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UPDATE

FALL 2010

National Council of Jewish Women / Los Angeles Section

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010-2011

New NCJW/LA Board of Directors is installed by Carolyn Williams, Senior Manager/Community Partnerships at The Gas Company.
Congratulations to our new Board, headed by Co-Presidents Amy Straus and Ruth Zeitzew.
Special guest speakers Olena Svetlov and Maria Suarez spoke about the role NCJW/LA played in helping to better their lives.



2010-2011 NCJW/LA Board of Directors
Back Row: Peggy Schwartz/Parliamentarian, Debby Newman, Rebecca Wayne/Co-Secretary, Lee Saltz/VP Advocacy, Amy Straus/Co-President, Ruth Zeitzew/Co-President, Deborah Berger/VP Development & Outreach, Marla Smith, Susan Isaacs, Hillary Selvin/Executive Director
Front Row: Jennifer Baronoff/VP Women Helping Children, Anita Aratow, Pam Brown/VP Women Making A Difference, Cipra Nemeth/VP Council Thrift, Phyllis Cohen/Co-Secretary, Suzanne Buckholtz.
Not pictured: Merle Siegel/VP Women Helping Women, Shelli Dodell, Jean Pearlstein/Treasurer, Irene Perer, Lila Steinhart, Fran Teller



Handing Over the Gavel
Cipra Nemeth, outgoing President, Amy Straus and Ruth Zeitzew incoming Co-Presidents



Susan Isaacs
President's Award Recipient



Fran Teller
NCJW/LA Extraordinary Woman of the Century Recipient



Carolyn Williams
Senior Manager/Community Partnerships, The Gas Company



Guest Speakers
Maria Suarez and Olena Svetlov

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To a happy, healthy, sweet and peaceful 5771 to you and your family and friends.

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Message from the Presidents



Amy Strauss
Co-President

It's that time of year again... the official beginning of Chicken Soup and Matzo Ball Season! As a child growing up in New York, my grandmother began making chicken soup and matzo balls at Rosh Hashanah and would stop for the summer around Passover – hence the term “Chicken Soup and Matzo Ball Season.”

This year, as Chicken Soup and Matzo Ball Season gets underway, I am honored to be joined by Ruth Zeitzew as we take on the roles of Co-Presidents. We are grateful to be taking the gavel at a time when NCJW/LA is strong, respected and a leader in community services. We are privileged to be working with a tireless, incredible staff, and with passionate and dedicated volunteers.

As Co-President, I have been attending many committee meetings – some for the first time. It has been an enlightening, challenging and stimulating experience. It occurs to me that my pattern of being involved in the same committees year after year is probably a pattern that others may have fallen into. So, as we enter the beginning of Chicken Soup and Matzo Ball Season, and we consider how we might “do better” this year than last, I would urge everyone to consider stepping out of their usual volunteer comfort zone and take on something completely unexpected. I'll see you there!

Amy



Ruth Zeitzew
Co-President

As incoming Co-President, I look forward to serving you during the momentous New Year of 5771. Fortunately for all of us, my fellow Co-President Amy Straus is a talented, dedicated volunteer and leader. Our shared term of office is a two-for-one: L'Dor V'Dor.... from one generation to the next. I intend to do my best to continue the great work of our predecessors.

There are many wonderful opportunities for each of us to help achieve the goals and the mission of NCJW/LA. We are guided by a bold vision for the future, fostered by a pioneering legacy of progressive social change. We are dedicated advocates for improving the lives of women, children and families.

I urge you to become an active volunteer at NCJW/LA. We offer an opportunity for fulfillment and satisfaction.... imagine creating a chain of mitzvahs. You can help abused women by signing up for Court Watch; boost literacy in Light up A Library; tutor teens at Alexandria House; participate in the Talkline to help needy women; donate to or shop at one of our 9 Thrift Stores, to help finance our operations; join our Advocacy Committee and help present public programs that deal with the most pressing issues of the day. All of these volunteer activities are windows to the world around us.

