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Kristin Williams, *Donation Associate*



INSTALLATION REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT JUNE 2020

My birthday is in March. Though I don't read my horoscope in the newspaper every day, I do read it on my birthday. I'd like to share this years with you, and I quote: *"This year, you accomplish more than you ever thought possible. For once, you feel your dreams match your goals and they are a productive match. You come out on top as VIP in a prestigious organization that align with your humanitarian ideals."*

And here I am, after being installed as president of the most prestigious women's organization in St. Louis. I am deeply honored and humbled as I step into my new role leading this organization whose mission is to advance social and economic justice for all women, children and families. There is a quote, author unknown, which says *"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass: It's learning to dance in the rain."* And dancing we have been doing - keeping our organization strong and vibrant. In our 125 years, NCJWSTL has survived world wars, the depression and now the COVID-19 pandemic. Though the face of our world has changed to face masks, social distancing and hand sanitizers, we will continue our work through Zoom meetings and our gatherings under ten people until this country is back to normal.

We have the ambition, the drive and the people power to succeed. The goals for my presidency are three-fold: First, we updated the strategic plan one year ago to advance social and economic justice for all. In today's climate, we want to delve deeper, make changes and follow through with our goals. Second, when all is said and done, we need to celebrate. Whether we call it our 125th, 125th plus or our 126th birthday, we need to celebrate and cheer this great organization and its many accomplishments. And third, we need to study and implement a new project for NCJWSTL. Since our world has turned upside down, the need is there. As with our Back to School! Store, we have the power and ambition. Susan Witte will chair the project development committee.

My deepest gratitude and thanks to Ellen and the office and shop staff for keeping us alive and vibrant. All of you have done an outstanding job. We are truly blessed. Congratulations to the newly installed and continuing Board and Executive Team. Congratulations to our Section Award winners. I look forward to working with you as we continue the work of this great organization. To my family - thank you for standing by my side and supporting me on my NCJWSTL journey. My husband, Charles, is actively involved in NCJWSTL also. He serves on the NCJWSTL Advisory Council and is working hard on the 125th Anniversary Partners for Our Future Endowment Campaign. I love you. And to Susan Katzman - a year ago, when I was elected President-Elect, you asked me how I wanted to spend the year. I told you I wanted to learn everything I don't know about this section. Thank you for being a great mentor, a good teacher and a wonderful friend. I know you are just a phone call away. And from your Board and Executive team, a special thank you for your exceptional leadership over the last two years.

To those who celebrate, NCJWSTL Board and staff join me in wishing you and yours a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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I would like to give a huge thank you to my Board, executive team, the staff of the office and the Resale Shop, our donors and partners, our Advisory Council, our past-presidents and our stable and growing membership. Each of you has contributed much during these past two years. I am appreciative of everything that has been done to help me and the Section.



INSTALLATION REMARKS FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT JUNE 2020

When I followed Susan Witte into this role, I had a lot to learn in spite of being on the exec team over the years. I appreciate Susan's guidance as past-president and the advice from my past president's luncheon cabinet. I appreciate friends who have given advice, proofread my messages, opened doors or sat quietly as we priced Resale Shop jewelry. I want to especially thank Ellen Alper for her leadership, wise counsel and friendship. Her energy and integrity radiates throughout this organization. I am happy we could change her title, provide her with more staff support and upgrade technology. She is a leader in St. Louis and one that our national office looks to frequently. I only regret that I could not get that 2nd floor addition completed.

When I look back at my Installation remarks from one year ago, I had used a quote from Oprah Winfrey - "Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo but what you want is people who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down." I was not disappointed. Our Board, Exec team and staff have worked collaboratively, had each other's backs and made amazing things happen. We put together a new Strategic Plan, a balanced \$1.5M budget, completed a third Leadership class, and enhanced security at the office and the Resale Shop. We influenced some important legislation in Jefferson City. We expanded the Back to School! Store to serve more children, added an additional Healing Hearts Bank and opened six new Kids Community Closets, exploring the potential of adding a literacy component. We continued the positive uphill trajectory of the Resale Shop in donations and sales.

We began effectively linking advocacy and community service ensuring the impact of racial and social equity to our work. We started the Back to School Collaborative, an effort to coordinate with other organizations and schools districts in the community providing back to school efforts. This is an endeavor near and dear to my heart that has forged new relationships with organizations like the St. Louis Community Foundation, the Urban League and Mathews-Dickey.

We involved two of our executive team members in the onboarding program for leadership development. Due to Ellen's leadership and our outstanding work, we have become one of the go-to Sections for the National NCJW. We moved into the end of 2019 and into 2020 with all the hopes and dreams and tremendous planning that accompanies a milestone anniversary like 125 years. Out of that planning by dedicated, creative and pragmatic leaders of our organization has already come six historical videos, testimonials from women and men with NCJW stories, outstanding publicity, a new endowment campaign, interrupted by the Coronavirus, a defined Legacy Circle campaign that will help the St. Louis Section through future gifts from wills and three major planned events waiting to be rescheduled.

During this time we also launched a structural audit of our organization. During the development of the Strategic Plan, we realized that the volume of work on our staff was just too much and it was time to examine if the organizational structure we had was still the most effective. The structural audit elicited a new organizational model and reimagined staff positions. It was, I believe, one of the major reasons why our organization has been able to pivot and blossom during the pandemic. I see people happy in their jobs and that makes me feel good.

I cannot write my remarks without mentioning the Resale Shop. It was the Shop that brought me onto the Board of NCJW and it remains dear to my heart. I have watched as Jessica and her leadership team have taken it to the next level with ownership, professionalism, dignity and compassion. We were lucky to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Legacy Heritage Foundation which allowed us to have a Shop business plan developed. We are currently implementing that Plan and the implications for the future are challenging and very exciting.

This pandemic has allowed us to blossom and thrive. Where sadly we may see other non-profits disappear or have to merge to survive, we have the human, financial and technical resources to endure and grow. We have a Board and executive team that make things happen. In fact, if I have any worry, it's that we will not have enough leadership positions for all the capable, intelligent and passionate women out there who want to be not just participants, but leaders in our organization.

Thank you again for this honor I have had the past two years. I appreciate everyone who has shared their time and talents, friendship and critical or helpful thoughts. I have grown professionally and personally and I hope I have contributed towards moving NCJW St Louis forward and ensuring another 125 years. I am pleased to know my successor well. Gail Eisenkramer has the experience, warmth, professionalism and community awareness to be an excellent president. Gail, I wish you all the best, I will be around and I pass you the gavel through the phone!

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AWARDS

2020 SECTION AWARDS

Congratulations to the honorees who have received NCJWSTL 2020 Section Awards - Thank you for your service!



