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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MARCH 2021

"March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" - English Proverb

One year ago, March came in like a lion in the form of COVID-19. Here we are, a year later, still dueling with that lion. We, at NCJWSTL, have remained strong and vibrant as we re-imagined our programs and projects. Thank you to our volunteers and staff for making that happen. While this month may not be ready to "go out like a lamb," we hope and pray with the COVID-19 vaccine, that the lion will be somewhat tamed. We will continue to hold all programming and meetings on Zoom as we continue our work to fulfill our mission inspired by Jewish values to advance social and economic justice for all women, children, and families.

It doesn't seem possible that I have been President for ten months. This first year has been different, and I would say, definitely more challenging than in the past. Though things are different, some things have remained the same, as we try to adapt to our new normal.

The Nominating committee has met and finalized the slate of Officers and Board members. They will be installed in May. This succession of continuity is what makes our NCJWSTL section the great organization that it is and one that will continue to climb to greater heights each and every year.

I received a personal note from Patti Teper, one of the Healing Hearts Bank Co-Chairs:

"Gail, you took over the reins of this organization at such a difficult time. Members needed to see a strong, calming, positive, and reassuring leader. I was so impressed you were willing to take over this enormous job, having the energy and dedication to do this at our age."

March is my birthday month and I am probably, chronologically, the oldest president to serve this section. But age is just a state of mind. When you believe in the organization and its mission and have a true committee to serve with, that gives you the ability to be the best you can be.

Congratulations to the new Board and Officers who will join us in May. I look forward to working with all of you. Don't forget to sign up for our exciting fundraiser, NCJWSTL's Grape Escape: The Ultimate Wine & Food Tasting, on April 10th from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM CST. It is being planned by Co-Chairs Phyllis Langsdorf and Barbara Langsam Shuman and their committee. It promises to be an exciting and fun evening full of tasty treats and wine.

In closing, I would change that English Proverb that I started this article with to read "March came in like a lion and goes out with Passover." I would add an eleventh plague, COVID-19, and add a modern day miracle - that the vaccine has this pandemic erased by next March. And when we end the Passover Seder we say, "next year in Jerusalem, next year in PERSON."

Happy Passover - Stay Safe, Stay Well.

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UPCOMING VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS

MARCH 18

Police Violence/Reform with Ray Rice and Detective Sergeant Heather Taylor

APRIL 15

Cultural Intelligence: How to Advocate More Productively with Dr. Amy Narishkin

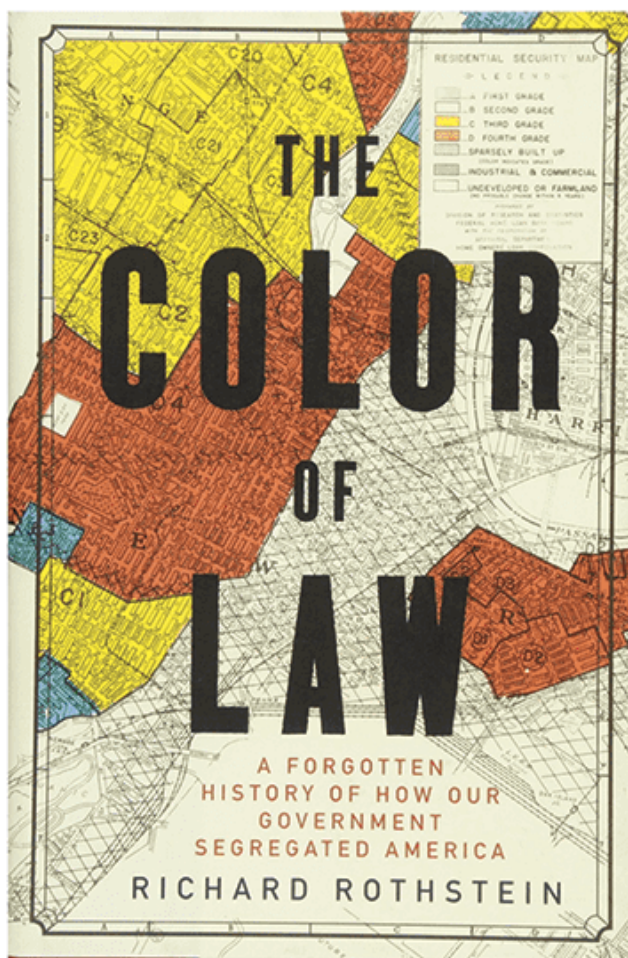
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Housing Inequality in St. Louis

Keeping our members up-to-date on the details of NCJWSTL's core issues through our Advocacy in Action Virtual Lunch and Learn series 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 CST. 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.

WINE & WISDOM VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Come learn and socialize with other NCJWSTL members as we explore fiction and non-fiction books that delve into social justice topics.



For our next book, we will be discussing housing inequality in St. Louis and beyond by reading "The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America" by Richard Rothstein. We will also take a look at his article, "The Making of Ferguson."

Exploding the myth of de facto segregation arising from private prejudice or the unintended consequences of economic forces, Rothstein describes how the American government systematically imposed residential segregation: with undisguised racial zoning; public housing that purposefully segregated previously mixed communities; subsidies for builders to create whites-only suburbs; tax exemptions for institutions that enforced segregation; and support for violent resistance to African Americans in white neighborhoods. A groundbreaking, "virtually indispensable" study that has already transformed our understanding of twentieth-century urban history, *The Color of Law* forces us to face the obligation to remedy our unconstitutional past.

We would love for you to join us via Zoom for an engaging conversation about housing inequality on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM CST. For more information and to register, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. There is no cost to attend.

SIGN UP FOR 5 WAYS TO ADVOCATE EMAILS



Do you want to stay up to date with what you can do to advocate on behalf of women, children, and families?

Sign up to receive our weekly *5 Ways to Advocate* newsletter to learn how you can take action with NCJWSTL. To receive *5 Ways to Advocate* in your inbox every Monday morning, email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call the office at 314.993.5181.

