

Community Warehouse Event Held



Roz Babner speaking with guests(L to R): Gillian Casson, Jody Klevit, Jeanne Newmark, Linda Nelson

January 25th was our rescheduled donation drop-off day at the Community Warehouse. Wouldn't you know - it snowed again! **Roz Babner**, NCJW Life Member and Community Warehouse Director was ready, again, for those of us who braved the elements and made our way to the event.

Since closing our Thrift shop, we have received many inquiries about where our members can donate household items. We wanted to find donation sites where the items we bring will be given away to those in need rather than being sold for the profit of another organization. We learned that the Community Warehouse donates furniture and household items at no cost to low income families by referral through several social services agencies, including the domestic violence shelters we have aided with our Showers for Shelters program.

The Warehouse serves over 3,000 households per year (doing the math that comes to roughly 8+ families a day!), who typically have nothing but a place to live and cannot afford to purchase essential items, even at thrift shop prices.

Roz greeted us on that cold wintry morning with a hearty and delicious lunch and then spoke to us about the warehouse's background and future plans. The tour of the facility ended in their boutique shop, where we had the opportunity for a little retail therapy. Here you can purchase donated items that are still in their original boxes or have resale value, such as fancy vases, silver items, art work and unblemished furniture. The boutique shop brings in approximately half the income needed to run this incredible organization; the rest of their funding comes through donations and grants.

If you are interested in learning more about the Community warehouse, their web site is www.communitywarehouse.org. The Jewish Federation has also just opened a drop off site at their Capitol Highway location.



Browsing the boutique: (far Right) Jeanne Newmark, Rose Rustin, Rosemarie Rosenfeld

ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date!

The NCJW Annual Brunch Meeting will be held June 14th. ~ More Information to follow at a later date.

President's Column



Dear Members,

On April 22, 2007 we gathered together and voted overwhelmingly to grant the proceeds from the sale of our Neighborhood House to two worthwhile legacy projects in our Jewish community, and to retain the interest earnings for continuing operations of our section. As the Dow plummeted this fall, our section's investments decreased, along with everyone else invested in the market. Last November the Board of Directors decided that action needed to be taken if we were going to be able to give away the original amount of money we had promised.

Over the course of these past 3 months several people in our community put in a lot of hard work on our behalf to make this happen, and I would like to acknowledge and thank them. Donation agreements were crafted by Jackson Lewis at Tonkon Torp, LLP, specifying that the money received would be used for the intended purposes. Jackson did an awesome job- and we owe him and his firm a giant thank-you, not only for doing this important work, but for also graciously providing this service to us pro-bono. And I want to thank John Moss and his staff at the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, for working with us to maximize the amount of money we were able to recover from our declining fund. OJCF put in many overtime hours through the winter holidays working this out, for which we apologize for the timing. This was a lousy time to sell assets, but at the rate the market was falling we knew it might take years to build this account back up and the projects we agreed to fund would likely need our money before that could happen.

On March 3rd NCJW Portland Section officially gave the Oregon Jewish Museum their grant of \$450,000 (\$37,500 less than we had originally promised due to the decline in our fund). OJM hosted a very appreciative public relations event for the occasion and displayed several choice items from our archives, including our original charter from 1896.

I was asked to say a few words about NCJW so I spoke of the early Council women and their goals of aiding and educating the residents of old South Portland through the Neighborhood House. I felt that the ideals Neighborhood House stood for will be carried forward through the important work that is now being done at OJM. The exhibit presently on display (on discrimination in Oregon), and the programming OJM concurrently offers is a perfect example of education, advocacy and community service, as touring school groups and city tour groups repeatedly return to the museum for enrichment and education. I think that the Museum represents a natural extension of NCJW's goals and the founders of the Neighborhood House would be proud to know that their labors have led to this.

To be specific, the money we gave to OJM will be partially used to develop their permanent core exhibit about the Jewish experience in Oregon. The remainder of the funds are being used to fund the "NCJW Education Coordinator" who is developing educational programs for the core exhibit, schools, and outreach into the greater community.

The money we gave Robison Jewish Home is going to develop the Kehillah House. They got exciting news in January about an additional grant award from the Portland Development Commission, so with their funding now in place they are ready to move to the next step, which is to make the formal application to HUD.

Both projects we made grants to are moving forward, and both recipients have asked that I thank you, our members, for providing the seed money to make what they thought 4 years ago were just dreams – come true. Thank you, Everyone !!!

Meryl



SectionActivities

NWPM Food Box program is growing as the need for food grows

.....Nikki Director

Dec 08 -373 people were served. ~ Jan 09 -619 people were served...

...Definitely there is an increase in numbers and many new additions. The program is receiving lots of compliments on the choices and appreciation for the helping hand. FYI even during the 2 week winter storm, the Food Box remained open thanks to staff and volunteers.

NCJW continues to be very helpful in providing volunteers for NWPM nutrition related programs. I'd like to again thank our new and continuing list of dedicated volunteers

**Judith Kahn
Alice Meyer
Joyce Loeb
Barb Schwartz**

**Phyllis Newmark
Carol Chestler
Marty Weinstein
Eve and Alan Rosenfeld**

**Sue and Jay Albert
Sue Schwart
Anne Prah
Fran Wolfe**

NW Portland Ministries continues to have a variety of volunteer opportunities available for as much or as little time that you may have available. Once a month, twice a month, once a week, twice a week, every day!! Whatever time commitment suits your fancy.