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Steve Epstein

- Has been a valued partner in supplying school uniforms for Kids Community Closet and helped distribute more than 1,500 pairs of uniform pants and 1,300 uniform shirts this school year



FRITZI LAINOFF ADVOCACY AWARD
Marilen Pitler

- Served on the NCJWSTL Human Trafficking Task Force
- Co-Chaired the Committee on Human Trafficking.
- Helped pass 2018 House Bill No 1246
- Serves on the Washington University Human Trafficking Collaborative Network's Steering Committee



EMERGING LEADER AWARD
Melissa Alper Forrester

- Served on the NCJWSTL Board for four years
- Served as State Policy Advocacy Chair
- Received the 2016 Fritzi Lainoff Advocacy Award
- Co-Chaired Trivia Night
- Co-Chairs the Bylaws and Resolutions local committee
- Serves as a social media trainer for the Section
- Volunteer coordinator at Casa de Salud



LEADERSHIP AWARD
Melissa Baris

- Served on the NCJWSTL Board since 2015
- Served as VP of Community Service from 2016-20
- Co-Chaired the Back to School! Store
- Leadership has strengthened programs including: Healing Hearts Bank, The Back to School! Store, Kids Community Closet, Project Renewal and Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman



VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD
Alissa Arst

- Served on the NCJWSTL Board since 2015
- Served as VP of Community Service from 2016-20
- Co-Chaired the Back to School! Store
- Led efforts to provide a Resource Room at the Back to School! Store

2020 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Immediate Past President, Susan Katzman Honored as 2020 Woman of Achievement for Women's Empowerment



The St. Louis Women of Achievement Award is the oldest, ongoing program in the area whose sole mission is to honor and recognize the volunteer efforts of women. Please be sure to tune in and watch the 2020 Women of Achievement Awards broadcast on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm on Nine Network of Public Media, a PBS affiliate in St. Louis, MO.

2020 MOONSHOT AWARD

On Friday, July 10, LaunchCode announced National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis as a recipient of a 2020 Moonshot Award during a socially distanced morning celebration at Drive-In St. Louis.



The Moonshot Awards shine light on individuals and organizations who have proven the audacity to try, who tackle the tough issues with zeal and grit and who believe that a better region for all of our neighbors is worth the work. As a finalist in the Commitment category, NCJWSTL's Healing Hearts Bank was nominated and won for "flat-out working hard, without compromise, and not backing down in the face of tough odds." This innovative and prestigious award would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the Healing Hearts Bank Chairs & Committee, Partner Agencies, NCJW's Exec Team & Board of Directors and staff. NCJWSTL was chosen to receive a Moonshot Award from a pool of 340 organizations and individuals across the St. Louis region, all nominated by the community members for their work.

(Left: NCJWSTL President, Gail Eisenkramer and Immediate Past President, Susan Katzman)

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Keeping our members up-to-date on the details of NCJWSTL's core issues through our Advocacy in Action Lunch and Learn series at the NCJWSTL office is a top priority.

Lunch and Learn programs will take place on Zoom on the third Thursday of each month from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. The link needed to attend will be provided upon sending your RSVP to Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. There's no cost to attend.

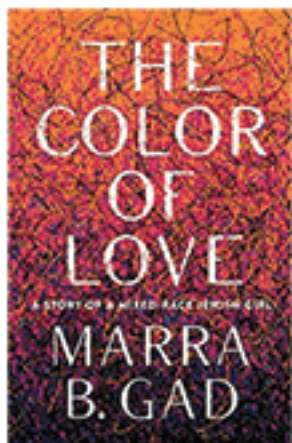
UPCOMING LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS

September 24 (4th Thursday)
Get Out the Vote/Voter Registration

October 15
Dirty Missouri/Amendment 3

November 19
Election Wrap-up – What's Next?

December 17
Reproductive Justice



NCJWSTL BOOK CLUB

The NCJWSTL Book Club is back! We are dedicated to providing this wonderful opportunity to grow in knowledge of social justice issues through reading and discussion as we continue to focus on racial justice issues.

Our first book is Marra Gad's "The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl." We will meet via Zoom on **Thursday, September 3 at 11:30 am**. Other dates scheduled for the Book Club are December 4, 2020, March 4, 2021 and June 3, 2021. For more information, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

CATCH NCJWSTL IN THE NEWS

Have you seen us in the news? Watch TV coverage of NCJWSTL programs and projects on demand by visiting the links below:

- *National Council of Jewish Women Delivering Backpacks*
Fox 2 News - bit.ly/2ZTqCsx
- *St. Louis City and County Public Libraries Will Host Notaries to Help Folks Who Want to File Absentee Ballots*
Fox 2 News - bit.ly/2OSjypO
- *Back to School Event Providing Backpacks Full of New Items for Students*
KSDK Channel 5 - bit.ly/30UPEHp
- *St. Louis Jewish Community Working to Highlight Absentee Voting*
KSDK Channel 5 - bit.ly/2BtNssl



(Above) Ellen Alper being interviewed by Fox 2 News anchor, Michelle Madaras

Check out our YouTube channel and LinkedIn pages by searching for NCJWSTL!

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT DIRTY MISSOURI?

In 2018, Missourians overwhelmingly voted to pass Amendment 1, also known as Clean Missouri, designed to clean up Missouri politics in various ways. Above all, our state constitution now includes nonpartisan redistricting reforms that create fair legislative district maps and a fair redistricting process that protects communities of color and ensures that our elected officials listen to their voters – not just lobbyists and partisan operatives.

Even before the pandemic and subsequent heightened efforts during COVID-19, the Missouri legislature usurped the will of the people and passed resolutions to replace Clean Missouri's reforms allowing extreme partisan gerrymandering and weakening the protections for voters of color. These dirty resolutions severely restrict and dictate who in the community counts for purposes of redistricting. A loss of representation in the legislature leads to a decline in state funding for affected counties and municipalities. The good news is that NCJWSTL has been working with a strong coalition to make sure these gerrymandering schemes NEVER become law. We are urging you to vote NO on Amendment 3 to ensure that ALL Missourians count.



NCJWSTL VOLUNTEER NOTARY PROGRAM

The November election is just around the corner and the coronavirus has some people looking for alternative ways to vote. NCJWSTL, in partnership with the JCRC, is proud to have spearheaded an effort notarizing absentee ballots at nearly a dozen public libraries in the city and county for the August 4th election. Due to this effort, over 500 ballots were safely notarized for the August 4 primary! Although legislation was passed to help voters during the COVID-19 pandemic, unless you have the coronavirus or are part of the high-risk population, you'll need to get your absentee ballot notarized for the November election as well. We will be working with the city and county libraries again to help eliminate any possible barriers to voting.



The last day to request an absentee ballot for the November election is **October 21st** and they must be returned to your local Board of Election office by 7:00 pm on Election Day. Advocacy Manager Jen Bernstein is a notary and will be happy to notarize your ballot at the NCJWSTL office. Please contact her with any questions at 314.993.5181 or jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

(Top Left: NCJWSTL volunteer Joe Pereles; Bottom Left: NCJWSTL volunteer Patty Croughan)

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS AFFECT OUR LIVES

From the Supreme Court to state courts, every day judges make decisions that affect our lives. Reproductive Rights have been a hot topic at the Supreme Court as of late with decisions coming down on everything from abortion access to contraceptive coverage. Many of us have paid close attention to the judicial nominations on the Supreme Court, but are we paying enough attention to the lower courts and state courts?

In Missouri, state courts made important decisions over the summer about voting access. Judges in Missouri are chosen in one of two ways. The Missouri Supreme Court, the Missouri Court of Appeals, and five of the county circuit courts (Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in the Kansas City area; both the county and City of St. Louis; and Greene County in the Springfield area) are all chosen through the Missouri Court Plan. The Missouri Court Plan is a non-partisan way of selecting judges in which judges are vetted by their peers, appointed by the governor and then retained by a vote of the people. All other county circuit courts are chosen by partisan elections, meaning that judges must subscribe to a partisan ideology, have to worry about how an opponent can use a decision and can become beholden to donors. For example, as of January 2017, 20 states had at least one justice on their supreme court that had spent over a million dollars on their election campaign. Conversely, it is very rare for a judge to raise any money at all for a retention election.