Together we can achieve this higher ground, the goal of NCJW/LA in the New Year of 5771. May this be a healthy and happy year for you and yours.

Shalom!

Ruth

An Update from the Executive Director



Hillary Sevin
Executive Director

“Leadership is the challenge to be something more than average.” Jim Rohn

The National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles is a place where one can be more than average. It is a place where one can take their talents, whatever they may be, and help another person. It is a place where people can become leaders of their community by making a difference in the lives of others.

How can you challenge yourself to become a leader?... by becoming involved in NCJW/LA..The choice is yours and the opportunity is there for you.

We provide many options for becoming a leader:

VOLUNTEER IN ONE OF OUR MANY PROGRAMS

- Art programs for youth
- Literacy to help keep elementary school libraries open and functioning
- Afterschool Homework Clubs
- Counseling Talkline
- Various Committees – what is your passion?
- Clothing Giveaway
- Council Thrift Shops

DONATE TO

- Women Helping Children Art and Literacy Programs for Youth
- Women Helping Women Community Counseling & Support Services

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To find out about becoming a leader call Hillary at 323-651-2930 or email hillary@ncjwla.org.

Hillary

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN (WHW) Community Counseling & Support Services

“There are two ways of spreading light ...To be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it.” ~ Edith Wharton

At Women Helping Women, we light the way for those in need, both by spreading awareness and education about the issues affecting women and families in our community, and by inspiring hope in individuals who are overwhelmed. We share our knowledge and our compassion, along with our faith in humanity – because we believe that by reflecting back to people their strengths and their potential, we can help them to become their best selves.

We encourage a mother to express unconditional love and support for her daughter, knowing this is the best way she can protect her from substance abuse and depression...

We help a domestic violence victim to develop a safety plan, and a network of support, knowing that her courage will grow along with her sense of safety and security...

We build an adolescent girl's self-esteem, so that she will be able to seek healthy relationships, and say no to unprotected sex...

We know that each one of us has the power to enhance our community, by giving our empathy, support and encouragement to someone who needs it.

Women Helping Women encourages you to help us build our community: Volunteer for Talkline. Contribute to a Scholarship Fund. Support our Holiday Gift Programs. You CAN make a difference.



WHW is thrilled that Abha Verma, MSW, has joined our fabulous team of social workers!

- Starting in November, we will be offering our extensive 30 hour training for those interested in becoming Paraprofessional Talkline Counselors. The WHW Talkline is unique in offering compassionate counseling, in addition to resources and referrals, for callers experiencing a wide range of difficulties, including: domestic violence, depression, employment, health and mental health issue



TL Coordinator Dawn Zienert, MSW, provides continuing education to our Talkline Volunteers.

- Our Family Court Advocacy Project COURT-WATCH continues to grow as more and more volunteers are attending our trainings. As of July, our database is up and running, the next crucial step in our effort to ensure that domestic violence

victims are treated fairly in our court systems. Please look for our next Court Watch Training in September!

- Thanks to a scholarship from A Window Between Worlds, Women Helping Women social workers and interns will be trained to use art as a healing tool with clients who have experienced abuse and trauma. The AWBW art workshops will be incorporated in our Women's Empowerment (WE) Support groups, both at Council House, and in the community.



Thanks to Council Thrift, WHW has converted the old Archive office into a brand new therapy room, to accommodate our ever-growing counseling program.

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened.
~ Buddha

NEWS FROM WOMEN HELPING CHILDREN

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882 - 1945)

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

LAUSD reopens its doors on September 13th and WHC will be expanding our efforts! Our Teen Mom Tutoring and Enrichment program will be offered at both the Chatsworth and Central site McAlister High School locations in the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, the After School Homework Club will now be offered two days a week at Rosewood and Laurel Elementary Schools.

Art Pals is excited to return to Reseda, Canoga Park, Napa Street, and Melvin Elementary School. In addition, Art Pals will be offered at Valley Regional Elementary School # 10, a new elementary school that will be located on District-owned land at Sutter Middle School in Winnetka.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that the Tutoring and Enrichment Program at Gramercy Place Shelter will also be offered twice a week from 7-8:30pm.

