

# 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,

"One more month of summer." In an effort to savor it, I keep telling myself that, but I fear that it's slipping by too quickly - again. And I guess that's OK. It means I'm living a "full life"...which is what my husband David and I have vowed to do.

But I will say that as I age, "full" has changed meaning. "Full" used to be events four or five nights a week. Now it means something more akin to reading a 400+ page book in three days. And that works perfectly for me.

Which reminds me of why KWN is relevant to all: want to be fully involved? You can be! Join the board! Attend extra events! Volunteer! Participate in the Wise Women Read Book Club!

Just want to have lunch? You can do that, too, and you'll have a great time and a delicious meal!

Loneliness is considered an epidemic, worsened by the pandemic, and it's shortening our lives. And, while we all WANT varying amounts of connection, depending upon what stage of life we're in, we all NEED some connection. I'm not a joiner by nature, and my roles have dragged me out of my comfort zone in many respects. But I will be forever grateful to the Kenosha Women's Network for always giving me a place to land among friends. I really hope you feel the same way.

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.*

### August meeting

KWN's August meeting will be held on Friday, August 11th, 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 August 8th.

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 Member Gallery to show what an engaged membership we have! 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](#)



### **Holiday Raffle**

It's that time! We're soliciting for the holiday raffle! Want your business name (or yours) on the ticket? Well then we need your commitment to provide a top prize! Please reach out to Treasurer Ann Hooper at [ann@clearprofitsolutions.com](mailto:ann@clearprofitsolutions.com) to let her know the value of the prize you'll be donating. And we don't just need TOP prizes...but we do need commitment for those first so that we can get the tickets printed! A top prize is generally considered to be valued at \$300 or more. If you have questions, want a bigger role in the Holiday Luncheon, or have an idea, please contact Ann!



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## August's Wise Women Read Meeting

On **Tuesday, August 8**, at 6:30 p.m. at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A, we'll be discussing *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. Read it before the movie comes out...sometime in the future! And, speaking of future, there really is no future for Addie, nor any past...only present. "A Life No One Will Remember. A Story You Will Never Forget.

*"France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever - and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets.*

*"Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world."* From *Bookshop.org*.

Join us for a great discussion on August 8!

And, on **Tuesday, September 12**, same time, same location, we'll be discussing what Guida says is one of her top ten books of all time and one that will appeal to anyone interested in the suffrage movement, particularly the difference between suffragists and suffragettes. Brilliant! It is *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams. Also from *Bookshop.org*: "Set during the height of the women's suffrage movement and with the Great War looming, *The Dictionary of Lost Words* reveals a lost narrative, hidden between the lines of a history written by men. Inspired by actual events, author Pip Williams has delved into the archives of the Oxford English Dictionary to tell this highly original story. *The Dictionary of Lost Words* is a delightful, lyrical, and deeply thought-provoking celebration of words and the power of language to shape the world."

## Join Us for Lunch at Casa Capri on Friday, August 11th.

Our own Hailey Couch of the Kenosha County Aging & Disability Resource Center will present on preventing falls for older adults, which is defined as anyone 60 years of age or older. For this population, falls are the number one cause of injury AND fatal injury.

We're looking forward to another great meal and speaker at Casa Capri! 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!

This is the month for 10-second elevator intros, so start practicing NOW! If you bring a guest to any meeting, though, be prepared to introduce her with a 10-second elevator speech! 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/231994260229157>

## Upcoming meetings:

September's meeting will be the presentation of our Mini-Grants, so make sure to mark your calendar for September 8. It's one of the best meetings of the year because we get to see our impact on our community!

And on October 13, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, well, it won't be spooky at all! Brenda Brady and Becky Leveque from Alpaca Art will be speaking, and we hope to schedule another Alpaca Art Night in conjunction with presentation, so be sure to read ALL your emails from us!

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

\*Guida Brown—Guided by Guida

\*Diane Gerlach—Aurora

\*Theresa Van Landuyt

\*Darleen Scuglik—Dar's Hearts

\*Alicia Fosbinder—Gordon J Maier & Company

\*Deb Strecker—GFWC-The Woman's Club

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



Wendy Gauss has been a member of KWN for about 23 years! About 8 years ago, she announced to KWN members that she was starting a new career - in Real Estate! She says, "My KWN friends embraced me and my new career. I have since closed 258 deals and I LOVE what I do!" So if you (or anyone you know) wants to buy or sell a house, have them call Wendy Gauss!! <https://mv-properties.com/>

Joanna Carlberg has been a photographer most of her life, beginning with black and white film developed in the coal cellar with her father. As a professional portrait photographer, for almost 20 years, she helps families mark their milestones and business owners show up as the face of their business. To know more, or subscribe to her blog, go to: <https://www.joannasdigitalimages.com/>

KWN members: We want to put you in the spotlight! Share with us, in 50-60 words, something about your business or your experience as a member of KWN. Look for the sign up sheet at the August meeting to get your name on the list!



### Are You Interested in Board Membership?

Do you want to learn about nonprofit boards? Do you want to make a bigger impact in the Kenosha Women's Network and help set activities and policies? Well, then it's time to step up to be on the board!

Board membership includes two additional meetings per month...board and a committee...but it's pretty low key...not a lot of stress. And, the best byproduct may be that you learn how nonprofits really work so that you can take these skills elsewhere!

Don't want to be a board member but want a more active role? That's OK, too! Join a committee. We have three: Events, Communication, and Membership, and any of them would appreciate your assistance.

Talk to any Guida if you have questions or interest. You can reach her at 262-914-1820 or via email at: [membership@kenoshawomensnetwork.org](mailto:membership@kenoshawomensnetwork.org).

There are a lot of fun "holidays" in August Here are a few you might enjoy celebrating:

- August 1: [Girlfriends Day](#)
- August 4: [Single Working Women's Day](#)
- August 6: [Sisters Day](#)
- August 9: [Book Lover's Day](#)
- August 11: [KWN's August meeting](#)
- August 13: [Left Hander's day](#)
- August 16: [Tell a Joke day](#)
- August 17: [Thrift Shop Day](#)
- August 19: [World Photo day](#)
- August 22: [Be an Angel day](#)
- August 25: [Kiss and Make Up day](#)
- August 26: [Dog Appreciation day](#)
- August 27: [The Duchess who wasn't day](#)
- August 31: [Eat Outside Day](#)

To know more about the best way to celebrate these holidays, click on the individual links.

On a more serious note, August is [Summer Sun Safety Month](#), so be aware of good practices to keep your skin safe while you celebrate all that August has to offer!