NCJWSTL is committed to ensuring the judiciary is fair, balanced and impartial. For the last several years our Courts Matter coalition has worked to do just that. In order to help our members keep up to date on the courts we are launching quarterly Courts Matter emails. Please contact Heather Silverman at hsilverman@ncjwstl.org if you are interested in receiving Courts Matter quarterly updates.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

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NCJW KIDSCOMMUNITYCLOSET

Volunteers are still working hard to meet the changing needs in the schools in our community

Kids Community Closet will continue to move forward in creative and safe ways to provide clothing, coats and personal care items to the children at our 27 Kids Community Closets serving 31 schools in seven school districts throughout St. Louis City and County. NCJWSTL will comply with guidelines set by the district and put the safety of our KCC students, partners and liaisons at the forefront.

We will be working closely with our KCC school partners to determine if there are additional needs that NCJWSTL can meet during this challenging time such as school supplies and books. Kids Community Closet Co-Chairs, Michelle Brooks and Diane Packman extend their gratitude to the 55 volunteer KCC Liaisons for their dedication to the schools and children we serve. If you are interested in becoming a KCC liaison, please contact one of our program chairs, Diane Packman at love2mom2460@gmail.com or Michelle Brooks at michelleLbrooks@hotmail.com.

While we can't have our typical Project Renewal program that relies on personal one-on-one contact between guests and volunteers, the needs for the women we serve continue to be a top priority.



Project Renewal Co-Chairs, Amy Gallant and Joyce Kolker have created a menu of options for Project Renewal partner agencies in the coming months while we are still practicing social distancing. The opportunities include special Project Renewal Shopping Days at The Resale Shop while staying in compliance with CDC and St. Louis County guidelines, volunteer contact-less delivery of self-care bags to the agencies/shelters with personal care items as well as skills and self-care sessions delivered to the agencies via Zoom. If you would like more information on Project Renewal or want to volunteer to deliver bags, please contact Amy Gallant at gallana407@gmail.com or Joyce Kolker at joycekolker@yahoo.com.



HEALING HEARTS BANK

In its ninth year, Healing Hearts Bank continues to provide a valuable resource for underserved women and families in our community. By providing low interest loans up to \$500, the HHB helps borrowers build their credit and reach their goals. Here is a recap of program accomplishments and updates:

- In fiscal year 2019-2020, Healing Hearts Bank provided 25 loans
- Healing Hearts Bank received a grant from the Staenberg Family Foundation for \$36,000 to provide additional loans to women and families in need
- Healing Hearts Bank received the prestigious LaunchCode's Moonshot Award for Commitment
- We welcomed a new Community Bank Partner, Mission: St. Louis, an organization whose mission is to empower families to break the cycle of poverty with programs focused on education, employment and community



(Above: Yvette Carter, Healing Hearts Bank borrower and her BBQ sauce, Goldiloks)

In light of the economic crisis many families are experiencing due to the pandemic, the decision was made to adjust the terms of Healing Hearts Bank loans to make them more accessible to borrowers: the interest rate has been reduced from 5% to 2.5%; the first payment time frame has been extended from 15 days to 30 days; we no longer require proof of employment as long as the borrower has a source of income to repay the loan. Program Co-Chairs, Arlene Baer and Patti Teper along with program founder, Marilyn Ratkin, are focusing efforts to identify new Healing Hearts Bank agency partners to expand the reach of this valuable program in the St. Louis Community. If you are interested in learning more about Healing Hearts Bank, please contact Arlene Baer at saftabaer@gmail.com or Patti Teper at pattiteper@gmail.com.

NCJW **BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE**

On Sunday, July 19, 2020, more than 100 NCJWSTL volunteers delivered 2,000 backpacks pre-filled with school supplies and activities to 70 Back to School! Store agency partners throughout St. Louis City and County, who then distributed the backpacks to their clients and members. The contactless distribution event took place at the College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving Mi-Box Mobile Storage Campus. NCJWSTL Board members were on hand to cheer on and thank the volunteer drivers. Due to the pandemic, families' resources are stretched thin. Now, more than ever, St. Louis families require our support in providing their children with the essentials they need to be successful at school, whether it's at home or in the classroom.

"Our original goal was to serve 1,500 children, but given the new needs, we expanded that to 2,000 children this year. While the store couldn't look the same as in the past, NCJWSTL was and continues to be committed to providing children with what they need to officially start the school year in the safest way possible," said Amanda Stein, VP of Community Service.

Clothing items like winter coats, shoes and apparel will be distributed throughout the year as new, safe distribution methods are identified and deployed. Thank you to the 2020 Back to School Store! Co-Chairs: Alissa Arst, Erica Holliam, Sarah Beth Matt, Jennifer Scissors, Amanda Stein, the BTSS Steering Committee, Melissa Baris, past VP of Community Service and volunteers for making a difference in the lives of children. We welcome Chris Bomze and Judy Grosz as our newest co-chairs. If you are interested in joining the BTSS Steering Committee, contact Marci Ranger at mranger@ncjwstl.org.



Backpack delivery at SoulFisher



Backpack delivery at SoulFisher



Cars being loaded by staff at College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving Mi-Box Mobile Storage campus



Partner agency, St. Francis Community Services



Ellen Alper, CEO and Gail Eisenkramer, President



NCJWSTL volunteer, Andrea Newstead at Youth in Need



NCJWSTL volunteer, Aleshia Vaughn picking up backpacks



Evan Newstead, Andrea Newstead's son & Steve & Sherri Newstead's grandson



BTSS Committee Chairs & Gail Eisenkramer, NCJWSTL President



DID YOU KNOW YOUR GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER THE CARES ACT?

Did you know that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that was signed into law on March 27, 2020 now allows you to deduct up to \$300 in cash donations even if you don't itemize your deductions? The limit on how much you can deduct this year is also waived. For example, if you normally deduct contributions up to 50% of your adjusted gross income (AGI), you no longer have that maximum limit for 2020.

As a result, it's easier than ever to give and your support is crucial. Take advantage of this one-time opportunity to double your impact – make a donation to support our work and get a tax deduction! Your support is more important than ever during this pandemic: people have lost jobs, been furloughed, kids aren't in the classroom and families need the help that NCJWSTL provides. We so appreciate your ongoing support so please make a gift today. Thank you so much!

LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORTS NCJWSTL

NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that St. Louis Closet Co. donated more than \$3,500 through their giveback initiative, Closets for a Cause

Benefitting the Back to School! Store, St. Louis Closet Co. donated a portion of their proceeds for the entire month of June to NCJWSTL. Each month St. Louis Closet Co. chooses a local nonprofit and donates a percentage of gross sales through their Closets for a Cause initiative. NCJWSTL is proud to have been their chosen nonprofit for the month of June.

Funds supported this year's Back to School! Store, which delivered 2,000 pre-filled backpacks to students in need of supplies, personal care items, and activities.



(From left to right) Lauren Oster, Designer at St. Louis Closet Co., Jennifer Williams, Owner of St. Louis Closet Co., Gail Eisenkramer, NCJWSTL Board President and Jessa Glick, NCJWSTL Director of Development & Marketing

DO YOU HAVE A DONOR ADVISED FUND?

We have learned about an opportunity for your funding to have a bigger impact than ever through the #HalfMyDAF grant-matching challenge

Right now, non-profits like ours are working harder than ever. Meanwhile, over \$120 billion sits unused in Donor Advised Funds and community foundations across the country. The #HalfMyDAF challenge aims to put these charitable dollars to work now, when and where it's needed most. **Anyone who makes a grant to us and commits to granting half the money from their DAF before September 30th gives us the chance to be one of 150 non-profits to get a matching grant of up to \$25,000.** The more people who nominate our organization, the better our chances. We'd love you to consider a donation to National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis! If you have a Donor Advised Fund, visit halfmydaf.com. Thank you for your support.