If you are interested in volunteering with any of these programs, please contact WHC Program Coordinator, Melissa Tillman at 323-852-8505 or melissa@ncjwla.org.



LAUREL SCHOOL OPENS THEIR DOORS TO 7th GRADERS

Laurel School will open their doors to the first class of 7th graders in the school's history this fall making it the first middle school option available in West Hollywood for students. Prior to this year, Laurel School served kindergarten through 6th grade students. Laurel School is the only LAUSD school located in the West Hollywood area to serve middle school students.

"LAUSD is proud to announce 7th grade enrollment at Laurel Elementary School for the 2010-11 school year. In response to ongoing requests from families for a middle school option in the City of West Hollywood, we've worked collaboratively with the West Hollywood City Council and LAUSD local district 4 to begin the inaugural program for the 2010-11 school year," said Steve Zimmer, LAUSD School Board Member. "The School Board Office and West Hollywood City Council will also launch a planning process this summer to determine whether Laurel will transition to a K-8 Span School or be a stand alone middle school in the future," continued LAUSD Board Member Zimmer.

"We are so excited about the inaugural 7th grade class starting at Laurel this fall," said West Hollywood Councilmember Abbe Land. "This is something we all have wanted for so long, and we are thrilled that through our collaborative partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District, and in particular with the office of School Board Member Steve Zimmer, that middle school will now be a reality. As we have strongly supported our local elementary schools, the City of West Hollywood and the families in our community will extend our support and assistance in making this middle school the best it can be," continued Councilmember Land.

NCJW/LA looks forward to the opportunity to grow and support LAUSD and the City of West Hollywood as they strive to educate our youth by providing our Light Up A Library and the After School Homework Club programs at Laurel ES and participating West Hollywood schools.

AH TEENS LEARN LIFE LESSONS AT THE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE

Over the summer, the Alexandria House Teens and chaperones spent the day at the Museum of Tolerance. More than just a memorial to the Holocaust, this museum taught the teens about injustice around the world, past and present. The exhibit on the abuse of women was particularly eye-opening for the boys, and the section about the Holocaust taught all of the teens about how easily and rapidly the government-sanctioned degradation of an entire race can take place. This was especially relevant in light of the new immigration laws in Arizona. At the end of the tour, the docent asked the teens how they felt. Their reactions were raw and heartfelt: "furious," "speechless," and "lucky," they told her. This was by far one of the most significant field trip they have taken.

SAVE THE DATE! THE 9th ANNUAL CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD BOOK FAIR

The award-winning West Hollywood Book Fair that will take place on Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at West Hollywood Park, 647 North San Vicente Boulevard in West Hollywood. The West Hollywood Book Fair will feature fifteen stages with author panels, special guests and live performances, 150 exhibitors and writing workshops.

The West Hollywood Book Fair will also feature diverse programming for all ages and interests including mystery fans, comic book lovers, kids, teens, Seniors, members of the LGBT community, poetry readings, storytelling and live theatre. Panel discussions will include Latino authors; Hollywood celebrity authors; Russian-speaking authors, and many more. For aspiring and new writers, the West Hollywood Book Fair offers an array of workshops that include tips from industry professionals on subjects such as preparing for publishing, travel writing and writing the first novel.

Volunteer at the NCJW/LA booth, or at least stop by and say "hi!" Contact Melissa at 323-852-8505 or melissa@ncjwla.org for more information about volunteer opportunities at the West Hollywood Bookfair.



THE ALEXANDRIA HOUSE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM GETS THE ACTING BUG

This year, Women Helping Children will be working with the Children's Creative Center (CCC) to bring the Performing Arts to Alexandria House. CCC is a Performing Arts School for children ages 7 to 14. Since 2001, Children's Creative Center has created over 30 plays & musicals and has taught over 500 students.

