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March 2025 Newsletter

## 2025 membership survey follow-up

KC Membership Vice Presidents Mirra Klausner and Jannie Cubbage would like to thank the 45 members who submitted responses to the 2025 Membership Survey. We gained valuable insight from the results and generally concluded that our long history of supporting women, children, and families is meeting the needs and interests of our membership. A few highlights include:

- We do a good job of communicating with our members, with email being the preferred method.
- Donors find the process of contributing very easy and appreciate the recognition they receive.
- Volunteers find the process of signing up for various projects easy and effective.
- The Back to School Store, Honey for the High Holidays, Mother's Day Project, and Period Project recruit the most volunteers and, generally, the variety of volunteer opportunities is appreciated.

While the survey results reinforced our efforts, we are reminded that there is still work to be done. Moving forward, we will look to recruit younger members to the Section to ensure that the next generation of leaders is ready to step up when the time is right. To meet the needs of all, our programming will continue to include both meaningful volunteer opportunities, as well as social events on a variety of days and times.

*And, without further ado, congratulations to our randomly selected gift card winners—Susan Pittel and Cynthia Aks!*

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thoughts, ideas or suggestions at any time.

## Petals for Passover fundraiser: Order your arrangement soon!



Bring beauty to your Passover table and help NCJW raise funds! This year we are offering a specially designed arrangement from Blooming Bud called "Freedom's Journey" with twisted willow symbolizing struggle & resilience.

Welcome spring and your guests or just bring festivity to your celebration. When considering your participation, please keep in mind that NCJW is receiving a portion of the cost of each arrangement. Funds raised will be used for our local community programs confronting today's most urgent social and economic challenges facing women, children and families.

Each arrangement costs \$54, and **orders need to be received by April 4**. Flower arrangements can be picked up Friday, April 11 from 9:45-11:30 a.m. at the JCC theater entrance. Home delivery will be an additional \$15 for Overland Park, Olathe, and Leawood areas. The home delivery will also be Friday, April 11. [Order yours today!](#)

## Accepting college scholarship applications

Once again, NCJW's Greater Kansas City Section is providing scholarships for high school seniors who plan to go to college in Fall 2025. Students can [go to our website to learn more](#).

Along with the application, students need to furnish pages 1 and 2 of both parents' most recent Federal Income Tax 1040 Form and a Counselor's Report. All documentation and the

application **must be at the NCJW office by April 15**.

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based on grades and ACT scores. The applicant must also demonstrate a financial need. These scholarships are designed to augment the student's resources, as they are not large enough to pay the entire cost of college.

Applications can be dropped off at the NCJW Office between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday–Wednesday, or they can be mailed to the office (5311 W. 75th St., Prairie Village, KS 66208). Questions? Call 913-648-0747 or email [ncjwofkc@gmail.com](mailto:ncjwofkc@gmail.com).

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## March social: Mask-making at the Nelson

Join fellow NCJW KC members for a free artistic event from 1-2 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. We'll visit the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and [make a mask](#). After you have created the mask, you can wander through the gallery at your leisure. This event will be great for singles, couples, and families alike! Please join us and [sign up here](#).

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## JULIES meet-up: March 21

The NCJW-KC JULIES Group (Jewish Union of 'retired' Ladies, Intelligent, Energetic, and Sexy!) will be meeting from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, March 21, in the large meeting room at Leawood Pioneer Branch Library (4700 Town Center Dr., Leawood, KS). Attendees are invited to bring their own food and drink and be prepared for some lively conversation. Any retired NCJW-KC Section current or potential member is welcome to join us.

To let us know that you are coming or for more information, contact Barbie Rogoff ([bjrogoff@gmail.com](mailto:bjrogoff@gmail.com), 816-506-6430) or Nancy Kalikow Maxwell ([nancykalikowmaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:nancykalikowmaxwell@gmail.com), 954-260-7696).

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## Next *Lilith* magazine gathering

Our next NCJWKC *Lilith* online gathering will be **Sunday, April 20** at 2 p.m. CT. The two articles we'll talk about (From *Lilith* magazine's Winter 2024-25 issue) and the Zoom link are below:

- "[Resisting Self-Exile: Community and Care](#)," pp. 14-15
- "[We Came So Close to a New Model of Masculinity](#)," pp. 16-18

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## Help stuff period product bags

Join us on **Sunday, April 27 from 1-2:30 p.m.** to help stuff makeup bags with period products to deliver to the 14 schools we support. Then, enjoy some camaraderie at a pot luck snack social event! The event will take place in the JCC lobby area. Donations of period products are encouraged. [Please sign up](#) to bring something to share. Look forward to seeing you there!

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### Welcome to our new members!

Jolyan Herman

Miriam Kaseff

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## Bookmark the events calendar

As we start 2025, we want to remind everyone that the NCJW Greater Kansas City Section [website](#) is updated regularly. New programs are being added often. Please visit the website and go to [the events page](#) so you can plan ahead of time and mark your calendars. There are so many wonderful programs to enjoy!

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