The 125th Anniversary Celebration is chaired by:

Darien Arnstein, Nanci Bobrow, Lisa Gubernik, Marlene Hammerman and Marilyn Ratkin under the leadership of NCJWSTL President, Gail Eisenkramer and Immediate Past President, Susan Katzman

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OCTOBER 13, 2020 / 5:30 PM-6:30 PM

Celebrating Women is now a virtual event taking place on October 13, 2020 from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm! That evening the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis will honor Senator Claire McCaskill with the Hannah G. Solomon Founder's Award. The virtual event will also include guest speakers, entertainment and feature an engaging conversation with Senator McCaskill.

Tickets for this event start at \$18 for out of town guests, \$36 for NCJWSTL members and \$54 for non-members. All attendees residing in the St. Louis area. All attendees residing in the St. Louis area will receive a special celebration bag with wine, appetizers, and a special gift to enjoy while watching the event. Attendees residing outside the metro area will receive a special thank you gift.

To RSVP and receive log-in credentials please register by visiting our website at ncjwstl.org or calling our office at 314.993.5181. If you have already registered we will send you a link to join us for the program closer to the event date.

IMAGINE THE ST. LOUIS LANDSCAPE WITHOUT THESE PROGRAMS FOUNDED BY NCJWSTL...

- The Scholarship Foundation
- Crown Center for Senior Living
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of St. Louis County
- Legal Advocates for Abused Women

Inspired by our Jewish values, NCJWSTL has been improving the lives of women, children and families for 125 years. The need has never been greater, especially in our current circumstances, and our responsibility to the community continues to grow.

The framework of the Partners for Our Future 125th Endowment Campaign is:

- Envisioning our Future
- Expanding our Present
- Honoring our Past

Partners for Our Future is our campaign to create an Endowment to ensure and expand NCJWSTL's financial capacity to sustain our work into the future. Look for the campaign kickoff in our next bulletin. For more information, please contact Darien Arnstein at sdarnstein@sbcglobal.net or Jessa Glick at jglick@ncjwstl.org.



LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Keep NCJWSTL Thriving

Planned giving can ensure that NCJWSTL will continue to receive your support in perpetuity and help us maintain our financial capacity and strength for the next 125 years!

Plan Ahead, Your Way

Please consider including NCJWSTL in your will or estate plan. It's a simple way to continue a lifetime of support for our mission. We can make it easy by providing language for you, your attorney and/or your estate planner. If you've already made a planned gift, be sure to let us know so we can add your name to our Legacy Circle. For more information, contact Jessa Glick, Director of Development & Marketing at 314.993.5181 or jglick@ncjwstl.org.



Have You Made a Legacy Gift for NCJWSTL?

We're delighted to recognize and thank these individuals and families who are members of our Legacy Circle as of July 31, 2020:

Darien and Stephen Arnstein, Drs. Nanci and James Bobrow, Michelle and Gary Brooks, Gail and Charles Eisenkramer, Marlene and Harley Hammerman, Terry and Harvey* Hieken, Betty Kagan, Karen Kalish, Susan Katzman, Lucy and J. David Levy, Sidney Martin, Sherri and Steve Newstead, Nancy Siteman, Ruth and Alvin Siteman, Bill Solomon*, Rochelle Weiss and Stephen Loeb (*of blessed memory)



NCJWSTL

DAYS OF GIVING BACK

Lisa Gubernik,
Days of Giving
Back program
chair



As part of our 125th Celebration NCJWSTL launched our Days of Giving Back this spring. NCJWSTL members didn't let COVID-19 stop us from doing what we do best by making a difference in the lives of women, children and families. Below please read a note of thanks from one of the organizations we supported:

"Thank you so much for your donation to support ALIVE's programs. Your generosity makes it possible for us to provide resources empowering domestic abuse survivors to build hopeful, safe and happy futures for their children and for themselves. We are so appreciative of you and the masks you have donated. They are going to keep our advocates safe when they are on the frontlines providing safety to our clients. Not to mention the 428+ meals you have given to ALIVE, making sure that our clients that are in need of our help have food to eat while they are being guided through their tough situation. It is donors like you that help ALIVE continue to provide services in tough times like these. On behalf of our clients and our advocates that you are helping stay safe and healthy, we are grateful for your support and allowing us to continue restoring safety and peace, one family at a time."

We are excited to share that as of publication, our generous volunteers have donated the following:

- 134 items for YWCA
- 384 pounds of food
- 48 masks & surgical hats
- 1,044 period products
- 971 diapers
- 428 meals for Alive
- 6 signs for healthcare workers
- 155 pounds of items for Angels Arms
- 26 hats for Back to School! Store



(Above Left) Susan Dertke Hendin, VP Development



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SHOP YOUR FAVORITE DESIGNER ITEMS INSIDE OUR NEW COUTURIER SECTION

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COUTURIER

— PREMIER ONLINE SHOPPING EVENT —

OCTOBER 22-27

SHOPPING WILL INCLUDE BUY NOW AND BID ITEMS
SAVE THE DATE & STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAIL LIST FOR SNEAK PEEK
UPDATES FOR THE PREMIER ONLINE SHOPPING EVENT



**Thank you for voting us
Best Upscale Fashion Resale
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2020 WINNER



SALES + EVENTS

August 13 - October 17
Couturier Everyday Store Event
September 4 - 5
Labor Day Sale - 25% off Storewide
October 22 - 27
Couturier Premier Online Shopping Event
November 11
Veteran's Day Sale - 25% off Storewide
November 27
Black Friday Sale - 25% off Storewide
November 28
Small Business Saturday Sale - 25% off Storewide

LEADERSHIP

Nancy Litz
VP Leadership
nancynrice@hotmail.com



CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE: NCJWSTL VOLUNTEERS & STAFF TRAINING BROADENS OUR HORIZONS

A variety of identity differences - racial, gender, faith-based, sexual orientation or "where you went to high school" to name a few, regularly intersect within the Section, our partner agencies, ourselves and those we support.

Recognizing that effective leadership relies on the ability to operate graciously across our differences, NCJWSTL hosted Dr. Amy Narishkin for four sessions of training in Cultural Intelligence. Over forty section leaders learned and practiced techniques for slowing down to recognize biases, acknowledge the differences and cultivate relationships. Participants will continue meeting monthly in smaller Ambassador Groups to share experiences and gain feedback on their efforts to incorporate these skills into their Section work, their careers, congregations and family lives.

Dr. Narishkin will present an overview of the program for the Board at the September meeting and we will continue to explore ways to share these concepts throughout the entire membership. More information about Cultural Intelligence is available in Dr. Narishkin's blog at empoweringpartners.com.

RACIAL EQUITY, INCLUSION & JUSTICE COMMITTEE FORMING

In our strategic plan, NCJWSTL committed to improving the lives of women, children and families by ensuring that our work is done through a lens of racial equity, justice and inclusion. We have been engaging in this work through training and education. We are now putting together a committee to help us create a culture of anti-racism, equality and inclusion as well as:

- Exploring our internal racial biases, including making recommendations regarding programming both internally with training and education as well as externally by developing greater ally ship with communities of color
- Initiating and promulgating antiracist work and evolution within our organization
- Making sure that we apply a racial justice lens to all engagement with the community

We need you to make this happen! If you are committed to social and racial justice and want to help move NCJWSTL forward in this work, please contact Heather Silverman at hsilverman@ncjwstl.org.