The CCC program was established to help stimulate, assist, and focus a child's natural creative ability. The courses offered deal with the various acting, performing, improvisational, musical and writing arts. CCC believes that by exploring their creative talents, children gain a better understanding of themselves and acquire self-confidence, problem solving skills, and communication abilities. The program will culminate with an original show created, written and performed by the participants of the Alexandria House After School Program.



WHAT IS HAPPENING...

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We are married, single, mothers, daughters. Our group is comprised of busy energetic, compassionate, dynamic women who want to help make an impact on their community. Please join us, whether you have one hour a week or one hour a month for an opportunity to help others and meet new friends.

PROGRAM LISTING:

September	No Program – L'Shanah Tovah
Thursday, October 14 7:30pm	No Sew Baby Blankets at home of Susan Isaacs
Sunday, October date, time, place To be determined	Food Forward – fruit picking to be donated to local food pantries
Thursday, November 11 7:30pm	Bookmarks and Book Drive for Women Helping Children library programs at home of Suzanne Buckholtz
Thursday, December 2 7:30pm	Walker Bags and Hanukkah Party at home of Stacey Tabor

Interested? Want more info? Contact Susan Sysler, Director of Development & Outreach at 323-852-8512 or susan@ncjwla.org

✧ HOLD THE DATE: LIFE MEMBER TEA ✧

Sunday, November 7, 2010
at Luxe Hotel Sunset Boulevard
2:30pm

Speaker: Karen Schwalbe-Jones of Harmony Studios
"How To Keep Our Mind & Body in Harmony"

If you are a Life Member, watch for your invitations in the mail end of September.
If you are not a Life Member, contact Susan Sysler to find out how you can become one.
323-852-8512 or susan@ncjwla.org

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NEWS FROM THE ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT

The Advocacy Committee closed the 2009/2010 year with a very successful evening program called Water: A Key to Survival. Our esteemed speakers were Mike Feuer, State Assemblyman from the 42 district and Gil Garcetti, former L.A. County District Attorney and one of America's finest photographers.

We also commemorated the 37th year of Roe v. Wade. Most important was our discussion on how to save it as it is being chipped away. Our esteemed panel consisted of West Hollywood Mayor Abbe Land, Laurie Levenson, Professor of Law Loyola Law School, Rebecca Isaacs, CEO PPLA, and Dr. Arthur Fleisher, OBGYN Clinical Professor at USC.

In February we discussed the Separation of Church and State. The speakers helped us focus on how we must protect and preserve this separation in order to maintain our democratic society.

Our speakers were, Stephen F. Rohde, Esq, constitutional lawyer, former president of the Beverly Hills Bar Association and ACLU Southern California Chapter, Timothy Rutten Los Angeles Times Journalist and Dave Bryan Political Reporter for KCAL 9 and CBS 2,

Women in Prison drew a large crowd. We learned

more about the new programs which help women in the prison system and about how we can keep women from getting into the system. We have received a huge response requesting another program on this issue. Our special thanks to Debra Herndon the Associate Director of the Female Offender Programs in all the women's prison facilities who traveled from Oakland to appear, and Former Women's Chino Prison Warden Dawn Davison, Executive Director of Girls & Gangs and our dynamic Moderator Assistant Chief of Police for the LAPD Sandy Jo MacArthur – what an incredible group this was!

On August 25th, we presented a program on Immigration Reform with Robert Scheer, Editor of "TruthDig" and PBS journalist. Also helping us understand the rights and responsibilities of this reform were Eun Sook Lee, Executive Director of the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium and Jennie Pasquarela, attorney for the ACLU.

Other topics to be covered for the rest of this year will be Sexual Predators in October with Robin Sax, Domestic Violence, Teen Human Trafficking, an update from Congressman Henry Waxman and of course, Roe v Wade in January 2011.



SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE
Ruth Zeitzew Past VP/Advocacy, Stephen Rohde President & Chair ACLU Southern California; Dave Bryan CBS2/KCAL9 Award Winning Journalist; Timothy Rutten L.A. Times Award Winning Journalist and Cibra Nemeth Past Board President.