MAKE YOUR VIEWS HEARD & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Sometimes it may be hard to remember that elected officials work for the public when it's difficult for the public to get in contact them - whether to express concerns or advocate for change. Here are five ways you can make your views heard by your elected officials, both on the local and national level:

1 - REACH OUT TO YOUR REPS

The U.S. Government provides a public database of contact information for your elected officials at [usa.gov/elected-officials](https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials). Use it. Do background research, using reliable sources, before firing off an email with your position. By the way, you can often use your elected officials' official websites to sign up for email newsletters and other updates. You may also want to follow them on social media and comment directly on their posts.

2 - PLAN STRATEGIC CALLS, NOT JUST EMAILS

Phone calls from constituents are often more effective than emails because emails are depersonalized and easily ignored amid other overwhelming requests for contact. Their legislative aides also have to keep a tally of constituent phone calls. Encourage your friends to make these calls as well!



(Above) NCJWSTL VP Leadership, Nancy Litz

3 - ATTEND TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Whether it's via Zoom, or in person post-COVID, elected officials will hold Town Hall events or Q&A sessions where the public is encouraged to attend and voice their concerns. You can usually learn about when and where these are set to take place by visiting your elected officials' websites.

4 - USE DIGITAL TOOLS FOR POLICY UPDATES & ACTION

NCJWSTL utilizes a platform called FastDemocracy which enables you to track pending legislation, learn more about it, and contact your rep directly with your views. You can track the bills that NCJWSTL is following by visiting ncjwstl.org/what-we-do/advocacy.

5 - GET INVOLVED WITH NCJWSTL'S ADVOCACY EFFORTS

We can help you make your voice heard! If you would like more information or to get involved with our advocacy team, please contact Felice Joyce at felice.joyce@gmail.com.

LEADERSHIP

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LEADERSHIP CLASS

NCJWSTL is Proud to Present the 2021 Leadership Class! This year 11 dynamic women will participate in the NCJWSTL Leadership Class series, bringing together a breadth of professional and community volunteer experience. With a diversity of backgrounds including education, law, finance, marketing, counseling, nonprofit, and activism, the participants share a common goal of enhancing their leadership skills to make an even greater impact on the mission of NCJWSTL and the world.

2021 Leadership Class: Bonnie Davis, Amy Gallant, Sheri Glantz, Mindy Grossmann, Hillary Hinz, Debra Cannamore Lee, Gina Marten, Heather Peck, Dana Sandweiss, Randee Schmittiel, Vicki Singer.

Classes began on February 2nd and will run through May 5th. The 2021 Class Series covers such topics as the Dynamics of Leadership, Communication for Leaders, Cultural Intelligence, Building Great Teams, Navigating Difficult Conversations, Self-Care for Change Makers, and Advocacy.

To learn more about the 2021 Leadership Class Participants visit: ncjwstl.org/leadership

CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATES

NCJWSTL's four-session Cultural Intelligence program with Dr. Amy Narishkin of Empowering Partners was more than diversity training. It was designed to develop the intercultural competence that changes behaviors, processes, and organizational culture. Understanding how to build positive relationships while honoring differences helped participants put their good intentions into action to create a culture of belonging.



New thought patterns don't become behaviors overnight. So participants followed up monthly in small groups to share their successes and challenges in applying their new skills. Here are some of their stories:

"When I came to the training I didn't even know it was acceptable to talk about differences like race and religion. Those topics made me terribly uncomfortable. It took a while to understand that it is actually respectful to acknowledge people different from myself in the wholeness of their identity. When we say things like 'I don't see color' we might think we are being inclusive, but really we are negating part of the other person's being."

"The support of my small group helped me get comfortable with differences. And it has proved valuable in every area of my life."

The organization where I am employed is tackling these same issues of genuine inclusion, and in every management discussion I find myself modeling more comfortable, honest exchanges. I'm a long way from perfect in these skills, but I feel far more confident than before."

"I've found the Cultural Intelligence awareness helps whether I'm in the dominant or subordinate group in a given situation. I transferred from a West Coast office that actively celebrated our variety of faiths and ethnic backgrounds. My St. Louis workplace seems to assume everyone is white, upper middle class, straight and Christian. A coworker recently went from desk to desk asking each person how they are changing their Christmas observance in the pandemic. I was tempted to lecture, but instead simply answered that I don't celebrate that holiday. The next day she brought in boxes of holiday cookies and asked me politely if it would be okay for her to offer me some. Of course I was happy to share in a token of her celebration as long as we both recognized that it was not my own. Debriefing with my small group, I realized I too can ask – rather than assume – how I should best acknowledge holidays of all cultures."

"I've done other diversity and inclusion trainings and thought I was pretty adept. I quickly realized that what I thought was helpful – minimizing differences – was actually disrespectful of others' lived experiences."

"I wasn't as unbiased as I wanted to believe. For example, I unconsciously judged others in superficial ways including grammar and speech mannerisms. Now I remind myself to slow down and ask 'Does that really represent this person's intelligence or is it just a learned pattern?'"

"My small group talked a lot about small touches of kindness we could extend to people we encounter, especially during a pandemic, to ease the stress. Even little things like holding doors, eye-smiles, letting others speak first in virtual meetings, acknowledging accomplishments, and sending notes of encouragement can extend beyond our immediate circle of friends to the larger world around us."

For insight on building your own Cultural Intelligence, check out Dr. Narishkin's blog post on Five Ways Whites Can Effectively Respond in Cross-Cultural Conversations at: bit.ly/39Sl3yj.

We would like to thank our Ambassador Group facilitators for all their hard work and dedication to this endeavor – Amy Hammerman, Julie Hundman, Mary Murphy, Karen Silverman, and Amanda Stein.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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NCJW
KIDSCOMMUNITYCLOSET

Kids Community Closet (KCC) continues to support the children at our partner schools in a variety of ways. Since the 2020 Back to School! Store was unable to provide coats, it was of the utmost importance that all of the coats be distributed through KCC. We have delivered a combined 1,500 coats through our KCC Schools and the St. Louis Public School Winter Wonderland event for displaced students.



KCC has had the unique opportunity to support our partner schools in other ways. This past Fall, KCC donated brand new books to Jefferson Elementary in the St. Louis Public School District and Jefferson School, a part of the Normandy Schools Collaborative. Beautiful thank you notes arrived at the NCJWSTL office from students and teachers stating, "I love Books!" and "The National Council of Jewish Women shared a smile!" One second grade teacher wrote, "Many of our students do not have access to books within their home, and now because of YOU, they have books of their very own to read anytime they would like."