We anticipate that the work of this committee will last one year, starting in November 2020 with a final report to the Board of Directors in November 2021. All meetings will be virtual for the foreseeable future.

MEMBERSHIP

Lisa Gubernik
VP Membership
lgpodo@aol.com



RENEW YOUR NCJWSTL MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS! STAND WITH NCJWSTL!

NCJWSTL is remaining active and relevant while also keeping our members' safety our top priority. With your renewal you are helping to ensure that we continue our social activism and community service for another 125 years. We are targeting our online programming to be more engaging and easy to access.

Membership benefits include invitations to exclusive events with special pricing, information you need to make informed decisions in the voting booth, networking and connecting with other members, access to the online membership directory, the chance to make a difference in the lives of women, children and families here in the St. Louis area and so much more.



IT'S EASY TO RENEW!

Visit our website at ncjwstl.org and click on 'JOIN' or call us at 314.993.5181 to renew via phone. Annual membership is July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

- Regular Dues: \$54 per year
- Young Advocates (*birth to 18*): \$18 per year
- Under 25: \$25 per year
- Sustaining Membership: \$72 per year
- Supporting Membership: \$108 per year
- Local Life Member: \$360
(payable in monthly installments)

You can be a role model to our members and other community members by becoming a life member! For \$360 you can make a lifelong commitment to the NCJWSTL mission. This ensures that more of our funding goes towards our community service efforts and you won't have to worry about renewing your



Members, don't forget about NCJWSTL's Online Directory, which provides an easy way for you to stay connected with one another! You'll have the most current member information at your fingertips and the ability to update your profile in real-time. The directory is searchable, printable and easy to use on all of your devices (phone, computer, or tablet).

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

NCJWSTL's Membership Engagement is getting revamped and we need your help! At NCJW, there are many ways to get involved, stay connected to the community and causes as well as meet new people.

NCJWSTL's events have gone virtual and are happening more frequently. To make this initiative a success, we need your ideas, passion, time and talents. We are forming a Committee to lead and plan virtual events and membership engagement strategies for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Each member will help to plan at least one membership event and attend 2-4 membership engagement meetings throughout the year via Zoom.

It doesn't matter how long you've been a member, if you have experience on committees or not, we need your creativity and voice!

To join the Membership Engagement Committee or if you have questions, please contact Lisa Gubernik at lgpodo@aol.com.



(Pictured Left to Right) Ellen Alper, Rabbi Goldstein, Reverend Blackmon, Nancy Litz



WE WELCOME THESE NEW LIFE MEMBERS

January 15 – July 31, 2020

Debee Alex, Susan Block, Elizabeth Mannen, Victoria Singer

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

January 15 – July 31, 2020

Lisa Baron, Lauren Conroy, Mary Chapman, Yolonda Curtin, Karyn Fine, Jessa Glick, Trudy Ingalls, Laurie Katz, Michelle Krauss, Christine Lyss, Sylvia Manewith, Jean Margul, Cheryl Martin, Nancy Martin, Susan Reinglass, Jill Sherman, Amy Wallis

WE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS IN LOVING MEMORY

January 15 – July 31, 2020

Janet Aach, Edith Brown, Sally Friedman, Bettie Gershman, Patricia Glaser, Judy S. Glik, Evelyn Goldberg, Irene Greenspoon, Rachel Haspiel, Claire Hyman, Frances Hyman, Elizabeth (Lisa) Iglauer, Sally Kopman, Rozella Lapp, Naomi (Sis) Lasky, Patricia Levy, Aileen Shapiro, Jane Tarlow

ART INTEREST GROUP

Unfortunately, the 2020-2021 season has been postponed due to the pandemic. At the time of printing, we were still waiting for guidance from the Art Museum. Please visit ncjwstl.org for updated information.



DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE TALK WITH SnL

Grab your coffee or favorite morning beverage and join us for fun, interactive and ever-changing monthly coffee talks with Susan Katzman, Immediate Past President and Lisa Gubernik, Vice President of Membership

We will discuss important and pertinent issues and ideas that matter to you! Featuring top-secret guest speakers – you will not want to miss the opportunity to “see” these speakers. One of our past guests was Harry Friedman, former executive producer of Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune. This event is open to all NCJWSTL members, as well as anyone who would like to explore joining our organization. Coffee Talk will take place on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 8:30 am - 9:30 am. For more information or to register, please contact Lauren Conroy at 314.993.5181 or lconroy@ncjwstl.org or visit our website at ncjwstl.org.

- Tuesday, September 22
- Tuesday, October 27
- Tuesday, November 24
- Tuesday, December 22



NCJWSTL presents

Coffee Talk with SnL

VIRTUAL EVENT



ROAD TRIP TRIVIA

NOVEMBER 8TH | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Want to get out of the house and have some fun? Want to test your trivia knowledge?

This new and socially distanced way to play trivia will include:

- Family-friendly and age-appropriate trivia expedition by car
- A *Best Wheels* contest – Decorate your car to win!
- Raffles for some big ticket items
- Different activities at specific locations along your route that will include St. Louis landmarks & NCJWSTL historical sites
- Prizes and fun galore!

This brand new event is just \$25 for a car full of your family and friends to participate. To register and get more information, please call 314.993.5181 or visit our website at ncjwstl.org.

We look forward to you joining us on the adventure on November 8!

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DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

WHY IS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER?

SEPTEMBER 9 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us for an engaging program before the High Holidays that includes recipe sharing and lots of laughs as we remember our best and most embarrassing moments during this season.

Farilyn Hale will be sharing her Mandel bread recipe and reminiscing about how she got into baking and cooking. Rabbi Andrea Goldstein will be speaking about the high holidays, what meaning we can take from this time, and how gatherings will look much different this year. For more information or to register, please contact Lauren Conroy at 314.993.5181 or lconroy@ncjwstl.org or visit our website at ncjwstl.org. Register in advance to receive Farilyn's homemade Mandel bread to enjoy during the conversation.



VIRTUAL EVENT



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

OCTOBER 20 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Our current political situation has taught us that it is critical for us to make our voices heard. It is important for women to get involved in the political process and issues facing our community. Join us on October 20 as Maxine Clark, founder of Build-A-Bear Workshop, CEO of the Clark-Fox Family Foundation and Inspirator at the Delmar DiviNe, gets you fired up about making a difference. Our advocacy team will then make sure you know ways to put that passion into action. This is a program not to be missed. For more information and to register, please visit ncjwstl.org. For more information or to register, please contact Lauren Conroy at 314.993.5181 or lconroy@ncjwstl.org or visit our website at ncjwstl.org.

VIRTUAL EVENT

77 DAYS: ELECTION TO INAUGURATION

NOVEMBER 5 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Let's talk about what happens next! No matter what the outcome of this election, we all have our opinions. This is an opportunity to come together and voice them in a safe space. We will discuss the election results, what to expect in the 77 days before inauguration, and how we foresee the political climate changing in the next four years. For more information or to register, please contact Lauren Conroy at 314.993.5181 or lconroy@ncjwstl.org or visit our website at ncjwstl.org. Register in advance to receive a gift bag that will help calm those nerves!



VIRTUAL EVENT

TRIBUTES

January 15 - July 31, 2020

Thank you to all of our tribute donors! The money raised through tributes is very important in helping us meet our goals and uphold our mission. Tributes are listed under the name of the person honored or remembered. Each tribute is keyed with the initials of the fund to which the contribution was made. The fund initials appear after the donor's name. Tributes received after the deadline for this bulletin will appear in the next issue.