- Mon-Friday 11am-1pm **LOAVES AND FISHES**, located at NW 18th and Irving. Help prepare, serve, clean up or just visit with the diners.
- Mon-Friday NWPM needs volunteer drivers to do food box deliveries to shut ins and to make food deliveries to some of the subsidized high rises as part of the Community Share.
- Mon-Thurs food delivery from the warehouse to the pantry.
- Tues and Friday. 10:45-1:30 Work at the Food Box Pantry and/or Last Mon. of the month 5:30-7:00 pm
- Second Saturday of each month, help at the warehouse sorting, cleaning, delivering food
- First few days of each month, volunteer to help with inventory and stocking at the Food Pantry

MARCH 14 1-4PM

WAREHOUSE WORK PARTY 2145 NW OVERTON

For further volunteer information, please contact
Kelly Caldwell at 503 2211224
or email her at kelly@nwpm.org
check out our blog

A Heartfelt Thank You

Wrapping up another successful fundraising endeavor, THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Valentine Letter. The response from our members far surpassed our expectations, as we raised \$1,953 which will purchase a lot of bus tickets for these 3 local domestic violence shelters; Bradley Angle House, Clackamas Women's Shelter and Raphael House.

The Pink Valentine Committee- **Wendy Guttman, Jody Klevit, Louise Marsh, Jeanne Newmark, Shirley Rackner, Eve Rosenfeld, and Sharon Tarlow** - did an outstanding job, Thank you !

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Thank you! Wonderful Donors Thank you!

Since July 1, 2008, which is the beginning of our Section year, these great members and friends have generously given to the Tribute funds and programs of NCJW, Portland Section.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

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Gloria Bacharach
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Valentine's Day Letter

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Bulletin Board

Welcome New Members

Wendy Guttman
Pam Munter
Suzanne Albert



Book Club

April 2 "Five Skies"
by Ron Carlson
May 14 "Zookeeper's Wife"
by Diane Ackerman
June 11 "White Tiger "
by Aravind Adiga
July 9 "Guernsey Literary
and Potato Peel Pie Society "
by Annie Barrows

OFFICE MOVE (Again...)

We're moving again! For the past 2 years Cedarwood School has been graciously covering our rent for a temporary office location near the Historic Neighborhood House, with the intention of moving us back into a space in the House when the school's renovations are complete. Unfortunately, the downturn in the economy has put the school's renovations on hold and rather than deplete the school's already tight resources we have decided to move, temporarily, to a rent free and very cushy office space that has been generously provided to us in **Rose Rustin's** basement. You won't hear any complaints, the view is fantastic!

Our office will continue to function, **Chris Coughlin** will continue monitoring and forwarding email and phone messages as needed, **Louise Marsh** will continue picking up our mail, and Rose has now volunteered to provide office support. All our files have been moved to the new space where we will carry on doing our work until we are able to return to the Neighborhood House.



The Nominating Committee Will Meet Soon!

It's time to start thinking about our next club year. If you would like to take part in our section's planning, then you need to let us know. Please call or email the office and your message will be forwarded to **Jeanne Newmark**, who will be chairing the Nominating Committee.

For Your Convenience....

...Included in this Bulletin you will find our new "Tribute Envelopes", which you can tuck away and use later for special occasions.

Tributes

MINNIE F. EHRMAN FUND *For Medical-Dental care*

BIRTHDAYS: Carol Baker, Harriet Schatz, Lana Miller, Carole Glauber, Joanne Senders, Rochelle Silver, Linda Ostomel, Lore Labby, Eve Rosenfeld, Jody Klevit, Merritt Yoelin, Lesley Glasgow
IN HONOR OF: Eve Rosenfeld's Birthday from Sally Rosenfeld and Marge Frank

JEAN RUSTIN FUND *For Children and Youth*

BIRTHDAYS: Tamara DiVergilio, Rosalyn Menashe, Leah Nepom, Rose Rustin, Min Zidell
GENERAL DONATION: Marjorie Saltzman

DOROTHY ASHER MEMORIAL FUND *For Senior Cultural Programs*

BIRTHDAYS: Louise Marsh, Robin Weinstein, Elynor Zusman

MARION QUINT ROSE FUND *For Widow/Widower Support Programs*

BIRTHDAYS: Frances Wolfe, Marilyn Forse

GENERAL FUND

GENERAL DONATION: Gerel Blauer
IN HONOR OF: Howard Michel's Birthday from Fay Oppenheimer

EMERGENCY FOOD BOX PROJECT

IN MEMORY OF: Arnold Rustin from Rose Rustin
IN HONOR OF: Eve Rosenfeld's Birthday from Leah and Marv Nepom, Sharon and Larry Tarlow, Carol and Sy Chestler, and Laurie and Bert Rogoway.

CONDOLENCES
To the Family of Long Time Member
Marjorie Asher

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- Minnie F. Ehrman Fund
- Jean Rustin Fund
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