

# KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

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Kenosha  
Women's  
Network



## Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

### *A Note from our President*

Hello, KWN,  
You'll soon be receiving a survey from KWN in your inbox. Please complete it right away! We want to know what makes you tick! Are you a member of the Kenosha Women's Network solely to network at lunches, or do you want to be more involved in activities with other members?



The board of directors is a small but mighty group! There are only nine of us, and we are trying to both meet your goals regarding the organization and grow it, too. But, to that end, we need to know what your goals are! And don't worry if you haven't even decided what they are yet! We're glad you're here, and we're going to figure this out together!

I've been a member of KWN off and on for twenty-plus years, and I will say that I have had different interests from the group over that time. In the beginning, I was all about meeting people and telling them about my work (Women and Children's Horizons and the Hope Council on Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse). Then, after leaving social services and KWN, I came back because a member told me that I could just sit back and relax! And that's what I did for a good number of years. I ate good meals, learned lots about the community, and let others run the show. But, duty called, and I moved back into a leadership position, so now I'm president - "again," as Ro says!

I admit that I can't remember much from my previous years - did we have activities members can participate in? Did we attend events together? Did we have fun? Did we even want to?

So, that's where you come in! Complete your survey when you receive it, and I promise you that the board will do all we can to bring your collective ideas to fruition!

See you at lunch!

### *Guida*

#### *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 Friday, April 14th, 2023 at [Casa Capri](#)  
2129 Birch Rd, Kenosha  
11:30am -1:00pm

The cost to attend the meeting is \$18 and includes lunch.

Lunch will be a two entrée buffet plus salad and a side.

[Click here](#) to buy your ticket.

RSVP by end-of-day on April 11th.

The link is also on the website.

### **We Want to See Your Beautiful Face!**

Please be sure to submit a head and shoulders photo for our website so that we appear to have an engaged membership...because we do! If you don't have a photo, ask Joanna Carlberg to take one at the luncheon meeting. She'll make sure you glow!  
Sign up here: [Gallery headshot](#)

### **Mark Your Calendar NOW: Alpaca**

We're going to a Paint Party, on Thursday, April 27, 5 - 7:45 p.m.

Enjoy painting and party fun at Alpaca Arts, 4326 7th Avenue, Kenosha, a woman-owned business that carries ready-to-paint items! **BONUS!** We get the place to ourselves for fun!

Attendees will pick, paint, and pay for their own item. We'd love to have you and your friends there, too!

No need to be a KWN member to attend!

RSVP by Monday, April 24, by contacting Cathy Savaglio at [Cathy.Savaglio@snmc.com](mailto:Cathy.Savaglio@snmc.com)

or on Jotform: <https://form.jotform.com/230186197713156>



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## We Want to Learn from YOU!

Want to be a speaker at an upcoming luncheon? We'd LOVE to hear from you and learn from your expertise! Email us at [membership](mailto:membership) to get on the calendar for 2023!

## April's Wise Women Read Book Discussion: *Madwoman* by Louisa Treger

The book for Wise Women Read discussion on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A, is *Madwoman* by Louisa Treger, which is based on a true story about the world's first female investigative journalist, Nellie Bly. From Blue House Books website (<https://www.blue-house-books.com/>):

*"An extraordinary portrait of a woman ahead of her time, Madwoman is the story of a quest for the truth that changed the world.*

*"In 1887, [...] down to her last dime and desperate to prove her worth, she comes up with a dangerous plan: to fake insanity and have herself committed to the asylum on Blackwell's Island. There, she will work undercover to expose the asylum's wretched conditions. But when the asylum door swings shut behind her, she finds herself in a place of horrors, governed by a cruelty she could never have imagined."*

For our May meeting, on Tuesday, May 9, we're doing something a little different. Starting at 6:00 p.m., we're attending "Stories & Spirits" at Public Craft Brewing to meet author Jeneva Rose and celebrate the release of her new book, *You Shouldn't Have Come Here*. The book is about "Grace Evans, an overworked New Yorker looking for a total escape from her busy life. [She] books an Airbnb on a ranch in the middle of Wyoming. When she arrives at the idyllic getaway, she's pleased to find that the owner is a handsome man by the name of Calvin Wells – and he's eager to introduce her to his easygoing way of life. But there are things Grace discovers that she's not too pleased about: A lack of cell phone service. A missing woman. And a feeling that something isn't right with the ranch."