WAYS TO GIVE

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NCJW/LA benefits from the donation of your old cell phones. NCJW/LA receives funds for each of the phones it collects and your old cell phones are sent to an environmentally safe recycling program. Please drop your old cell phone off next time you are at NCJW/LA offices.

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GOODSEARCH.COM

Click on a merchant that you might use online who donates a portion of the sale to NCJW/LA. Go to www.goodsearch.com and type in National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Los Angeles Section as the charity name.

MISSION FISH

eBay sellers list items and donate some or all of their proceeds to nonprofits like NCJW/LA. Visit www.missionfish.com for more information on the program.

TRIBUTES

Express your regard for a loved one with a gift to NCJW/LA. Commemorate a celebration, landmark, or memorial with a tax-deductible gift. We acknowledge your contribution by sending a beautiful card. Make donations at www.ncjwla.org or by calling 323-852-8518. Tributes are a minimum of \$18 each.

COUNCIL THRIFT SHOPS

To donate call 1-800-400-6259

HELP NCJW/LA: DON'T DONATE JUNK TO COUNCIL THRIFT SHOPS! RECYCLE IT OR TRASH IT YOURSELF!

You held a yard sale and you've made good money. Now you're ready to call it quits, so you throw everything in boxes to take to Council Thrift. The broken mixer, the charger for the cordless phone, the dirty jeans, the broken dishes, etc. You tell yourself that Council Thrift will take it all and even sell what you could not sell that was in disrepair. **STOP! What's wrong with this picture?**

First, THANK YOU for supporting our Thrift Shops which supports our services and programs for women, children and families in need and at risk in Los Angeles. Your support is critical to NCJW/LA!!!

But, is there ever a time when a charity does not need your stuff? Are there things that should not be donated? YES!

Many times, items come into our Council Thrift Shops that should have been put in the trash. This causes problems since we have to pay for the trash to be hauled away. The cost for trash services and payroll hours to sort this merchandise is high. Those dollars could be better spent by providing services to those in our community in need and at risk.

Here are some things to keep in mind when donating to Council Thrift Shops:

- Does it work?
- Is it broken or just not useable?
- Are all the pieces together?
- Is it saleable?

The bottom line is that if something is truly not good, please trash it or recycle it yourself! Please help NCJW/LA by donating goods that you would purchase yourself. If in doubt, call and ask whether we can accept what you are going to donate or check our website for a list of items we will take (www.ncjwla.org). Most of the time, we will take almost anything if the guidelines listed above are followed.

Without our donors, we would not have the amazing programs and services offered by NCJW/LA and for that we are extremely grateful!

2010 BEST OF THE BEST

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NCJW's NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN

NCJW has always been an advocate for both women's safety and women's economic security. Now with the new Higher Ground Campaign, we can expand our impact by addressing these two critical issues together.

Higher Ground is a national effort to end domestic violence by improving the economic status of women. Economic security is critical to women's safety. Higher Ground educates and mobilizes advocates, community-members, and decision-makers to promote progressive policy solutions that cham-



they are more likely than men to live in poverty. Studies have found that the most common reasons given by women who stayed in abusive relationships were lack of money, shelter and police support. A woman's ability to leave or avoid domestic violence is often directly related to her level of economic security.

panion women's economic autonomy. No woman should have to choose between personal safety and economic stability for herself and her children. Women striving for financial security face significant challenges. As a result,

INTERNATIONAL

NCJW Israel Stands Up for Social Justice for:

- * Desegregation of public buses
- * Rights of LGBT residents of Jerusalem to demonstrate and live in safety and acceptance
- * Legal rights of all families
- * Empowerment of Bedouin women and children
- * Funding of public academic education for Ethiopian children in Jerusalem

HOLD THE DATE: Monday, March 7, 2011

Shari Eshet, NCJW Israel Director will speak about NCJW programs in Israel.

