

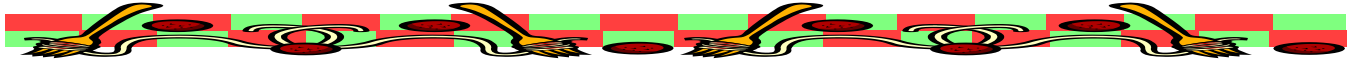


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# Past, Present & Pasta

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, AZ. SECTION

Invites you to the 2011/2012 Board

Installation Dinner & Concert

Sunday, June 5, 2011

5: PM

McDowell Mountain Ranch Center

16116 N. McDowell Mountain Ranch Road

**\$18.00 per person**

(husbands, significant others & friends welcome)

Debby Offenhauser, locally known pianist

Italian Cuisine

Your check will be your receipt by May 31, 2011

Mail check to Debby Finkel

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As my first term as President comes to an end, I am reflecting on the informative and compelling programs we presented this year at our General Meetings. The objective of the program committee was to educate, motivate and even, at times, entertain the attendees. Personally, I think we accomplished this goal. Our April meeting was an example of one such a meeting. We met at the New Shul in North Scottsdale in the beautiful main sanctuary of the synagogue. It was a perfect setting to discuss the "Jewish View on Organ Transplants". Rabbi Elena Kanter gave us a perspective from various sources, quoting learned scholars through the ages. She brought to the conclusion that pointed to the fact that as Jews we are expected, if possible, to save a life in any way. *"She/He who saves one life, it is as if she/he has saved an entire world-Mishna Sanhedrin 4.5.* Personally I grew up thinking that being an organ donor was not the Jewish "way. Naively I thought we needed to have all our body parts if we die before the time of the Resurrection of the Dead. The example I was given referenced a soldier's being buried with a previously amputated body part. According to Rabbi Avineer, 2004 this is nonsense, - *"both the one who died of illness and the soldier who was fatally wounded will arise complete...on the contrary; an organ with which this great mitzvah is done will reappear twice as healthy (at the time of resurrection)".* Rabbi Kanter discussed organ donation after death and during one's life, just to give you an example of the scope of this issue. If you are interested in getting more information on the subject, please contact me and I will send you a copy of the slide presentation. Unfortunately, only 20 attendees availed themselves of this worthwhile program and over the past year our attendance was not spectacular even though the programs were. I am looking forward to more of the same type of quality programming for 2011/2012 and I hope to see more of our members and friends share in the information we will be attempting to disseminate. Wishing you all a fun and healthy summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Respectfully,  
Carol Consalvo

# FUNDRAISING

## 2011-2012 promises to be an exciting year of Fundraising for NCJW

We are working on several fun and interesting events and activities for the upcoming year.

Some of the ideas being considered are:  
**Chinese Auction (no, we are not selling Chinese items),**

**Beading night (lots of fun for all of us fashionistas),**  
**High Tea,**

**Restaurant Day at local eateries with bakery items, breakfast, lunch, and dinner returning 20% of the check to NCJW.**

If you would like to be part of the planning for these events, or if you have ideas that you would like to share, please email me I hope to hear from you so that together we can maximize our plans and ideas for the benefit of NCJW.

> > Email me at: [michele@gusdorff.com](mailto:michele@gusdorff.com)



# 2011-2012 BOARD

The 2011/2012 Board is as follows:

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# TRIBUTES

FROM	TO	REASON
Lee and Debby Finkel	Mr and Mrs Ron Spitz	loving memory of Mayta's father
Lee and Debby Finkel	Ken Mossman	loving memory of Blaire
Fran Richter	Ken Mossman	loving memory of Blaire
AZ Section of NCJW	Ken Mossman	loving memory of Blaire
Steve and Judi Gross	Ken Mossman	loving memory of Blaire
Carol Consalvo	Ken Mossman	loving memory of Blaire
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Joan and Jerry Milman>	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter
Judy and Larry Magid	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter
Ilene and Howard Kornblue	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter
Al and Harriet Lobliner	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter
Carol and Joe Consalvo	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter
The Greenbergs	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter
The Tillems	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter
The Witzers	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter

## OBITUARY This past month Blaire Mossman passed away.

Blaire was a life member of NCJW AZ Section along with being a past board member, holding the office of President and Vice President of Community Action. Additionally, Blaire was awarded the Emerging Leader Award from our Section. Her early demise is just so "Blaire", as she was early, never late or even on time for anything. We can only imagine what she is doing right now, reorganizing the heavens so that when we meet her again, everything will be more that perfect, more than we expected. In the dictionary when you find the word "perfect", Blaire's name appears front and center. Let us remember Blaire for her wonderful friendship, her commitment to the community and her spirited personality. Our deepest sympathies to her husband, Ken and her entire family.



## MONDAY BOOK GROUP

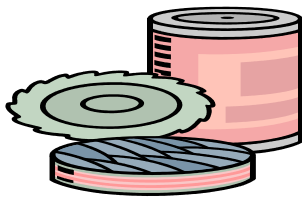
Thanks to Yvette and Bunny for the last book discussion. I was unable to attend but I heard it was excellent. Our next book group will meet on Monday, June 6th from 1:30-3:30 at the home of Hannah Kaplan. (hankaplan@gmail.com or events@ncjwaz.org.)

Our book for June will be **We Need to Talk About Kevin** by **Lionel Shriver**. Please respond to Hannah if you plan to attend. New members are welcome so please pass this information on.



Interested in learning canasta? Looking for an afternoon canasta game  
Contact Linda Mack Ross, at event@ncjwaz.org

# COMMUNITY ACTION



## FOOD BANK

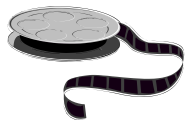
Bunny Berkowitz will collect any type of canned food for the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank. Anyone wishing to make a donation is urged to bring the item(s) to our next General Meeting.

## CARE PACKAGES

Please send care packages to our men and women serving in Afghanistan. Many of them are in areas where they do not have access to a PX or BX.

Their wish list includes Gatorade Powder, snacks(chips, pretzels, beef jerky) nothing that melts or is homemade, disposable razors, shaving cream, wet wipes, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, paste floss. For women sanitary pads, tampons etc. Paperback books and magazines. Out Post Office has boxes and envelopes that can be filled and mailed at special rates. \$4.90 or \$4.95. These can be mailed to Care of: SSG Herr, Michael A. > 7th Sustainment Brigade > APO AE 09355

# NCJW INTEREST GROUPS



International Dining	Contact Linda Ross
Movie Mavens	Contact Carol Lieber
Canasta	Contact Cheri LeMieux
Writing Group	Contact Diana Schmidt
Knit Wits and Happy Hookers	Freda Pine
Book Group	Contact Ellen Widoff
Bridge	Contact Elaine
Goldberg or Lynn Schmelzer	
All contact can be reached at	
event@ncjwaz.org just mention the group	
or contact and they will get back to you.	

## FREE DAILY CLICKS



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