This is a ticketed event, (\$32) and the tickets are scarce, at best. If you're interested in attending, please email [membership@kenoshawomensnetwork.org](mailto:membership@kenoshawomensnetwork.org), and Guida will see if she can wrangle you a reservation.

## April Meeting Topic: 100 Years of Service: Woman's Club

The President of the Kenosha Woman's Club, Kathy Rudy-Herr, will be telling us about the building that is the Woman's Club, formerly the Hale-Farr House in Kenosha, which the Woman's Club acquired in 1923, 100 years ago!

## Upcoming Meetings

In May we're bringing back KWN's past presidents! This will be an opportunity to show them how KWN has grown and to honor their service to the organization. We'll also get the chance to listen to what they've been up to lately! Mark your calendar now to join us on May 12!

And, in June, Margaret Ricchio of the Aging & Disability Resource Center will be presenting on "Supporting Caregivers."

## Join Us for Lunch at Casa Capri on Friday, April 14th

We're looking forward to another great meal and speaker at Casa Capri in April! The day and time remain the same: second Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. for networking and noon for lunch. When signing up, please do let us know if you have any dietary restrictions (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free) so that they can be accommodated. The cost to attend the meeting is \$18, and lunch is included. Please come early to network – that's when the fun is – and where the "Network" in Kenosha Women's Network comes in!

Elevator intros will be once per quarter. That means you have until May to hone your 10-second elevator speech. If you bring a guest to any meeting, though, be prepared to introduce her with a 10-second elevator speech! Those elevator speeches are just to give us a hint at what you do...the networking is when you can get into the weeds! And, as always, we will have announcements, which will come AFTER the speaker each month.

Please use this link to register for lunch: <https://form.jotform.com/230717450460147>

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO DONATED TO THE MARCH RAFFLE

\*Holly Miller—Stories of a Lifetime

\*Dr Diane Gerlach—Aurora

\*Guida Brown—Guided by Guida

\*Roseann Shales—Imaginative Consulting

\*Pamela Grubb—Mindful Yoga

\*Shawna Neal—Giving Back Wellness

\*Jen Laffin—Jen Laffin Coaching

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



## The 32nd Susan B Anthony/ Women of Influence Awards are in the bag!

The Susan B. Anthony – Women of Influence Awards Dinner was a HUGE success with the greatest number of attendees yet: 496! Funds raised at the event, which is co-sponsored by KWN, go back to nonprofits in our community that serve women and children. To that end, ginormous shoutout to KWN members who stepped up during the event to sell raffle tickets! You were lifesavers, and the committee is very appreciative of your efforts. Thanks for taking time out of your night to volunteer to help!



Here are some pictures from the evening. Photography by Joanna's Digital Images.



Ticket sellers, Rita, Jody and Roseann

The SBA Committee. Well done, Ladies!



Tip McGuire stopped by to chat.



### Mini-Grants

If you are new to KWN, you may not be familiar with our long-running mini-grant program. Each year, KWN gives money to nonprofit organizations benefiting women and children in Kenosha County. The mini-grant program began in 2003, making this year our 20th anniversary! The funds are raised throughout the year, with the largest part coming from KWN's holiday raffle in December. The lifetime total of the last nineteen years is over \$110,000 given away.

Each grant request is sponsored by a KWN member. The ad hoc committee will meet to review the current guidelines and application. At the September member meeting, recipients attend to receive their checks and speak to us about how the funds will be used. Please reach out to [Darleen Scuglik](#) if you are interested in serving on the ad hoc mini-grant committee.