LOCAL

News from our VISTA VAL Division... For those in the Valley

NEW MEETING LOCATION: BRAEMAR COUNTRY CLUB

4001 Reseda Blvd., Tarzana (south of Ventura Blvd.)



GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Monday of each month. No meetings in June, July and August. The next General Meeting is Monday, September 20.

DISCUSSION GROUPS & BOARD MEETINGS

are held on other Monday's.
Art, Books, Movies, Jewish Studies, World Affairs.

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News from our BEVERLY WEST Division... For those in the City

AT COUNCIL HOUSE – 543 N. Fairfax Avenue

Thursday, October 7 – Discussion Group at 11:30am
Rosh Hashanah celebration and entertainment at 12:30pm

Thursday, December 9 – Discussion Group at 11:30am
Hanukkah celebration and entertainment at 12:30pm

Officers

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Need a ride to get to Beverly West programs?

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SPOTLIGHT ON... SCHOLARSHIPS

"In a time of turbulence and change, it is more true than ever that knowledge is power." – John F. Kennedy

For over 100 years, NCJW/LA has been dedicated to the empowerment of those who have struggled to overcome oppression, hardship, poverty, trauma and injustice. We know that knowledge is the key to empowerment, personal growth, and social change. And we know that education unlocks doors and opens up a world of hope and possibility.

That's why the Women Helping Women Scholarship Program awards over 16 scholarships every year to women in our community who are seeking to improve their own lives, and build a better future for themselves and their families. Every year, we receive 150-200 scholarship applications, and give away over \$24,000.

*"The Scholarship Program is the best kept secret at NCJW/LA"
~ Diane Nosseck, Scholarship Committee Chair*

Thanks to the Sol Goldberg Childcare Subsidy, "Rebecca", an immigrant from Russia and mother of two, was able to successfully complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is now a working RN and is able to support her family.

It all began in the spring of 1983, when the very first scholarship was established by Southern California realtor Jon Douglas, to assist women with children face in completing their own educations. Today, both the Sol Goldberg Childcare Subsidy, and the Ellis Scholarship for Childcare continue this tradition, providing 3 women each year with \$1,000 each for childcare expenses, so that they can gain the knowledge they need to empower themselves and their families.

Soon after the first Scholarship was funded, two NCJW/LA members with a passion for women's empowerment – June Miller and Fran Teller – established scholarships for women who were beginning or continuing their education in nursing. In the early days of the program, they would interview each applicant in person, 10-12 people per year. Over the years, the June Miller Nursing Education Scholarship and the Inger Lawrence-M.R. Bauer Foundation Nursing Studies Scholarship have helped over 40 women gain the knowledge and education they needed to empower themselves, and to help countless others through careers in nursing.

After receiving the June Miller nursing scholarship, "Tatiana" not only became a nurse – she now mentors young girls in economically distressed areas, empowering them with the knowledge and skills they need to improve their lives.

Today, June and Fran are joined by a Committee of Women Helping Women volunteers, who read through nearly 200 applications each year. In addition to nursing and child care scholarships, The Singerman/Nosseck Memorial Scholarship assists women in attaining vocational training, the Sophie Greenstadt Scholarship targets Mid-Life Women who are returning to school, the Samuel Schulman Memorial Scholarship helps single mothers, and the Susan Schulman Begley



Scholarship Committee & Staff (from left to right): Ava Rose, Peggy Shapiro, Elizabeth Triplett, Nancy Scher, June Miller, Diane Nosseck, Joan Wilder (with Dudley on her shoulder), and Brenda Brams. Not pictured: Fran Teller, Jackie Goldberg, and Brandee Tucker

Memorial scholarship empowers single mothers who have escaped abusive relationships. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, and the commitment of our scholarship readers, Women Helping Women continues to empower women in our community by opening the doors to education, and raising the ceiling of hope. To find out how you can contribute to a Scholarship Fund, contact Elizabeth Triplett at 323-852-8515 (Elizabeth@ncjwla.org).

I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning to sail my ship ~ Louisa May Alcott