KCC is excited to welcome Buder Elementary School in the St. Louis Public School District. KCC is now serving 32 schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you are interested in being a closet liaison please contact our KCC Chairs, Diane Packman at love2mom2460@gmail.com or Michelle Brooks at michelleLbrooks@hotmail.com.

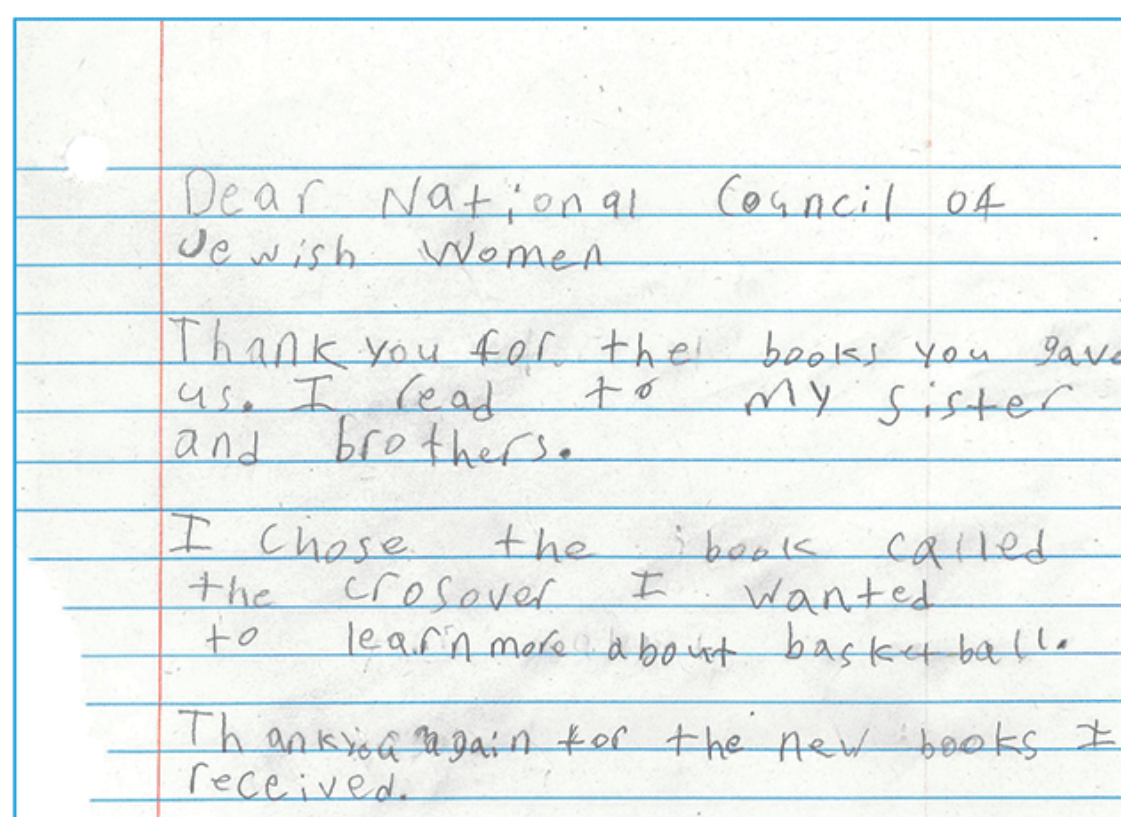
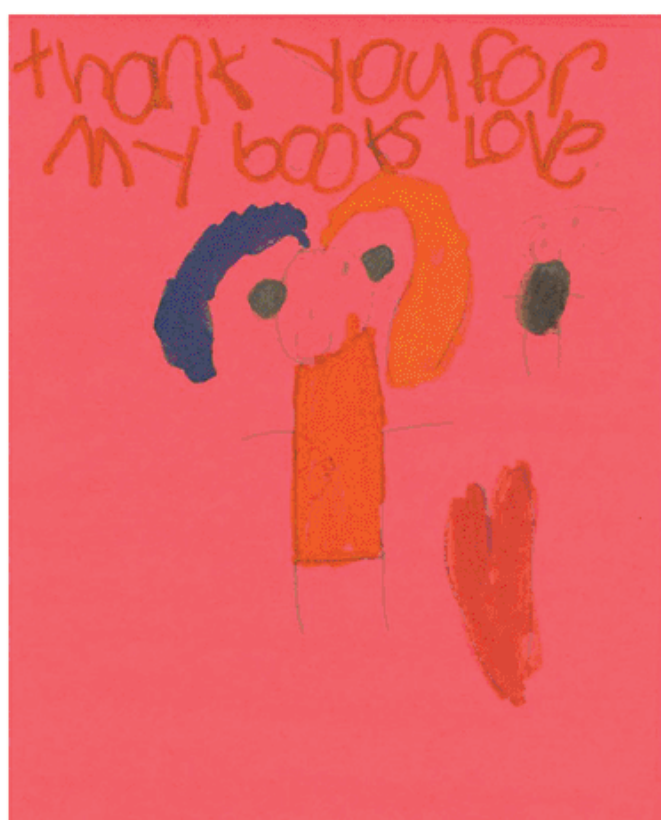


(Top) NCJWSTL Community Service Program Director, Marci Ranger, and Teri Brandvein, KCC Program Assistant, drop off coats to staff at St. Louis Public Schools' Winter Wonderland event

(Middle) Michelle Iken pictured with a donation of children's clothes from Churchill Center & School

(Bottom) Pictured (from left) are: Cassandra Griffin, Obama Family Engagement Liaison (FEL) and Principal Dr. Netra Taylor at Barak Obama Elementary School

(Right) A couple of thank you notes from elementary students in the Normandy Schools Collaborative that received books from NCJWSTL



NCJW **BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE**

Planning for the 2021 Back to School! Store contactless delivery event is well underway! Building on the success of the 2020 BTSS delivery event, we'll be impacting and supporting 2,000 kids with not just backpacks and school supplies, but so much more!

Stay tuned for updates about the wonderful new items we're adding and how to get involved as a delivery driver or event volunteer. If you are interested in joining the BTSS Steering committee, please contact Marci Ranger at mranger@ncjwstl.org.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2021 BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021!



The Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman program is a support group for women who have recently lost their husbands and life partners. NCJWSTL sponsors three groups per year thanks to support from donors such as Berger Memorial, Susan Turken, and Bernard and Sally Stein.

Thanks to the leadership of former chair Eleanor Rosenbaum the program has been able to continue during the pandemic through Zoom groups. Thank you to Eleanor for her six years of service to the program. If you are interested in learning more about the program or participating please call our office at 314.993.5181 or visit ncjwstl.org.



Thank you, Eleanor Rosenbaum!

Healing Hearts Bank has recently opened a branch in partnership with Ritenour School District. District social workers have all been trained on the Healing Hearts Bank program and will now have this in their toolbox to help women and families who may qualify for these micro loans. "As a school teacher I see how some families just need a little help to get through a holiday season or during this pandemic as people are laid off and certain businesses are slow. I realized NCJWSTL had the ability to offer these families a resource when they do not qualify for traditional loans and are a preferable option to payday lending companies," said Amanda Stein, Vice President of Community Service and third grade teacher at Iveland Elementary in the Ritenour School District.



Healing Hearts Bank is hopeful that this will help meet more needs of families as well as provide potential partnership opportunities in the future.

The Healing Hearts Bank sends our gratitude to Suzanne Hough, Vice President of Community Development at Carrolton Bank, for their generosity in underwriting interest payments on loans paid off in 2020 by Borrowers at the LifeWise HHB Branch.

If you are interested in becoming a HHB Banker, please contact Marci Ranger at mranger@ncjwstl.org.

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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, Lise and Lee Bernstein, Drs. Nanci and James Bobrow, Michelle and Gary Brooks, Gail and Charles Eisenkramer, Lisa and Mark Gubernik, Amy and Zach Hammerman, Marlene and Harley Hammerman, Terry* and Harvey* Hieken, Betty Kagan, Karen Kalish, Susan Katzman, Lucy and David Levy, Sidney Martin*, Nina Needleman, Sherri and Steve Newstead, Marilyn and Gary Ratkin, Nancy Siteman, Ruth and Alvin Siteman, Rochelle Weiss and Stephen Loeb, Susan and Alan Witte (**of blessed memory*)

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WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

NCJWSTL wants to make sure that our members are getting the most out of their membership and ensure that everyone is able to engage and connect with our community. Please take a moment to go online and answer our membership survey: bit.ly/NCJWSTLMembershipSurvey.

(Left to Right) Marilyn Ratkin, Farilyn Hale, Carole Levin



WE WELCOME THESE NEW LIFE MEMBERS As of January 12, 2021

Barbara Barnholtz, Deborah Matson, Kathy McDaniel, Lynn Wittels

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

Ellen Boime, Amye Carrigan, Toba Cohen-Dunning, Sabrina Davis, Kim Goldenberg, Judy Gorin, Frances Levine, Liz & Bruce Shapiro

WE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS IN LOVING MEMORY

Harriet Dunski, Carol S. Jacobson, Toby Katz, Joan Ann Sessel, Marilyn Spirt

RENEW YOUR NCJWSTL MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS – STAND WITH NCJWSTL!

NCJWSTL continues to offer monthly virtual events to help keep us connected and informed throughout these challenging times. Our community comes together to learn, make a difference, volunteer, and at Coffee Talk, share some levity and laughter.

Your membership makes this possible. Please consider joining or renewing your dues today. Your membership keeps NCJWSTL connected, strong, and positioned to advance social and economic justice for all women, children, and families.

Membership benefits include:

- Membership events like Coffee Talk with SnL and Lunch & Learns
- Exclusive pricing for special events
- Complimentary notary service provided to members – Email jbernstein@ncjwstl.org for more information
- Resources to make informed decisions in the voting booth
- Networking, connecting, and building relationships with other members and supporters
- Online membership directory access
- Making a difference in the lives of women, children, and families here in the St. Louis area and so much more.

Your NCJWSTL membership ensures that NCJWSTL continues social activism and community service for another 125 years.



(Above - L to R) Lisa Gubernik, Marjorie Ingall, Marissa Rosen, Hillary Hinz

IT'S EASY TO JOIN OR RENEW!

Visit our website at ncjwstl.org and click on 'JOIN' or call us at 314.993.5181 to pay via phone.

- 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 membership each year.

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).

