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STAND UP FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES



January 29, 2012 9:30 LOVE IS KIND BRUNCH AND BOUTIQUE

Love shouldn't hurt but in many instances it does. Teen dating violence is a wide spread problem throughout the world. Teen dating violence runs through race, gender and socioeconomic lines. Both females and males are affected by dating violence.

Yet, when it comes to parental awareness, 81% say they either believe teen dating violence is not an issue, or admit that they do not know. Another 54% say they have not talked to their teen about teen dating violence.

Join us for an informative and inspiring morning and become inspired to help with this important cause. Help us to raise awareness and stop the cycle of violence in our community



JANUARY 9, 2012 10:30 am FIGHTING THE WAR ON WOMEN

Plan to join women from across the State and let the legislators in the 2012 Session know we are watching their voting habits. NCJW AZ is joining PLANNED PARENTHOOD, NARAL, AZList, NOW, and ARIZONA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS at a Rally at the Capitol on January 9th at 10:30 am to 12:30pm.

Please review the attached FLYER and RSVP to Carol Consalvo, carolc@ncjwaz.org.



JANUARY 23, 2012 7:30 pm TEMPLE SOLEL 6805 E. McDonald Drive, Scottsdale, Az.

This has not been a good year for women as both Congress and State Legislatures have revved up their attacks on Reproductive Choice and women's health generally. While no hero has come riding to our defense, there have been some bright moments in unexpected places! Come to hear the good, the bad and the downright scary on the status of women!

Eleanor Eisenberg has been a lifelong political junkie and an advocate for civil liberties and social justice.

As a lawyer she was engaged in advocacy on behalf of the poor as the director of a legal aid office in California. She was the executive Director of ACLU in Arizona and Executive Director of NARAL. In retirement she continues to work for women's rights, against the death penalty and for other social justice issues in a volunteer capacity.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members and Friends,
Busy...busy....busy....we are all so busy these days both personally and the Section as well. Especially this month... for our Section. Please review all our articles and record the dates and participate in our Teen Dating Abuse Annual Brunch, attend our General Meeting and join us at the Rally on the opening day of the AZ Legislature. This is a great way to begin 2012 by spending time and educating yourselves and friends regarding the projects and causes the Section works so hard to bring to the forefront.

Looking backwards, we had a wonderful Christmas Eve Game Night and Potluck Party. I want to **thank** all the attendees for bringing delicious and varied foods to make the potluck so interesting and importantly....delicious. After our wonderful dinner, most enjoyed all the different games that were being played and some just enjoyed each other's company and discussed everything and anything. It was definitely "the place to be" on Christmas Eve" and I already look forward to Christmas 2012.

Please remember our ongoing GAS RAFFLE and buy your chances. Remember we are raffling 3 Shell gas cards (\$300, \$200. & \$100.) that are valid all over the country. This way your friends and relatives can participate in supporting NCJW as an honor to you and your commitment to the organization.

After our November General Meeting where we learned about Social Media, some of us were motivated to initiate a National Council of Jewish Women/Arizona (NCJW) Facebook organizational page. We are up and running and now we need you to "LIKE" our page. We will continue to send the Bulletin via email, maintain our Website and send out e-blasts on events and member news, but we are adding the Facebook page as another tool to communicate with our members and others. Again, visit the page, LIKE us, and then you will get notices on your WALL of events, news items, and pictures involving the Section. This is a onetime involvement! Just "LIKE" us and leave the rest to us.

Wishing everyone a productive, fun and, most importantly, a healthy 2012!!!

Carol Consalvo
President



LOVE IS KIND BRUNCH

This year our annual domestic violence brunch is being held on January 29, 2012 to focus on Teen Dating Abuse Prevention and Healthy Dating Relationships. It is our hope to raise funds for our own teen dating abuse program and to further the efforts of our partners Kaity's Way and the Purple Ribbon Council in our joint endeavor to interrupt the cycle of abuse before relationship violence becomes deadly. Our speakers for this important event will be Bobbi Sudberry who co-founded Kaity's Way and Donna Bartos who founded the Purple Ribbon Council.

Bobbi co-founded Kaity's Way in September 2008, with her husband Ric, in honor of their daughter Kaitlyn Marie Sudberry who, at the age of 17, was murdered by her ex-boyfriend. The mission of Kaity's Way is to promote understanding and educate the community to lessen the instances of violence among or against children through P.E.A.C.E. (Patience, Empathy, Acceptance, Caring, Equality). Bobbi will share Kaity's Story to bring awareness of the challenges parents face in recognizing the realities of teen dating violence.

Donna Bartos, founder of the Purple Ribbon Council will share her own experiences as a teen in an abusive dating relationship. She chose to keep quiet for a decade until she attended an educational program where she learned the startling statistics that domestic abuse kills an average of 4 women each day in the United States, leaving about 11 children orphaned each day. This education turned into a moment of obligation for Donna to share her story and become active in the movement to prevent domestic abuse and dating violence.