KEY

● CHAI TRIBUTE = \$18 - \$24

□ SILVER TRIBUTE = \$25 - \$49

■ GOLD TRIBUTE = \$50+

CHILDREN

(BTSS/KCC) Back to School! Store & Kids
Community Closet Fund
(LF) Lassie Frager Fund
(WBL) William B. and Bernice Susman
Lee Fund for Back to School! Store

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

(SF) Sosnoff Fund

SERVICES TO WOMEN

(JB-WWW) Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow
Woman Fund
(AACT) Advocacy In Action
(WES) Women's Emergency Services Fund
(SP) Section Priorities
(SLL) Ruth and Nancy Siteman
Leadership Legacy Fund
(HHB) Healing Hearts Fund

SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS

(CC) Crown Center and Older Adult Programs
(WMF) Wilma Messing Fund
(OACAP) Older Adult Community Action
Program Committee

PRESIDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

(ATK) Harry Fredrick and Ann Trepp
Koenigsberg Fund

IN HONOR THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Cynthia Albin, in appreciation of your service as
VP of Administration

Susan Witte (SP) □

Ellen Alper, for the emergency fund

Jeff and Sharon Rosenblum ■

Ellen Alper, for her nomination of Marilyn Ratkin
for the JPro Award

Marilyn Ratkin (SP) □

Ellen Alper, on receiving the Fred A Goldstein
Professional Service Award

Lenore and Ed Pepper (SLL) ■

Ellen and Steve Alper on the marriage of their
daughter Melissa

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SLL) ●

Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

Marlene and Harley Hammerman (SP) □

Susan and Alan Witte (SP) □

Ellen Alper, Susan Katzman, and the NCJW Board
for continuing payroll through quarantine

Vicki Nanney (HHB) □

Melissa Alper and Wade Forrester in honor of
their marriage

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SLL) ●

Susan and Alan Witte (AACT) □

Steve Alper, for a Speedy Recovery

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Steve Arnstein's Special Birthday

Benita and Burton Boxerman (SP)

Gary Meltz (BTSS/KCC) □

Alissa Arst, in honor of her receiving the
Volunteer Service Award

Brad, Nathan, and Amanda Arst (BTSS/KCC) ●

Dianna Fine (SP)

Rick and Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Marilyn Ratkin (HHB) ●

Karen Silverman (BTSS/KCC)

Amanda Stein (BTSS/KCC) ●

Amanda Arst in honor of her contributions to BTSS

Gregg, Laura, and Samantha Arst (BTSS/KCC) □

Nathan Arst in honor of his contributions to BTSS

Gregg, Laura, and Samantha Arst (BTSS/KCC) □

Melissa Baris, on receiving the Leadership Award

Dianna Fine (SP)

Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) ●

Joyce Kolker (BTSS/KCC)

Marilyn Ratkin (BTSS/KCC) ●

Karen Silverman (BTSS/KCC)

Susan Witte (SP) □

Melissa Baris' Special Birthday

Sheryl and Larry Zigler (BTSS/KCC) ■

Berger Memorial Chapel, in honor of their
service in these difficult times

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Bruce and Jill Bernstein, in honor of

Elissa and Josh's engagement

Sandy and Sanford Brickman (SP)

Chris Bomze, in honor of joining the

NCJW Board

Susan Witte (SP) □

Suzie Brodden, for a speedy recovery

Sally Tofle (WWW-JB) ●

Michelle Brooks, in appreciation of your
service on the NCJW Board

Karen Silverman (BTSS/KCC)

Susan Witte (SP) □

Amy Fenster Brown's Special Birthday

Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Amy Fenster Brown, in appreciation of your
service on the NCJW Board

Karen Silverman (BTSS/KCC)

Susan Witte (SP)

Leo Brown, on his Bar Mitzvah

Alissa, Brad, Nathan, and Amanda Arst and

Georgee, Jeff, and Chase Waldman

(BTSS/KCC) □

Kim and Gary Bussard, and the team at College
Hunks for their support and partnership

NCJW Back to School! Store Co-Chairs

and Staff (BTSS/KCC)

Betsy and Bruce Cohen, on the birth of their
grandson Graham Chambers Cohen

Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

Peggy Cohen Voss, PhD and Patty Croughan,
MSW for their roles as co-facilitators of the

Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman Program
this spring

Ilene Horenstein (WWW-JB) ■

Erich Dahl's Special Birthday

Sally and Kenny Katzif (BTSS/KCC) □

Sherri and Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

Linda Dahl, for a speedy recovery

Sherri and Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

Rita Eiseman's Special Birthday

Audrey Adreon (BTSS/KCC) □

Gail and Charles Eisenkramer, in honor of Elissa
and Josh's engagement

Sandy and Sanford Brickman (SP)

Rita Worth (BTSS/KCC) □

Gail and Charles Eisenkramer, in honor of the
L'Dor Vador Award at Shaare Emeth

Susan Katzman (SLL) ●

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Gail Eisenkramer for her leadership in
becoming NCJWSTL President

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SLL) □

Lise and Lee Bernstein (BTSS/KCC) ●

Barbara Barnholtz (BTSS/KCC) ●

Charles Eisenkramer, Jill and Bruce Bernstein,

Chuck Eisenkramer, Elissa Bernstein, Josh

Use, Stacy Bernstein, Jordan Bernstein,

Seth Eisenkramer & Jacob Eisenkramer (SP) ■

Mark and Sharee Feldman (BTSS/KCC) ●

Dianna Fine (SP)

Rick and Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Margie and Bruce Gutnik (SP) ●

Marlene and Harley Hammerman (SP) □

Joyce Kolker (BTSS/KCC)

Carl and Gail Lang (CC) □

Jackie and Marty Lipsitz (KCC) □

Marilyn Ratkin (ATK) ●

Eunice and John Reichman (SP) ●

Mandy Rubenstein (BTSS/KCC)

Karen Silverman (SP)

Amanda Stein (BTSS/KCC) ●

Susan and Alan Witte (SP) □

Rita and Barry Worth (BTSS/KCC) □

Steve Epstein, on receiving the
Community Service Award

Dianna Fine (SP)

Marilyn Ratkin (HHB) ●

Elyse Feinstein, for a speedy recovery

Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Roberta Feinstein on her Special Birthday

Sherri and Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC) ●

Debi and Bob Feit, on the birth of their
granddaughter Emmanuelle Roux Wehinger

Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Mark and Sharee Feldman in honor of the

birth of their granddaughter Lilah Rose Fliegel

Rick and Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Mark and Sharee Feldman in honor of their
40th Anniversary

Sherri and Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

Susan and Alan Witte (SP) □

Dick Fine, for a speedy recovery

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Marci Fine, for her very successful Trivia Night
leadership

Susan Katzman (SLL) ●

IN HONOR THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Melissa Alper Forrester in honor of receiving the Emerging Leader Award

Dianna Fine (SP)
 Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) ●
 Marilyn Ratkin (SLL) ●
 Karen Silverman (SP)

Dr. Vicky Fraser for her hard work in this difficult time

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Bettie Gershman, for a speedy recovery

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Kim Goldenberg's Special Birthday

Mandy Rubenstein (BTSS/KCC)

Brian Goldman, for a speedy recovery

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Jan Goldman's husband Dan, for a speedy recovery

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Maxine Goldman's Special Birthday

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)
 Marilyn Ratkin (BTSS/KCC) □

