

# KWN Community

April 2020

Kenosha Women's  
Network

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

## Growing together, Rooted in the Community

### *A Note from our President*

Hello, KWN Members!

My hope is that, by the time you're reading this, COVID-19 is becoming a fading memory and we're back to business as usual but better. I hope you've used the downtime to do self-care and relationship-care and that you've been able to prioritize the busyness of your life. Me? I've watched a lot of bad TV and read some decent books...so, you know, pretty much nothing has changed!

On a happier note, thanks to the KWN membership for making this year's Susan B. Anthony - Women of Influence Awards Dinner a resounding success! We had 400 people in attendance, our second largest number over the course of 30 years! We celebrated some awesome women, including our own Laura E. Cox, and we provided funding for nonprofits and nontraditional-aged female students. None of this could have been done without your continued support, so thank you! Even if you didn't attend the dinner, your membership in KWN allows us to support our community in this way. Save the date for Friday, March 5, 2021 because it's really the best event for celebrating women in all of Kenosha!

Get ready for mini-grants because we are! We'll be asking for your sponsorship of nonprofit organizations serving women and children in Kenosha County. As someone who writes grants on the regular, there's not an easier one to do, so there's no excuse for us not to be flooded with them, but we need your help to get the word out about this opportunity!

We have great plans moving forward: lunches moved to the Woman's Club, a past-Presidents' tea, our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, among our regular events like Wise Women Read and Maven Mondays, and I have faith that we'll be able to see them all come to fruition.

Still, I wish I had some really clever and calming words, but I just don't. Take care of yourself, be well, and WASH YOUR HANDS.

*Guida*



### April Lunch Cancelled

On March 25, 2020, the Governor put into effect new restrictions on movement and gathering, aimed at reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Consequently, our April meeting is cancelled. If the restrictions are not lifted before our May meeting, the Communications Team is working on holding a Zoom meeting. If that happens, instructions and a link will be sent out to you before the day.

When we are able to meet again, we will be moving to The Woman's Club for our lunch meetings. We are proud to support this historic nonprofit organization! This location will give us more menu flexibility, plus room to grow our membership. Here's what you need to know about the change:

- \* Lunch will continue to cost \$15 per person
- \* We will have more menu choices; there will be a sandwich or a salad option that will change monthly. We will be able to have a buffet lunch three times in 2020
- \* Lunch will include dessert and coffee or iced tea.
- \* There is ample accessible parking on the west side of the building (off Sheridan Rd) and additional parking on 8th Ave on the east side of the building.
- \* You can continue to pay online or you can register online and pay at the door.

We look forward to seeing you in person as soon as possible. Until then, be safe and stay healthy!

### *Our Mission:*

*To promote and encourage the professional and personal growth of our members in a supportive environment, where women's efforts are recognized and encouraged.*

### KWN welcomes

Gordon J Maier & Company,  
LLP, as a business member:  
Beth Griffen-Sr Accountant  
Alicia Fosbinder-Manager  
Julie Craig- Managing Partner

(Alicia & Julie were previously individual members)

We're Glad You're Here!

### New Online Directory

The 2020 member directory is live on the KWN web site. It is by no means complete and we will continue to add members throughout the year. Go out there and check it out! Are you listed? Is your listing correct? If we do not have your picture, please [send us one](#). Send pictures in Jpeg format please, resolution 1500x1500 pixels or greater preferred. If you are not listed, and you are a new or renewing member, please let one of the membership committee know.

## Board Members and Committee Chairs

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## The Susan B Anthony/Women of Influence Awards 2020



The 30th Susan B Anthony/Women of Influence Awards took place on March 6th at Madrigano's Marina Shores. This glittering event celebrated lifetime achievement and influential women in the areas of Business/Government, Arts/Education and Woman to Watch under 40! Here are some pictures of the event.



2020 Winners



Past and present winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award



The hard-working committee!



Our own Laura Cox was the Woman to Watch Under 40



The array of Gourmet Delights!



### Speakers

Our next speaker, originally planned for April, will be Judge Larisa Benitez-Morgan, who was just appointed by Governor Evers to fill a seat vacated by a retirement.

If you would like to be a speaker one month, talk to Vice-president, Roseanne Shales (262-287-8728).

### Wise Women Read

The next meeting of our book club is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, at 6pm, via Zoom or conference call. Our current read is "The Riddle of the Labyrinth" by Margalit Fox. You can join in even if you are not reading this month's book and help to select our next read. Watch for an email next week.

### Maven Monday

Tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 20, at 6pm. Stay tuned. If we can gather, it will be at Baker Street on Greenbay Rd. Members and guests are welcome to attend for lively conversation!

Thank you to our members who donated raffle prizes for the March Raffle. The list of donors has unfortunately been misplaced.

Many thanks to all who donated to **St Baldrick's Foundation's** shave-a-thon, to benefit children with childhood cancers. Roseann raised just shy of \$1,000 in her 6th and final shaving. Kolleen Knight, who joined Roseann in shaving her head, raised a similar amount.

Nice work, Ladies!!!

**From Laura Cox: Here are a few ideas how to help your local small businesses in this time of crisis:**

- ◇ Purchase gift certificates now that you can redeem later.
- ◇ Follow them on social media and ENGAGE with their page! They will post updates and share ways that they are adapting to this strange new business environment.
- ◇ Reach out to them. They have likely seen a dramatic reduction or complete halt of their income, and that is terrifying! Reach out to them and see how they're doing and just connect and listen.
- ◇ Leave them reviews on Facebook or Google or other review platforms. Once businesses start to pick back up again, their reviews are one way new clients make a decision to do business with them.
- ◇ Tag them or their business and help raise awareness of their services or offerings. Visit their websites often and interact with them as much as possible. More visits help increase their visibility too.
- ◇ Ask them how you can help. Every business has unique needs and each business (just like each of us) will be facing new challenges as well coming up with new ideas on how to keep their dream alive.

## SHARE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

**FACT 1** Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can cause people to avoid or reject others even though they are not at risk for spreading the virus.

**FACT 4** There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

**FACT 2** For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.

**FACT 5** You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you


- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

**FACT 3** Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.



[cdc.gov/COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID-19)

### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped staff the KWN booth at the Home and Health Expo! There was a lot of interest in knowing more about KWN. We have over 80 people to follow up with!

### Help Wanted

Planning ahead to the summer, KWN will have a booth at the Harbor Market on June 13, July 18 and August 22. Can you spend a couple of hours in the KWN tent on one of those dates to share information with market-goers?

### KWN T-Shirts and Hoodies

Order your KWN t-shirts and hoodies [online](#), on the KWN web site. Call Ro Shales if you have questions; we do have some available for immediate sale.

### Mini-Grants

KWN will begin to accept mini-grant nominations in April. To be eligible, the organization must be a nonprofit, without religious or political affiliation, that helps women and children in Kenosha County. Each nomination must be sponsored by a KWN member (one nomination per member). The [form](#) and [guidelines](#) are available on our website. Reach out to Laura or Alicia if you would like to serve on the mini-grant committee.

### Things to do while Safer at Home

1. Visit a museum. Have you always wanted to visit the British Museum? The Guggenheim? The Musée d'Orsay? Click [here](#) for virtual tours.
2. Visit a National Park-virtually, of course. Click [here](#).
3. Visit with family on Facetime, Zoom, Facebook or Skype.
4. Read a book. Click [here](#) to download over 300,000 books from the NYPL for free.
5. Write a diary-these are historic times! It will be good to look back when this is history!