Since 2006, Donna created programs and volunteered her time and talent to engage everyday people to take action to help prevent domestic abuse BEFORE it starts and interrupt the cycle BEFORE relationship violence becomes deadly. Donna has inspired thousands of people across Arizona and the country to take on the cause and "GO PURPLE," while providing support and assistance to the most silent survivors - the children orphaned by domestic homicide and teens experiencing dating abuse.

“Love is Kind” Annual Brunch

National Council of Jewish Women /Arizona Section
cordially invites you to

Teen Dating Abuse and Healthy Dating Relationships

featuring a gift & fashion boutique

Sunday, January 29, 2012

10:30A.M. - 1:00 P.M., boutique opens at 9:30A.M.

Guest speakers:

Bobbi Sudberry, co-founder of Kaity’s Way &

Donna Bartos, The Purple Ribbon Council

Boutique items include: hand crafted items, jewelry, candles, decorative glass and more!

Chaparral Suites Resort, Mohave Room

5001N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale AZ

\$40 per person, \$10 for teens (up to 18 yrs.)

RSVP by: January 14, 2012 - limited seating, reservations required

Questions? Contact us at: events@ncjwaz.org

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Please make check payable to NCJW AZ. Chapter

Please reserve # _____ seats for the “Love is Kind” Annual Brunch featuring a gift & fashion boutique

Please seat me with: _____

Please reserve # _____ “What a Gas” raffle tickets for 3 chances to **WIN** a Shell Gasoline card for \$300, \$200 or \$100. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25!
(raffles stubs will be available at brunch) Drawing to be held March 22, 2012

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail address: _____

Total enclosed is \$ _____

FUND RAISING



NCJW, AZ Section, is busy with lots of upcoming activities. Mark your calendar for January 29, 2012. We will be having a delicious Brunch at the Chaparral Suites Resort, Scottsdale. The topic will be "Teen Dating Abuse." We have two experts in the field to speak, hear your concerns, and answer your questions. The topic is appropriate for teens, both girls and boys. Please invite them. We have special pricing for teens, 18 and under.

We will also be having a Gift and Fashion Boutique that day, starting at 9:30 AM and going until 1 PM. We will have candles, jewelry (some hand made), hand made glass Judaica and serving pieces, hand crafted purses and other items, and much more. Check out the flyer attached to this Bulletin for complete details.

Remember to support our "It's a Gas Raffle." The prizes are SHELL gift cards for \$100, \$200, and \$300. Raffle prices are just \$10 a ticket or 3/\$25. The prizes will be awarded in March at our Chinese Auction Event. Contact Connie Grunfeld for raffle tickets or more information.

We are busy planning more Dining Events. We have had successful events at both Nick's and at FLO'S. More info to follow for our next Dining Event. Don't forget our upcoming Phoenix Symphony event on February 18, at 8 PM. The Symphony will be playing the popular "Grand Canyon Suite" by Ferde Grofe.

Tickets are only \$50, in Section A, Main Floor. Contact Michele Gusdorff to purchase tickets. Happy and Healthy 2012 to all!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



with Child Crisis Center in Mesa

The best way to start your day...

Is patty cake your go to song? Do you love hide-n-go seek? If so, you are meant to hang with our little tiny tots!

We are seeking volunteers for our tiny tot unit from 8am noon on weekdays. These little ones, ages 0-3, are tons of fun!

Please visit their website at www.childcrisis.org for more information

about the Center and the many ways volunteers keep everything running. If you have further questions, please call Alicia Kenney at 480.969.2308

MONTHLY RECIPE

- 1 lb box Orzo, long grain rice shaped pasta
- 2/3 to 1 cup chopped fresh tomatoes or grape tomatoes
- 5 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup white Balsamic vinegar or Champagne vinegar
- 1/4 cup kalamata olives (use your eye)
- 1/2 cup pine nuts (use your eye)
- 6 oz crumbled Feta cheese with Mediterranean Herbs
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- pepper to taste

1- Cook orzo in boiling salted water with small amount of olive oil added until tender but firm, about 9 minutes.

2- Drain well and run cold water over it. Transfer to large bowl. Add garlic, tomatoes, oil, vinegar, olives and cheese.

3- Toss to blend. Pepper to taste.

4- Cover and refrigerate.

Can be served at room temperature or cold. Keeps for several days.