Rick Goldman, for a speedy recovery

Ellen Alper (SLL) ●
 Debi and Bob Feit (BTSS/KCC) ●
 Sharee and Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) □
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP)
 Marilyn and Gary Ratkin (BTSS/KCC) ●
 Mandy Rubenstein (BTSS/KCC)

Jay Goldstein's Special Birthday

Steve and Sherri Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

Nicole Gorovsky in honor of her joining the NCJW Board

Susan Witte (SP) □

Lisa Gubernik in honor of her becoming VP of Membership

Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) ●
 Karen Silverman (BTSS/KCC)
 Susan Witte (SP) □

Jill Gubin, for her very successful Trivia Night leadership

Susan Katzman (SLL) ●

Jill Gubin, in appreciation of your service as VP of Development

Susan Witte (SP) □

Farilyn Hale, in honor of Marc and Carmella's Wedding

Ellen and Steve Alper (SLL) ●
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Amy Kuo Hammerman - Happy Mother's Day to an Amazing Mother

Calvino and Masa Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) ■

Marlene Hammerman - Happy Mother's Day to an Inspiring Mother

Zachary Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) ■

Susan Hendin, in honor of her becoming VP of Development

Rick and Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □
 Susan and Alan Witte (SP) □

Harvey Hieken, for a speedy recovery

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Jake Hummel, in honor of his being elected President of Missouri AFL-CIO

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Michelle Iken, for her very successful Trivia Night leadership

Susan Katzman (SLL) ●

Mayor Ella Jones, on her being elected as Mayor of Ferguson, MO

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Nancy Kalishman, on the birth of her granddaughter Isabel Victoria

Ruth Siteman (SLL) □

Phyllis Kamenetzky, for a speedy recovery

Alissa, Brad, Nathan and Amanda Arst (BTSS/KCC) ●

Susan Katzman's birthday

Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

Susan Katzman's Leadership for serving as NCJW President for the past two years

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SLL) □
 Lise and Lee Bernstein (BTSS/KCC) ●
 Nanci Bobrow (SP) ●
 Charles and Gail Eisenkramer (SLL) □
 Sharee Feldman (BTSS/KCC) ●
 Dianna Fine (SP)
 Hillary Friedman (ATK) ■
 Rick and Sherri Goldman (SLL) □
 Marlene Hammerman (SP) □
 Peggy Lents (SP) □
 Carolyn Losos (SLL) ■
 Marilyn Ratkin (ATK) ●
 Marissa Rosen (SP) ●
 Carolyn and Larry Satz (SP) ■
 Karen Silverman (BTSS/KCC)
 Amanda Stein (BTSS/KCC) ●
 Susan Witte (SP) □

Susan Katzman on her selection as a Woman of Achievement

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SLL) ●
 Nancy Berg (SP) □
 Jill Gubin (SP)
 Charles and Gail Eisenkramer (ATK) □
 Betsy Mehlman (BTSS/KCC)
 Ilene and Henry Ordower (BTSS /KCC) ●
 Ruth and Nancy Siteman (SLL) ■

Ken Kleban's Special Birthday

Marlene and Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) □
 Sally and Ken Katzif (BTSS/KCC)

Beth Kodner, on her children's B'nai Mitzvah

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Joyce Kolker in honor of her joining the NCJW Board

Mandy Rubenstein (BTSS/KCC)
 Susan Witte (SP) □

Yuka Kuo in honor of a Happy Mother's Day

Amy Kuo Hammerman (SP) ■

Sue Lapp, for a Speedy Recovery

Ellen Alper (SLL) ●
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Nancy Litz, for making our Membership Virtual Session so successful

Lisa Gubernik (AACT) ●

Alice Ludmer's Special Birthday

Sharee and Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) ■

Sarah Martin in honor of her becoming VP of Administration

Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) ●
 Susan Witte (SP) □

Sarah Beth Matt, on the birth of Raphael Matt

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Claire McCaskill, in honor of winning the Hannah G Solomon Founder's Award

Marlene Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) ■

Kathy McDaniel, on the birth of her grandson Declan Everly

Rick and Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

NCJW Staff for guiding us during this difficult time

Marilyn Ratkin (SP) ■

NCJW Leadership Team for moving the 125th Endowment Campaign forward through the pandemic

Barbara Newmark (125th Anniversary) ■

Wendy Olt, for a Speedy Recovery

Marlene and Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) ●

Diane Packman, on becoming a grandmother

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Marilen Pitler, in honor of receiving the Fritz

Lainoff Advocacy Award

Dianna Fine (SP)
 Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) ●
 Marilyn Ratkin (AACT) ●

Marilyn Ratkin, on receiving the JProStl Partnership Award

Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) □
 Kathleen DeWoskin (BTSS/KCC) □
 Charles and Gail Eisenkramer (HHB) □
 Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □
 Marlene and Harley Hammerman (WES) □
 Betty Kagan and Martin Wice (SLL) ●
 Susan Katzman (SLL) ●
 Jackie Lipsitz (BTSS/KC) ●
 Betsy Mehlman (BTSS) ●
 Leanne and Harvey Schneider (HHB) □
 Joy Sterneck (HHB) ●
 Susan and Alan Witte (SP) □

Rindskopf-Roth Funeral Chapel, in honor of their service in these difficult times

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Gloria and Mark Roberts, in honor of their anniversary

Sharee and Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) ●

Marissa Rosen, for making my Dad's birthday so special!

Jill Weinrich (BTSS/KCC) □

Marissa Rosen, in appreciation of your service as VP of Membership

Susan Witte (SP) □

Marissa and Howard Rosen, in honor of their daughter Emily becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Jill Weinrich (BTSS/KCC) □

JoEllen and Leonard Rubenstein, in honor of their 50th Anniversary

Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Marilyn and Alan Sachs, on their son Stephen's honor receiving the Federalist Society's Joseph Story Award

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Larry Samuels' Special Birthday

Marlene and Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) □

Larry Satz's Special Birthday

Susan Katzman (SLL) ●

Dee Schonbrun's Special Birthday

Carolyn and Larry Satz (SP)

Joel Schraier's Special Birthday

Sally and Ken Katzif (SLL) ●
 Marlene and Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) □

Erin Schreiber, on her new role as President of JPro

Ellen Alper (SLL) ●
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

Dianne Schwartz's Special Birthday

Marilyn and Gary Ratkin (HHB) ●

Kenny Schwartz's Special Birthday

Merle and Dale Singer (BTSS/KCC) □

Laurie Schweizer's Special Birthday

Sally and Frank Wasserman (BTSS/KCC)

Donna Segal's Special Birthday

Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Barbara Langsam Shuman in honor of her contributions to NCJWSTL

David Langsam (BTSS/KCC) ■

Karen Silverman, on being installed for another term as Secretary of NCJW

Rick and Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □
 Susan Witte (SP) □

IN HONOR THANK YOUTHANK YOUTHANK YOU

Ross Silverman, for a Speedy Recovery

Ellen Alper (SLL) ●

Cookie Simon, in honor of your Special Birthday

Your friends (WWW-JB) ■

Alvin Siteman, on being named 2019

Citizen of the Year

NCJW Board and Staff (SLL)

Barry Spiegelglass' Special Birthday

Marlene and Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) □

Renee Spiegelglass's Special Birthday

Marlene and Harley Hammerman (SP) □

Sandy and Frank Wasserman (BTSS/KCC)

Renee and Barry Spiegelglass, on their Special Birthdays

Sherri and Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC) ●

Amanda Stein, on her becoming the VP of Community Service

Sherri Goldman (BTSS/KCC) ●

Karen Silverman (BTSS/KCC)