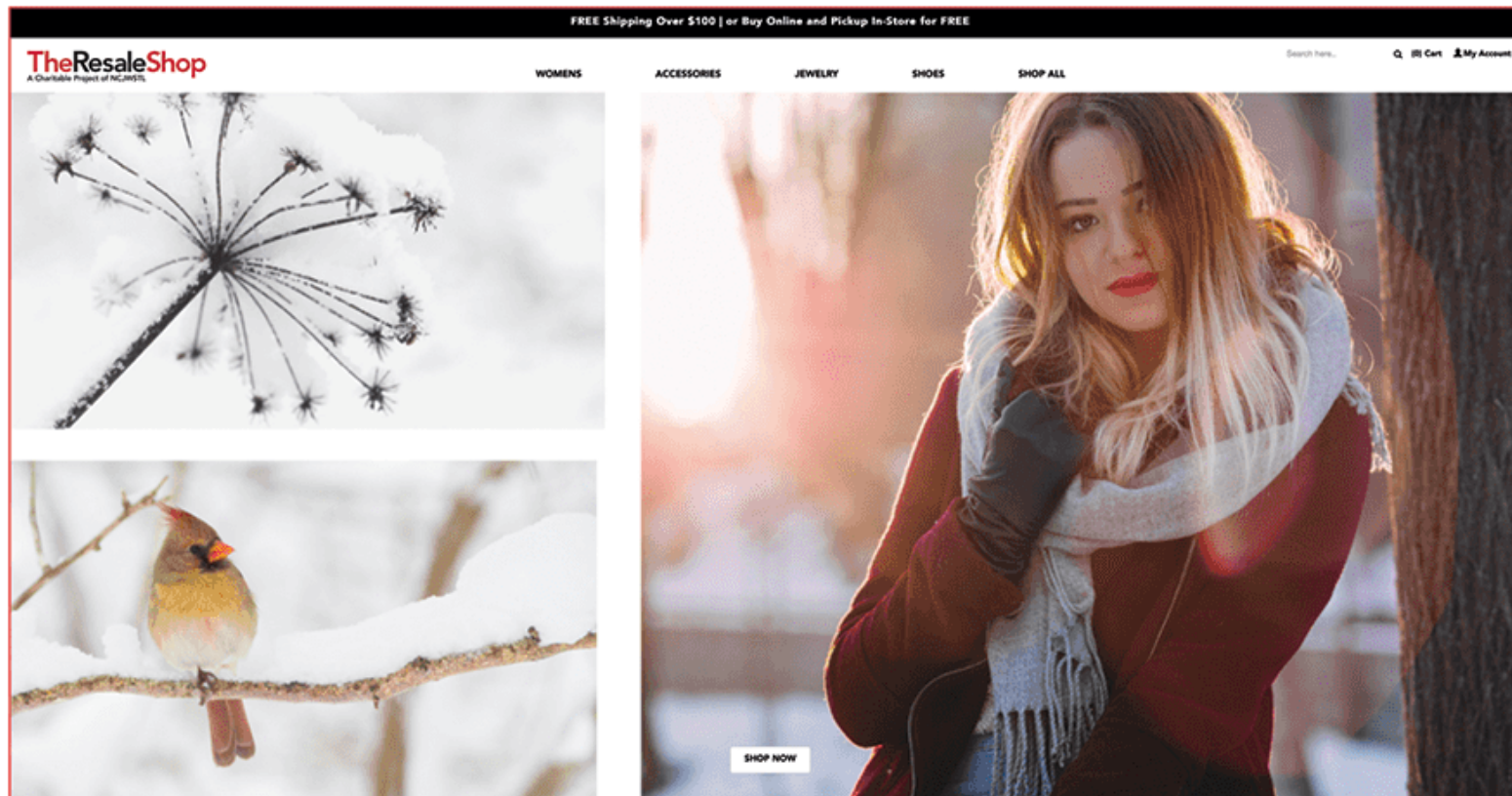


THE RESALE SHOP IS GOING VIRTUAL!

The Resale Shop is in its final stages of launching a new ecommerce website.

Shoppers will be able to find a hand-selected collection of women's clothing, accessories, jewelry, and shoes. Online orders can be picked up curbside at The Resale Shop or shipped directly to your home. Once the site goes live, we will send an email invitation for you to explore theresaleshop.org.

Online shopping has been a lifeline for many shoppers as the pandemic shuttered stores and kept people at home. COVID-19 has accelerated the change in how people shop in a world growing more comfortable and savvy with technology. Ecommerce sales' strong growth is expected to continue long after the virus subsides. Online sales are likely to take a progressively larger portion of all retail sales over the next two years. This new site positions The Resale Shop to be relevant to online shoppers and expands our capacity to financially support the mission of NCJWSTL, advancing social and economic justice for all women, children, and families.



(Top) The Resale Shop can be shopped on desktop or mobile (Middle) The winter landing page for The Resale Shop's new ecommerce site; Jessica Duneman showcases USPS boxes that will be used to ship orders to ecommerce shoppers. (Bottom) Riona Oshima-Ryan, Ecommerce Specialist, taking measurements, working closely with Karen Rieger, Donation Center Manager to curate products available for sale on the ecommerce site and photographing products for the ecommerce site.

DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE TALK WITH SnL

We will be sipping our favorite morning beverage and enjoying each other's company while discussing light topics.

You're invited to join us for our virtual monthly coffee talks hosted by NCJWSTL's Immediate Past President, Susan Katzman and Vice President of Membership, Lisa Gubernik. Each month we also have a special guest! Previous guests have included actress Annie Potts, the Sklar Brothers, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers co-founder Scott Redler, Pilates instructor, Kim Lieberman, art and jewelry designer, Diane Katzman, fashion designer, Madison Marks and former Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune executive producer, Harry Friedman.

Coffee Talk takes place on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM CST. Please register by visiting ncjwstl.org, calling the office, or emailing Heather Libhart at hlibhart@ncjwstl.org.

- Tuesday, March 23
- Tuesday, April 27
- Tuesday, May 25



NCJWSTL presents

Coffee Talk with SnL

VIRTUAL EVENT



NCJWSTL'S GRAPE ESCAPE: THE ULTIMATE WINE & FOOD TASTING

SATURDAY, APRIL 10
6:30 PM CST

Enjoy a fun night of fun, food, and wine as we Zoom together to taste exquisitely paired wines and a four-course menu! The evening promises to be a fun, new foray into virtual events and funds raised will benefit NCJWSTL's programs supporting women, children, and families in St. Louis. For more information and to register for this event please visit ncjwstl.org.

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VIRTUAL EVENT



HERB-AN GARDENING THURSDAY, MAY 13 | 6:00 PM CST

Join us for a fun evening where you can plant some herbs at home and learn about urban gardening in our community. Visit ncjwstl.org for more information.

VIRTUAL EVENT

NCJWSTL INSTALLATION

THURSDAY, MAY 27 | 5:30 PM CST

Please join us for our Board Installation and presentation of our 2021 Section Awards. Details and a formal invitation coming soon!

VIRTUAL EVENT

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

Sisters Act!

NCJWSTL 127TH CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE
April 27, 2022

One Woman Makes a Difference

Who is the volunteer who comes into the office with a smile each day?
Who is the volunteer who does our mailings so efficiently?
Who is the volunteer who answers the phone with such enthusiasm?
Who is the volunteer who says life is "super!"
Who is the volunteer who never says "no" when asked to help in the office?
Did you guess right?
Yes, it's **Jackie Zalmanoff**... that's who!
Thank you, Jackie, for making a difference!



THE IMPACT OF NCJWSTL

A Story to Share by Toba Cohen-Dunning

I want to share a story with you about my Aunt, Jacqueline Cohen Zalmanoff, a woman whose parents emigrated to the United States from Romania in 1903 to escape the pogroms. Aunt Jackie, as she was known to our family, was the youngest of seven children (the first was born on the boat in 1902) born to Tillie and Meyer Cohen on September 16, 1919, who settled in St. Louis, Missouri in 1904. Her parents spoke only Yiddish until they passed in the 1960s. Jackie was married in the 1950s in an orthodox synagogue in St. Louis and eventually moved to Texas to be with her children. Upon her return University City later in life, she settled into an apartment in a senior living center with a meaningful Jewish population, next to her favorite Schnucks grocery store.