TRIBUTES

FROM	TO	REASON
NCJW Board of Az Section	Sydel Maher	Loving memory of Niece
Lynn, Larry Suki Schmelzer	Mark & Susan Jacobs	Mazel Tov of Birth of Baby
Lynn, Larry Suki Schmelzer	Paula & George Eckstein	Mazel Tov pf Birth of Twin Grandsons
Freda Pine Hannah Kaplan	Delia Alter	Mazel Tov on becoming American Citizen
Freda Pine Hannah Kaplan	Harold Saidler	Loving memory of Sister Helene Taylor
Freda Pine Hannah Kaplan	Pearl Moss	Loving memory of Sister Helene Taylor
Claire Bickel	Marcia Silberman	Mazel Tov on Retirement

MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Thanks to Lynn for her wonderful hospitality and facilitation. Welcome back snowbirds! It was good to see everyone.

Please find information about the next three meetings
January 9th 1:30-3:30

The German Bride Joanna Hershon

at Linda Feldman's home @smiles1969@cox.net
Berlin, 1861. Eva Frank, a sixteen-year-old Jewess, has her portrait painted, which leads to an indiscretion that has devastating consequences. Desperate to escape a painful situation, Eva marries Abraham Shein, an ambitious merchant who has returned home to Germany for the first time in a decade since establishing himself in the American West. The young bride leaves Berlin and its ghosts for an unfamiliar life halfway across the world, traversing the icy waters of the Atlantic and the rugged, sweeping terrain of the Santa Fe Trail.

Though Eva's existence in the rough and burgeoning community of Sante Fe, New Mexico, is a far cry from her life as a daughter of privilege, she soon begins to settle into the mystifying town. But this new setting cannot keep at bay the overwhelming memories of her former life, nor can it protect her from an increasing threat to her own safety that will force Eva to make a fateful decision.

February

The Invisible Bridge Julie Orringer

Paris, 1937. Andras Lévi, a Hungarian-Jewish architecture student, arrives from Budapest with a scholarship, a single suitcase, and a mysterious letter he has promised to deliver to C. Morgenstern on the rue de Sévigné. As he falls into a complicated relationship with the letter's recipient, he becomes privy to a secret history that will alter the course of his own life. Meanwhile, as his elder brother takes up medical studies in Modena and their younger brother leaves school for the stage, Europe's unfolding tragedy sends each of their lives into terrifying uncertainty. At the end of Andras's second summer in Paris, all of Europe erupts in a cataclysm of war.

March

The Good Daughter Jasmin Darznik

INTEREST GROUPS

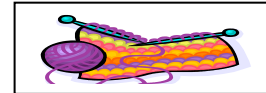
Movie Mavens: Group meets monthly to view a movie and discuss it over dinner. For more information please contact Carol Lieber

@event@ncjwaz.org



Writing Group : This group will stretch your creative imagination. Your interpretation of life is what matters as you sit before a blank page and write. For more information please contact Diana Schmidt @ncjwaz.org.

Knit Wits and Happy Hookers: Knitting and crocheting blankets and donating them to Project Linus who gives them to children seriously ill or traumatized. Please contact fredapine@eventncjwaz.org



International Dining: Meets monthly to enjoy delicious food and learn about different cultures. Please contact Lindamackross@event@ncjwaz.org



Eden's Grill 2nd night of Hanukah.

Canasta Group: Meets weekly beginners as well as experienced players. Beginners will be taught to play. Please Contact Cheri@event@ncjwaz.org



Done in a Day: Volunteer projects that can be completed in one day. Please contact Hannah Kaplan @event@ncjwaz.org.

Book Group: See above or contact Ellen Widoff @event@ncjwaz.org



Monday, January 9th, 2012

Opening Day of the Arizona State Legislature



Stop the War on Women Rally
Arizona State Capitol (Meeting at the Rose Garden)
1700 W. Washington, Phoenix
10:30am-12:30pm (Please note the time change)

In our state legislature, the war on women wages on and the future of women's health hangs in the balance. During the 2011 Arizona legislative session, anti-choice legislators passed extreme legislation preventing women and families from accessing care and limiting health care professionals from providing needed services. In 2012, women have the power to choose which candidates will ultimately determine whether our health care will remain accessible.

Join us on Monday, January 9—the opening day of the Arizona Legislature—as women, men and families from across Arizona gather at the Capitol to remind our legislators... **women are watching, educating their friends, sharing, taking action, and WE WILL BE VOTING.**

Show your Legislators Women are Watching! Bring your friends & family. We will provide you with a rally t-shirt, so please wear something suitable for fitting a t-shirt over.

Immediately after the rally,
join us at Oaxaca Restaurante
for a no-host lunch!
1516 W. Van Buren, Phoenix
12:45pm

RSVP: Carol Consalvo carolc@ncjwaz.org

T-Shirts will be available,
please let Carol know if you will be attending.

Car Pools will also be organized by Joan Levin-Sacks,
email her at levinsacks@cox.net

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SAVE THE DATE

January 9, 2012 Day at the Capital
January 23, 2012 General Meeting Temple Solel
JANUARY 29, 2012 TEEN DATING ABUSE BRUNCH
February 12, 2012 Antiques Road Show" type event
February 18, 2012 Phoenix Symphony

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish Values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms



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