Susan Witte (SP) □

Amy Stone, on her daughter's Bat Mitzvah

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

In honor of our wonderful Summit Loft neighbors

Nancy and Andy Weigley (BTSS/KCC) □

Laura Tishey, for her very successful Trivia Night leadership

Susan Katzman (SLL) ●

Yvette Walker, for the speedy recovery of her husband Curtis

NCJW Board and Staff and The Resale Shop Staff (SP)

Susan Witte, on her completion of her Executive Term

Karen Silverman (SP)

Joan and Alan Wolchansky, in honor of their new grandson Odin William Wolchansky

Alan and Susan Witte (BTSS/KCC) □

Lana Yunker, on her Special Birthday

Esther Langsam (BTSS/KCC) □

Vivian Zwick, on her Special Birthday

Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

NCJW Board and Staff (SP)

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Doris Alport (BTSS/KCC) □

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Susan and Bob Cohen (BTSS/KCC) □

Gail and Charles Eisenkramer (SP) □

Cindy and Steve Frank (BTSS/KCC) ■

Jessica and Michael Friedlander (BTSS/KCC) □

Michele and Gregory Kloeppel (SP) ■

Barbara Levin (SP) □

Harriet and Merlin Lickhalter (WES) ●

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Elliott Alper

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Nanci and Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

Nan Goldberg (WWW-JB) ●

Hillary Friedman (SP) □

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Susan Katzman (SLL) ●

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Cyndi Levin and Linda Mantle (Resale Shop) ■

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To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brichta in memory of Tressie's Grandmother

Shirley Alper (SP) ●

Ronald Brimer

Sharee and Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) ●

Sally and Ken Katzif (BTSS/KCC)

Sherri and Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

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James Cliburn

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Leslie Corey's Son

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Gary Davis

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Anonymous (BTSS/KCC) □

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Dianna and Richard Fine (SP)

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Judy and Keith Grosz (BTSS/KCC) ●

Felice Joyce (BTSS/KCC)

Susan Katzman (SLL) □

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Amanda Stein (BTSS/KCC) ●

Susan and Alan Witte (BTSS/KCC) □

Alan Edelstein

Ellen Abramson (WWW-JB) ■

Iris Elliott's mother Dorothy

Jane Goz Goodman (CC) □

Buddy Feldman

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Sharee and Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) ●

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Marlene and Harley Hammerman (SP) □

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Susan Katzman (SLL) ●

Joyce Kolker (BTSS/KCC)

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Susan Fisher's mother Joan

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Carol Jacobson (WMF) □

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Jonathan Hardis (SP) ■

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125TH STORIES: THE LIVES WE'VE TOUCHED

My NCJW Story: A Love Affair

Written by Irene Greenspoon's daughter Barbara Greenspoon

Irene Rosalie (née Funk) Greenspoon had a "lifelong love affair" with NCJWSTL. Love is the word that always defined Irene, and Irene defined love as "helping others." So, Irene and NCJWSTL were a "match made in heaven!"

Irene joined NCJWSTL after her marriage in 1947 to Melvin A. Greenspoon, and served on fundraising and various other committees. But when she was appointed as Chairman of NCJWSTL's project for Seniors and the Visually Impaired Luncheons, she found her passion. Highly innovative, she expanded both groups to underserved areas and to monthly participatory, purposeful and fun educational, cultural and creative arts programs, preceded by home-cooked luncheons. These luncheons and programs were held at the NCJWSTL "senior citizens' recreational lounge" in the University City loop, and involved personally driven carpools to and from the events. All these activities were conducted, cooked and carpooled by Irene and her dedicated committee, who shared the pride of the participants' many achievements and joy of friendships made in an encouraging and cheerful "family" ambiance.

Irene's love for the participants inspired her creativity in programming. One of the favorite programs of both groups was the making of gifts, ranging from decorative pot holders to colorful woolen mufflers and beautiful mosaic plates, for the winter holidays or any occasion, to enable the participants to GIVE, not only RECEIVE. The "cherry on top" was to surprise and delight the recipients with their original, hand-made and beautiful gifts, which lifted the participants' pride and joy. Irene said that she learned more from the participants about life and love, and received more than she gave from seeing their joy in being with people.

Irene's passion soared with her early and long involvement in The Delcrest, where she served on the Board of Directors, and was elected Director of Admissions. She, herself, interviewed every applicant and his or her family or guardian, and agonized over those whom she would have to defer to the long waiting list, or decline for even slight income over-qualification, to remain in compliance with regulations. Later, she was appointed as Interior Re-decorator and delighted everyone with their new décor. But, what she loved best was spending time at The Delcrest with residents and their families, getting to know each of them so well, and the staff and programs.

Art, being another love, prompted Irene to become an active member of the Art Interest Group and the House Tour Committee, which planned tours of beautiful homes with important private art collections. Irene was elected President of NCJWSTL, but was unable to serve due to a grave family illness, though she did serve as Vice-President. She was elected as a representative of NCJWSTL to the National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio in the 1970's, where she gave a seminar in her work with seniors and taught a class in Art History.

Irene LOVED and was so proud to be a member of NCJWSTL, for its national reputation since 1895, for the highest quality good works and members. Her criteria for friendships with people were (1) is she a member of Council, and (2) does she do things to help people. Most of all, Irene was grateful for the vast outreach and wonderful people only NCJWSTL could have provided her to HELP OTHERS, in other words, to LOVE.

Barbara Greenspoon made available this photograph (right) from the NCJW Convention in Cleveland. The attendees were Irene Greenspoon (standing, first on left), others in the photo include Essie Gordon, Lois Goldberg, Leah Gross, Wilma Messing, Carol Jacobson, Jane Scheff, and Lynn Lyss.



We would love to include your stories involving NCJWSTL in some special upcoming projects as we continue celebrating our 125th anniversary. Send your items and/or email your stories to hlibhart@ncjwstl.org or 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141. You can also call our office at 314.993.5181.

AUGUST 13-OCTOBER 17

COUTURIER EVERYDAY SHOPPING EVENT

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Book Club
- 7 LABOR DAY - NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop CLOSED
- 9 Why is This Holiday Season Different from Any Other?
- 14 Executive Board meeting
2020 Women of Achievement Awards broadcast on Nine Network
of Public Media, PBS local affiliate
- 18 EREV ROSH HASHANAH - NCWSTL office closes at 1pm
The Resale Shop closes at 4pm
- 19-20 ROSH HASHANAH - The Resale Shop is CLOSED 9/19
- 21 Board meeting
- 22 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 24 Lunch & Learn - Get Out the Vote/Voter Registration
- 27 KOL NIDRE
- 28 YOM KIPPUR - NCWSTL office & The Resale Shop CLOSED

OCTOBER

- 2 EREV SUKKOT
- 3-4 SUKKOT
- 10 SHIMINI ATZERET
- 11 SIMCHAT TORAH
- 13 Celebrating Women
- 15 Lunch & Learn - Dirty Missouri/Amendment 3
- 20 Your Voice Matters Event
- 22-27 COUTURIER PREMIER ONLINE SHOPPING & AUCTION EVENT
- 27 Coffee Talk with SnL

NOVEMBER

- 5 77 Days: Election to Inauguration Event
- 8 Road Trip Trivia with Family & Friends
- 16 Executive Board meeting
- 19 Lunch & Learn – Election Wrap-up/What’s Next?
- 23 Board meeting
- 24 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 26 THANKSGIVING DAY - NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop CLOSED
- 27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - NCJWSTL office CLOSED

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