

A Note from our President

Hello KWN!

I have many people to thank this month! First, thank you to all who participated in the Susan B. Anthony/Women of Influence Award dinner, undeniably Kenosha's best, and most empowering women's event of the year. It was fabulous, joyful, and certainly, a night to remember! In our current culture, we can never celebrate women enough!



"The empowered woman is powerful beyond measure and beautiful beyond description."

Thank you to all who helped at the Kenosha Chamber of Commerce Expo. KWN had a table and gathered information from a number of potential members.

If you plan to add nuts or baking to your Easter celebration, or any time, check out our



order, and, in a few days, the best nuts ever arrive at your door. This opportunity is available all year round and KWN receives 20% of sales.

With the warmer days beginning, It's a great time to bring a guest to lunch. If you haven't been for a while, come and meet all the new members who have joined this year!! Donations for the 50/50 raffle, valued at \$10 or more are always appreciated.

Please remember to VOTE on April 5. Your vote matters!



Spotlight on our Members!

We want to learn more about our members and their businesses, but we need your help! Write your own 50-60 word bio to be included in an upcoming KWN newsletter. Submit information to Joanna Carlberg at <u>photojo1955@gmail.com</u>

Got an event coming up? Write that up, too, and Joanna will include it on our New Events page on our website (<u>https://www.kenoshawomensnetwork.org/new-events</u>) and link to your Facebook page for even more impact!

Gallery updates:

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We want all our members to be featured on the KWN website member gallery! People do business with those they know, like and trust and the first step is recognizing your fellow KWN members! If you don't have a picture currently on the gallery, please <u>click this link</u>. You can submit your own headshot or arrange to have one taken at the next meeting. 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.

April meeting

KWN's March meeting will be held on April 8th, 2022 at The Woman's Club,

6028 8th Ave, Kenosha

11:30am networking,

12:00pm lunch

Your menu choice will be: Vegetable Lasagna with

broccoli florets & side salad Or

Grilled chicken on a croissant w/bacon, tomato, lettuce & mozzarella cheese

Both choices include dessert. Lunch costs \$15. Please RSVP with your choice of entrée by end of day on the 5th.

<u>Click here</u> to buy your ticket.

The link is also on the website.

KWN Welcomes:

Trísha Sjolander Darleen Scuglík Meg Johnson Cecíle Bíanco We're Glad You're Here!

Member Directory.

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Next Wise Women Read Choice: Cultish

The next KWN's Wise Women Read Book Discussion Group is on April 12, and we'll be discussing *Cultish*. Amanda Montell "analyzes the social science of cult influence: how cultish groups from Jonestown and Scientology to SoulCycle and social media gurus use language as the ultimate form of power" (from https://www.blue-house-books.com/)

Join us on Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A, Kenosha to discuss this interesting book! Attendees to Wise Women Read need not be KWN members. Email Guida Brown at <u>guida@hopecouncil.org</u> with questions or a heads up if you plan to attend.

Our May 10 meeting is back to a little lighter fare with Wisconsin author Maggie Smith's debut novel, *Truth and Other Lies*, where *The Devil Wears Prada* meets *All The President's Men*. Get to Blue House Books now for your autographed copy so you can join in the discussion on May 10!

It's Mini Grant Season!

If you are new to KWN, you may not be familiar with our long-running mini grant program. Each year, KWN gives money away to nonprofit organizations in Kenosha County and surrounding area, which benefit women and children. The program began in 2003, with a grant of \$3,500 to buy a washer and dryer for a local couple who were adopting 5 siblings! By 2004, the program was established and seven organizations benefitted that year. The funds are raised throughout the year, with the largest part coming from KWN's holiday raffle in December. We have \$10,000 to distribute this year, bringing the lifetime total to over \$100,000 given away!

Each grant request is sponsored by a KWN member. Applications are accepted in April, the ad hoc committee meets in May and grant recipients are announced in June. At the July member meeting, recipients attend to receive their checks and speak to us about how the funds will be used. The 2022 application form is available on the web site's "Philanthropy" page. If you would like to see last year's presentation, check out the video on our website: <u>https://www.kenoshawomensnetwork.org/meeting-videos</u>

April Speaker

Nikki Payne, Public Involvement/Outreach Manager of the Southeastern Wisconsin Strategic Planning Commission (SEWRPC), will be discussing the Regional Food System Plan and the Regional Chloride study. SEWRPC is the official metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and regional planning commission (RPC) for the seven county southeastern Wisconsin area. For more information, visit <u>https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPC.htm</u>

Networking Know-How

One of the missions of KWN is to promote the professional growth of our members. That is why we encourage you to come early to our monthly meetings for some fun networking! Bring your business cards or brochures and make connections with your fellow KWN members. You never know who might need your services or knows of someone who does. The doors for our monthly meetings open at 11:30 am and lunch begins at noon. Women supporting women is what we do here at KWN!

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES IN MARCH

*Mary Witte-Talbert-Edward Jones *Roseann Shales—CTFO CBD *Holly Miller—Stories of a Lifetime *Cathy Savaglio—Security National Mortgage

Make a donation (valued at \$10 or more) to our monthly raffle and get your name and business mentioned in our monthly newsletter!



Susan B. Anthony/Women of Influence Awards 2022





Gourmet Delights



Business/ Government/Nonprofit: Jenny Tunkieicz



Arts/Education: Sabrina Morgan

Woman to Watch Under 40: Carli McNeill





Lifetime Achievement: Terri Wruck







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