What mattered most to her, however, was that this senior center housed her favorite organization, the National Council of Jewish Women! If you ever wonder how much your organization means to your volunteers, please remember Aunt Jackie. It gave her a reason to get up every morning late in life, to be a part of the community she loved so dearly, to feel as though she was making a difference. When her parents emigrated to the United States in the 1900s, NCJWSTL helped them settle. She never forgot that. In her own small way, she gave back to the organization that had made an impact on her family long before she was born. Every stamp she placed, every envelope she sealed, every copy she made, every person she greeted....made a difference....to her. Aunt Jackie died in 2007 and is buried in the Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Cemetery. Thank you NCJWSTL for making a difference and for making Aunt Jackie's life so meaningful.

Thank you Toba! Aunt Jackie has had a lasting impact and we are very grateful for her service and smiles shared over the years! Thank you to all of NJCWSTL's volunteers who make our work possible.

(Above) Jacqueline Cohen Zalmanoff featured in an NCJWSTL newsletter article from 2000



Sue Heller Marcus

MY NCJWSTL STORY

Sue Heller Marcus and the Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman program, as written by Darien Arnstein

Sue Heller wasn't really seeking out "a project" for involvement with NCJWSTL, but a project came looking for her. The Wife Widow Woman program began in the early 1970s as the concept of Helen Kornblum, who was a practicing therapist in St. Louis and had long been involved with NCJWSTL.

Helen wanted to start a "widows' group," because in her professional capacity she felt that widows seemed to need a structured group process to move beyond their grief and to become fully functioning women. Helen asked the advice of her rabbi, Joe Rosenbloom at Temple Emanuel, who recommended that she reach out to Sue Heller for her expertise and guidance. Sue had been a widow for eleven years at that point, and was able to provide the perspective of a widow for building this program, along with Helen's professional expertise. They proposed the first session to then-President Lynn Lyss, who was impressed with their concept and embraced the idea. Betty Baron, during her term as President, provided encouragement for its continuation.

The basic outline of the program, which they named Wife Widow Woman, was to assist recently widowed women, who had previously only identified as wives, to begin to view themselves as women, not as widows, functioning in the new landscape of their situation. The first group met at night in the women's homes. Sue and Helen felt that meeting in homes was more personal, and gave each woman the opportunity to be the "hostess" using their own china and building their self-esteem as well as bonding as a group. Sue recalls that, in those days, some women wouldn't even go out to dinner by themselves with other women.

The priority of the program was that everything shared was kept confidential within the group. The program was time-limited, free of charge, and open to any widow in the St. Louis area, Jewish or non-Jewish, of any background and certainly not limited to NCJWSTL members. Helen volunteered her expertise as therapist and when Sue became the "lay leader" as a widow herself she was also a volunteer. Together Sue and Helen led these groups for seven or eight years, before turning over the program to Doris Diamond, Thelma Edelstein, Carole Simon, and subsequently to Eleanor Rosenbaum. The program has adapted and grown to meet the current times, now meeting both daytime and evening, with paid professional therapists along with a widow who facilitates as a volunteer (much as Sue Heller did in the beginning). The program is currently run by the Wife Widow Woman Board, which does outreach to newly widowed women.

We celebrate the involvement of Nardie and Sally Stein, who have provided important financial funding for the program. At their urging, Nardie's sister, Jean Stein Bloch, moved to St. Louis in the mid-1970s after being recently widowed, and joined WWW where she found life-long friends and others coping with loss. Jean later "paid it forward" by volunteering as a co-leader for future groups.

Many women in the St. Louis community give high praise to the Wife Widow Woman program (now named for Jean Stein Bloch). Sue Marcus recalls hearing from numerous women, some whom she really didn't know well, that "the program just saved my life." Over 900 women have participated in the Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman program since it began in 1976, and their lives have been enriched. This is truly exemplary of the NCJWSTL mission, to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families. Thank you to Sue Heller Marcus and Helen Kornblum, for inaugurating this most impactful service to our community, and to the many volunteers who keep it running to this day. The Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman continues as one of NCJWSTL's longest-enduring, and well-loved community service projects.

PARTNERS FOR OUR FUTURE

We are excited to announce that, as of January 31, 2021, we have received commitments totaling almost 80% of our targeted goal for our 125th Anniversary Endowment Campaign, *Partners for Our Future*! We began this effort prior to 2020 – and last year clearly became a most challenging time for fundraising. We are thrilled that our community has responded and affirmed the need for NCJWSTL to maintain and expand our impact in the community. During these difficult times, it is critical that we have the financial capacity to weather challenges, and that’s what the endowment fund will do – provide financial stability to NCJWSTL for the next 125 years.

Please consider joining this effort and help us reach our \$1.6 million Endowment Campaign goal! We are proud our NCJWSTL Board of Directors have each committed to participate. Our goal is in sight! Please contribute now and become part of our future!

Our historical impact has never been more compelling. NCJWSTL has pioneered the founding of many community programs, many of which now exist as independent non-profit organizations. 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

It’s critical that NCJWSTL be around and strong for another 125 years. Our work has never been more urgent, and current issues bear this out even more. We have become a respected voice in the community, participating in and leading change. *Partners for Our Future* is our campaign, in honor of our 125th Anniversary, to create an Endowment Fund to ensure and expand NCJWSTL’s financial capacity to sustain our work into the future, ensuring NCJWSTL’s legacy will continue. This Endowment Campaign will ensure that our legacy will continue far into the future. This endowment fund permanently restricts its donations in perpetuity and spins off four percent annually to provide long-term stability and financial viability.

At this time, we want to especially thank, and recognize, our generous donors (*listing is current as of January 10*) who have already participated by making a commitment to the *Partners for Our Future* Campaign:

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- Evelyn and Louis Cohen
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* Legacy Circle Member ** Of Blessed Memory

If you haven't yet participated in our Endowment Campaign, we hope you will consider becoming a [Partner for Our Future](#) to ensure the continuing strength of NCJWSTL. There are several options for your one-time commitment:

- A one-time cash gift
- A multi-year commitment
- Join our Legacy Circle by making a designated gift to NCJWSTL in your will or estate plan

Or, you can combine any of these. This gift should not replace your dues contribution, your annual campaign or Hannah G. Solomon Society gift. It is a one-time gift to this Endowment Campaign, in honor of our 125th Anniversary, and we deeply appreciate and thank you for your support and consideration. Please help us continue our commitment to the women, children and families of St. Louis as we have done since 1895. Be a part of keeping NCJWSTL strong! Questions about the [Partners for Our Future 125th Anniversary Endowment Campaign](#) can be directed to Darien Arnstein at sdarnstein@sbcglobal.net or Jessa Glick at jglick@ncjwstl.org.



