

# KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

August 2020  
Kenosha Women's  
Network



## Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

### *A Note from our President*

Hello Members,

Our first post-COVID-19 pandemic in-person lunch was a huge success in July! We laughed, we ate, we learned, and we did it safely! I hope we'll have even more people attend lunch in August, but we certainly understand if you're not ready yet.



Getting together in July was the first public gathering I had participated in since the Susan B. Anthony - Women of Interest Awards Dinner, and I just know that's significant! We women are resilient!

Know that we are still working on the membership's behalf. In addition to sharing the high points of the meetings via video on our Facebook page, we also have a team of KWN members helping with the Habitat for Humanity of Kenosha Women Build, and we're still planning our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala...but now it's going to be the year we were incorporated, 1981, so the gala will be in 2021 instead of this year!

Of course, COVID is also taking its toll on KWN, so some of our activities have had to be postponed. We are no longer meeting for Wise Women Read, but please do consider joining the Rainbow Voices Book Club. That book club is "a group of people committed to educating ourselves against racial illiteracy in a space that is safe and inclusive for all." Reach out to Co-Secretary Laura Cox for more information.

We are also taking a hiatus from Maven Mondays since our members aren't able to commit to in-person gatherings at this time. Still, if you have a suggestion to get together, please reach out to the group through Joanna Carlberg! As I like to say, KWN membership gives us immediate access to friends with whom to do things! There are still fun activities that we can participate in as a group safely with social distancing!

I hope to see you in August...and September and October and so on! I know that this, too, shall pass, so know that if you aren't ready to join us, you are missed.

Be well,

*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.*

### August meeting

The August lunch meeting will be held on August 14, 2020, at The Woman's Club, 6028 8th Ave, Kenosha.

The menu choices will be:

Vegetable Lasagna

Or

Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich on a croissant (plus dessert)

Please RSVP with your menu choice by end of day, Tuesday August 11. You can register and pay on line at:

[Register here](#)

Lunch is \$15

The link will also be on the website.

### Habitat for Humanity-Women Build 2020

KWN is creating a team to support Habitat for Humanity 2020 "Women's Build" on Thursday, August 6. We have 2 time slots: 9:00-3:00 and 5:00-8:00. We would love to have you join us and please invite your female friends! There are 9 people on each team with a Habitat site manager to teach and oversee our efforts. Please bring your own mask, plus work gloves (if you have them). Wear closed-toed shoes or boots. Meals are provided, as are hardhats and sanitized safety glasses. This project is done with safe distancing as there are inside and outside things to be done.

As a fundraiser for Habitat, each participant makes a donation of \$30. Please contact Roseann Shales 262-287-8728 with any questions.

For more details about the build, and sign up, go to the [Habitat web page](#). Click on the "Volunteer Hub" link to go to the calendar and find KWN's build day on the 6th. At the time of writing, here are 4 slots available for the day-time and 2 for the evening session.



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Mini Grants 2020

The 2020 mini grant committee met on June 26th by Zoom. They had the difficult task of whittling down \$21,418 in requests to \$9,000, which is the amount we had to give away this year. Here are the winners:

- ECLA Outreach Center: \$750
- Habitat for Humanity of Kenosha: \$2,250
- Hope Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse: \$1,200
- Hospice Alliance: \$500
- Shalom Center of Interfaith Network of Kenosha County: \$800
- Society's Assets: \$2,500
- Westosha Senior Center: \$1,000

Join us for lunch on August 14th to hear from representatives of these organizations as they receive their checks and explain what they plan to do with the money.

Thank you to the committee members who gave their time to make this happen: Laura Cox, Alicia Fosbinder, Fran Kavenik, Holly Miller, Lauren Baca, and Michele Oksa.

Some exciting news-and a new volunteer opportunity!

KWN Treasurer, Katie Hulse, is expecting her second child in the fall and will be relocating to North Carolina shortly after the baby is born. We are excited for Katie and her family for both the new addition and the new opportunities to come. However, this means that KWN will need to find a new Treasurer. Ideally, we would like to find a new candidate as soon as possible, so that Katie can show her the ropes before she leaves. The job is not very time-consuming; the Treasurer pays the bills on time, banks the money and keeps track of our licenses and non-profit filing. This is an ideal volunteer position for anyone in the financial field. If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact Guida Brown or Katie to find out more.

It's good to be back together!

The July KWN meeting was our first in-person lunch meeting since March! We met at our new location, The Woman's Club, and they treated us royally! The food was very good, and the servers wore masks and gloves. In order to "social distance", they gave us the larger room which can hold 200 in normal times. The Woman's Club went to a lot of trouble to make sure we were safe and comfortable. There were 4 to a round table and the tables were well spread out. 18 members attended this first meeting; we could easily have handled more. If you are thinking of joining us in August, you can be assured of being as safe as we can possibly make you. If you don't feel comfortable coming out, we understand that too. We will continue to post some video from the meeting on the KWN Facebook page; if you have not seen the videos from July, here is a [link to the page](#). We will be joined in August by representatives of the organizations getting mini grants this year, who will tell us about their projects. This will replace the usual 10 minute speaker.



A New Book Club!

"Rainbow Voices Book Club is a group of people committed to educating ourselves against racial illiteracy in a space that is safe and inclusive for all. Our community is rising up to call people into conversation about racial injustice and inequality by discussing books, podcasts, documentaries, etc. that focus on Black lives, history, and experiences in America. This group includes a diverse range of experiences and is built upon a foundation and commitment to respectful communication and a desire to confront our ignorance, implicit bias, and racial illiteracy to have honest and meaningful conversations and build relationships that allow for real healing to begin."

Contact Co-Secretary, Laura Cox, if you are interested in taking part in this important conversation!

*Thank you to our members who donated raffle prizes for the July Raffle. We had an amazing raffle for a small attendance at our first in-person meeting in 4 months!*

\*Katie Hulse—Genesis Chiropractic      \*Darlene Duncan—Career Coaches      \*Fran Kavenik

\*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!*