, my hope is that we work together to better serve the needs of our membership, the community and the mission of NCJW in the U.S. and abroad. The Section needs your support and for each of you to become active NCJW volunteers. Let us begin the year as a team, working cooperatively to continue our heritage of outstanding community service and advocacy and to continue to fulfill the mission of NCJW.

Welcome to NCJW!

NCJW welcomes the following individuals to our Section:

NEW MEMBERS

Karin Golden ~ Dawn Herbet ~ Lorie N. Savin

PATRON MEMBER

Karin Golden

Please encourage your friends and family to be part of our Section and continue the work of women who started NCJW more than 100 years ago! Our annual membership dues are only \$30. Contact the NCJW office (648-0747) for a brochure to be mailed to prospective members.

Contributions: Thanks for your continued support!

Contributions to NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

To commemorate all occasions, remember NCJW's philanthropies. \$5 minimum. Contributions through May 28, 1998.

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BARBARA HOLZMARK - SERVICE TO SECTION
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WESLEY GOLDBERG
Marilyn & Steve Koshland

In honor of:

LYLE KASS - BAR MITZVAH
DAN STERN - SPIRIT AWARD
MARION & HAROLD BERKOWITZ - 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Marilyn & Steve Koshland



Thanks a LATTE!

Many thanks to those of you who so generously contributed to our annual *Personal Giving Campaign*. If you have not yet contributed, you may send your check to our NCJW office, at your convenience.

We thank LATTe'Land on the Country Club Plaza, for

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honoring your coupons for a Tall Latte or Coffee to say **THANKS A LATTE** for your donation!

IN MEMORIAM

We record with sorrow the passing of the following members and extend our condolences to their families:

Carolyn Cohen
Sally Lapin

NCJW Plans 3rd "Especially for Children" Concert



have been enchanted with his performances that he calls Johnny the K Show. Kelleher's recording, "Party in the Park," received the 1994 Parents' Choice Gold Award.

Our concert committee is hard at work at this time. If you would like to join in the planning and implementation of this fun and exciting project, please call Lois Winston (649-6264) or Barbara Cosner (381-5365), co-chairs, and tell us how you would like to be involved.

Attending a recent planning meeting for the NCJW Kelleher Concert, "Especially for Children," are (front row, left to right) Micki Penner, Dierdre Baker, Merna Siegler, and Lois Winston, co-chair; (back row, left to right) Lisa Montague, Janet Price, Barbara Cosner, co-chair, Carol Barnett, Gloria Goodfriend and Charlotte Thayer.

NCJW Meeting

Dr. Deborah Wilkinson Assesses Clinton's Welfare-to-Work Policy

By Symie Menitove

What are the prospects for the Welfare-to-Work Policy? Will it be a success? What affect will this program have on the federal budget and on our nation's neediest people? These questions were addressed by Dr. Deborah Wilkinson at the April 19, 1998 meeting of the Greater Kansas City Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Dr. Wilkinson, who has a Ph.D. in Social Welfare and a Master's Degree in Public Health, is currently on the faculty of the School of Social Welfare at Kansas University. She surprised her audience when she explained the actual purpose of social welfare policy. The policy's goal, she claimed, is to promote the well-being of all Americans. More than 50 percent of social welfare funds are spent on services for our middle and upper classes, including education in state universities. Most of our nation's poor do not have these higher educational opportunities.

She went on to say that public assistance programs such as rent subsidies, food stamps, Medicaid, and welfare

comprise 2 percent of our country's annual budget.

With the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (PRWORA/TANF), President Clinton is striving to "put an end to welfare as we now know it." The Act creates state block grants enabling individual states to decide how to meet families' needs. It limits lifetime benefits to two consecutive years with a five-year limit; reduces families' food stamp allowances, canceling food stamp benefits to single adults with no dependents; and drops special at-risk populations from welfare roles, including children with behavioral disorders, immigrants, and substance users.

Is "Welfare-to-Work" really working? Dr. Wilkinson said that the Children's Defense Fund estimated the number of poor children would increase by one million. She feared that after government subsidies have run out, former TANF recipients could not afford childcare, transportation, and/or other work related expenses. Dr. Wilkinson said that the

economy is good right now, so unemployment and welfare rates are down.

During the discussion period, Dr. Wilkinson suggested we could help by contacting Heart of America Family Services, job training programs and area women's shelters. An audience member mentioned Sprint's major Welfare-to-Work effort in the Kansas City area. The Welfare-to-Work Partnership in Washington was impressed by Sprint's 18th and Vine call center's 85 percent 90 day retention rate of its first Welfare-to-Work employees.

Micki Penner and Symie Menitove co-chaired the meeting.

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Honorary Section Board Member *Jeannette Cohen*

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Officers and Board Installation



National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section, 1998 - 1999 Officers and Board of Directors.

member, one makes a serious commitment to spend the necessary time to bring this wonderful organization into the next century. Vision 2000, NCJW's newest strategic plan, represents the work of several dedicated, concerned members who want NCJW to continue its positive influence in our Jewish and secular communities."

The day's program also included a presentation by Sharon Katz, Executive Director of Safehome, on Silent Witness – one of our Section's projects.

Special thanks to Merle Cole, Vice President of Programming, Berenice Haberman and Idelle Williams for all their hard work and efforts!

Upcoming Events



Remember these dates!

June

23 ~ Tuesday
Board Meeting
6:30 p.m., Leadership Development
Speaker and Dinner
7:30 p.m., Meeting, NCJW Office

July

16 ~ Thursday
Executive Committee Meeting
11:30 a.m., NCJW Office

November

8 ~ Sunday
Especially for Children Concert
2:00 p.m., Johnson County Community
College, Yardley Hall

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