The Newstead Family

NEWSTEAD FAMILY: MULTI-GENERATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

The Newstead family, parents Sherri and Steve and children Andrea and Todd, support each other as part of a close family network and have generously supported the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL) for many years with their time and talent.

Sherri Newstead got involved over 40 years ago and is still volunteering today, bringing her devoted family along with her. She began her connection to NCJWSTL by joining the "Evening Group" which was a social group for young mothers. Soon after she transitioned to the Board Executive Committee and became VP of Membership. Sherri traveled to other cities with NCJW chapters and discovered Junior Council, a community service and advocacy group for girls from 5th to 12th grade. The hope was to get them involved at an early age and teach them the value of giving back to the community in a meaningful way. Many of Sherri's "girls" went on to become Board members and are still active today. Their daughter Andrea got involved in fifth grade, became President of Junior Council, and a member of the national Junior Council board. She stayed involved all through high school and even came back after college (while living in Chicago) to volunteer at the Back to School! Store (BTSS).

Sherri joined the BTSS steering committee at its inception and continues to volunteer with her family members every year. Andrea moved back to St. Louis after graduating college and soon after followed in her mom's footsteps by joining the BTSS steering committee. She ended up chairing BTSS for six years before she became the Vice President of Community Service overseeing both BTSS and Kids Community Closet. Sherri's husband Steve started by volunteering at BTSS and now serves on the Advisory Committee with other community leaders and volunteers. In recognition of their outstanding community service, Sherri and Steve Newstead were honored by NCJWSTL in 2014 with the Volunteer Service Award. Andrea received the Emerging Leader award in 2011 and the Leadership award in 2015. Their son Todd and his wife Jessica have both volunteered for BTSS for years. Part of Todd's job is to take Fredbird, St. Louis Cardinals mascot, around to greet all the kids who are shopping for school in the store. Todd and Jessica both work at Stifel, who has been a longtime sponsor and also provided financial literacy coloring books for each child to take home. During COVID the whole family loaded up their cars and delivered backpacks filled with school supplies and drove them to community organizations supported by NCJWSTL to make sure kids felt prepared and excited for the first day of school. Andrea's son, Evan, and his cousin, Davis, 22 months and 3 1/2 years, were proud helpers too!

The family mantra is: Once one family member gets involved, we all get involved. And they are passionately involved. Recently Sherri and Steve decided to become [Partners for Our Future](#) by giving a Legacy Circle gift to the [125th Anniversary Partners for Our Future Endowment Campaign](#). When asked why they decided to support NCJWSTL by making a planned gift, Sherri said "We are very fortunate we can contribute time and money to an organization like NCJWSTL which is very near and dear to our hearts." By joining the Legacy Circle, they have chosen to ensure that women, children and families will continue to get the help they need well into the future.

We want to thank the Newstead family from the bottom of our hearts, and all of our Legacy Circle members. Every Legacy Circle member is truly a living legacy by honoring our past, expanding our present, and sustaining NCJWSTL's future.



Nancy Litz,
NCJWSTL VP Leadership

NANCY LITZ

Nancy Litz is a "giver" to NCJWSTL with her time, talent, and treasure ...and has a story that is worth telling.

She was born into a family that taught about supporting her community. However, as an adult she spent over 20 years in two consecutive relationships that were verbally, emotionally, and financially controlling to the extreme. Nancy had very limited access to money...even her own earnings...so her contributions were limited to the "talent" category. When she finally divorced, she was raising three teenagers alone on a crazy-tight budget. "So my story about money was rooted in fear and scarcity. And my story about my own abilities was about the same."

Nancy encountered NCJWSTL women on a Planned Parenthood Lobby Day trip, and later was invited to a Lunch & Learn - and became hooked! "All my big issues under one umbrella - Reproductive Health, LGBTQ and Racial Equity, with the Mission to Improve the Lives of Women, Children and Families." She was invited to participate in an NCJWSTL Leadership Class and eventually served on the Board and as an officer. "Of course I gave to the NCJWSTL Annual Campaign but it was minimal. Although I always aspired to become a Hannah G. Solomon donor (\$1,000), I certainly did not see that as possible."

"NCJWSTL helped me to gradually see myself in a whole new way. People believed in me, offered me responsibility, supported my efforts, and provided positive feedback. It was a long but gratifying journey, and both my confidence and business success (wardrobe consultant) started to grow. And, I felt the time had come that I could be a Hannah G. donor. Having the option to pay monthly made all of the difference in the world for me!" And, after a few months, Nancy felt comfortable writing an annual check.

"Because I am a VP on the board, I felt responsible to make a visible contribution to the 125th campaign - but the lowest category was far outside my comfort zone. Again the segmented option made it less scary... half now and half in equal increments over the next 5 years. I thought about how much I believe in the mission and how much I want to ensure that it continues. I thought about the incredible gift of growth the organization has given me. I took the plunge, and it felt so good!"

Nancy acknowledges that she would not be the person she is today, or have the increasing business success, were it not for NCJWSTL. The organization and individuals within it have pushed her out of her 'scaredy-cat little box' and taught her to play a bigger game, "I'm so excited about the things NCJWSTL will do in the future to benefit my daughters and all the young women and children coming along behind us."

Ironically, the COVID situation has turbo-charged her wardrobe consulting practice. Now she can work virtually with clients all across the country and be far more profitable. In retrospect, Nancy shares, "It didn't seem right to profit so much from a pandemic that caused such devastation for others, so I've increased my NCJWSTL giving, and added the food pantry to my list. Knowing how many families needed food assistance, I first volunteered in the warehouse. Then I thought of pledging a portion of fees from my new online classes as a financial donation. My class participants love it, and many have been motivated to volunteer or donate to food efforts in their own communities too. I guess giving is one thing that is contagious ... in a good way."

*NCJWSTL is so fortunate to have the time, talent and treasure of Nancy Litz as we move forward in 2021 and beyond with our mission to improve the lives of women, children, and families! Thank you to Nancy and everyone who supports NCJWSTL as we **Partner for Our Future** together.*

MEMBERSHIP

- 1893** **National Council of Jewish Women is founded** by Hannah G. Solomon in Chicago with an initial membership of 93 delegates from 29 cities.
- 1895** **National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis is established** on October 14th with an initial membership of 34.
- 2017** **St. Louis Section in top five** largest sections in the country.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 1991** **Reproductive Freedom Award**, Freedom of Choice Council of Greater St. Louis
- 1991** **Southwestern Bell Telephone Volunteer Award**, JC Penney Golden Rule Award given to "Let's Prevent Child Abuse" volunteers
- 1993** **Citizens Building Community Award**, Confluence St. Louis
- 2003** **What's Right with the Region Award**, FOCUS St. Louis: Back To School! Store Program
- 2015** **What's Right with the Region Award**, FOCUS St. Louis Healing Hearts Bank Microlending Program
- 2017** **Heart of the Community Award**, City of Creve Coeur
- 2019** **Torch Award**, Better Business Bureau

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- 1960** **Art Interest Group** is developed in partnership with The St. Louis Art Museum.
- 1983** **Oral History Project** is initiated to preserve the past for future generations. Trained volunteers conduct interviews and record family histories.
- 1986** **Junior Council** is created to foster community service leadership among Jewish youth.
- 1988** **Inside Israel** begins as a volunteer program to present the history and culture of Israel to local 6th graders.
- 1989** **Rule of Thumb** video is produced to provide education on domestic violence.
- 1996** **Moonlighters** program is established for women in their 20's and 30's in different stages of life. Became the **Young Women's Council** in 1999.
- 2008** **Lunch and Learn** education series begins, educating people about the election process, political environment and legislative involvement.
- 2016** **House Parties** by NCJWSSTL begin with volunteers visiting homes and organizations to provide interactive training on how to advocate.



The Council Shop (1940)

ADVOCACY

- 1995** **Silent Witness** at the Saint Louis Holocaust Memorial Museum to tour the museum.
- 1995** **When Women Speak** video project by NCJWSSTL, women's voices to celebrate pioneering volunteer service projects.
- 2001** **Benchmark** watchdog appointment Courts Monitor.
- 2014** **Trafficking Awareness** established community to protect.
- 2017** **Long Action Contraception** is established change in more access.
- 2018** **Trafficking Awareness** mandated where victims due to the.



Couturier (1984)

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- 1919** **Free Milk Program** pioneered in St. Louis public schools.
- 1920** **St. Louis Scholarship Committee** is founded to provide interest-free loans for post-high school education. Now known as the Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis.
- 1923** **Luncheons for the Blind** begins and became the section's longest running community service project.
- 1940** **Council Shop** is established as a resale store, now called The Resale Shop. Profits provide funding to support NCJWSTL projects.
- 1956** **Council House Summer Day Camp**, "Camp Council," is opened serving 600 children ages 6-10.
- 1964** **Couturier Sale** is held in a member's home. This designer event has continued as an annual event and source of funding for NCJWSTL community service projects.
- 1969** **The Delcrest**, a senior citizen apartment complex, opens in University City. The Gladys and Henry Crown Center for Senior Living (the Delcrest II) was dedicated in 1995.



Free Milk Program (1919)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 1976** **Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman** support group is formed for widowed women of all ages.
- 1980** **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** is founded to advocate for the rights of abused and neglected children.
- 1985** **Advocate Services for Abused Women** is established to assist women seeking legal protection from abusive relationships. Became Legal Advocates for Abused Women (LAAW).
- 2000** **Back to School! Store™** is developed as a one-day event to provide brand new clothing, school supplies and personal care items to underserved children, allowing them to start school prepared with positive self-esteem.
- 2008** **Kids Community Closet** pilots in the Wellston School District. Closets are built in selected schools to provide emergency items to children, enabling them to maintain attendance in school.
- 2011** **Healing Hearts Bank** is created as part of the Higher Ground initiative to provide micro-loans to help women regain financial independence.
- 2014** **Project Renewal** is created to empower underserved women by helping them gain new skills and items needed to take control of their lives.



Camp Council (1956)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2021

- 10 Leadership Class
- 14 Project Renewal
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day Sale @ The Resale Shop**
- 18 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Police Violence & Reform
- 19-20 **Spring Fling Sale @ The Resale Shop**
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 22 Executive Team Meeting
- 23 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 24 Leadership Class
- 27 Passover – Begins at sunset

APRIL 2021

- 2-3 **Easter Sale @ The Resale Shop**
- 4 Passover – Ends at sunset
- 7 Leadership Class
- 10 NCJWSTL's Grape Escape: The Ultimate Food & Wine Tasting
- 15 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Cultural Intelligence:
How to Advocate More Productively
- 21 Leadership Class
- 22 **Earth Day Sale @ The Resale Shop**
- 26 Board Meeting
- 27 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 28 Wine & Wisdom Virtual Book Club

MAY 2021

- 4 **Star Wars Day Sale @ The Resale Shop**
- 5 Leadership Class
- 7-8 **Mother's Day Sale @ The Resale Shop**
- 9 Mother's Day
- 13 Herb-an Gardening Virtual Event
- 16 Shavuot – Begins at sunset
- 18 Shavuot – Ends at sunset
- 20 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Housing Inequality in St. Louis
- 24 Board Meeting
- 25 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 27 NCJWSTL Installation & Section Awards
- 28-29 **Memorial Day Sale @ The Resale Shop**
- 31 Memorial Day – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop closed

TRIBUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2020 – JANUARY 12, 2021

As we come together to support one another in difficult times, we also celebrate each other's joys. You can honor and celebrate a special event in your or a loved one's life by making a tribute.

Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and personal wins - big or small - are all great ways to honor and celebrate those we love and are most proud of.

You can set up a tribute charge account, and know that you only need to call the office to make your tribute! For more information on how to make a tribute, visit ncjwstl.org/donate/tributes or call the office at 314.993.5181

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

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