

# 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,

I hear I'm president again! Thank you for another year! I look forward to growing the Kenosha Women's Network even more and getting to spend time with each and every one of you – at lunch if not elsewhere!

We had a fun time at Alpaca with lots of friends of members in attendance. When giving my short spiel to thank folks for attending and remind them what KWN is about, I tripped over my words. I meant to say that the three pillars of KWN are networking, philanthropy, and socializing, or, as I like to say, schmoozing, serving, and, socializing. Thankfully Wendy Gauss helped me out!

Basically, there's something in KWN for everyone, and I think we've been able to show that to the greater community. The holiday luncheon is a perfect example of what we aim to do. First, we're networking; feel free to come early to lunch on Friday, December 8. Networking can start as early as 11 a.m., and remember that the meeting will last until close to 1:30 p.m. For pillar #2, we're raising money for our philanthropic efforts! Sell those raffle tickets! This is our biggest fundraiser for the mini grant program, so sell, sell, sell! And, finally, we are socializing! I don't think I'm going out on much of a limb when I say that this is the meeting that's the most fun in the year. Lots of people! Lots of prizes! And just lots of fun!

I know we're heading into a really busy time, but I hope you'll be at the holiday luncheon. We want to see you, and we want you to enjoy the holiday event of the year! OK...maybe THAT is going out on a limb, but it really is fun, and you don't want to miss it!

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.*

### December meeting

KWN's December meeting will be our annual Holiday Luncheon and Grand Raffle held on Friday, December 8th, 2023 at The Kenosha Country Club.

Times for this special event will be 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Tickets are \$42 each and MUST be purchased in advance. The firm deadline for tickets November 27th.

[Click here](#) to buy your ticket. The link is also on the website.



### Early Renewals

It's time to renew your KWN membership. You have until the luncheon meeting in January to renew and get a discount. If you're ready to make the commitment, visit <https://form.jotform.com/232940210545145> for individual renewals and for business renewals, visit: <https://form.jotform.com/232940304125143>!

### Holiday Luncheon and Grand Raffle: The KWN Event of the Year!

If you want to attend the Holiday Luncheon on December 8th at the Kenosha Country Club, tickets are still available but the deadline is approaching fast! You have until November 27th to buy your **ticket!**

If you miss the boat on tickets for the Luncheon itself, there are raffle tickets available! These raffle tickets are the best deal in town! Eight prizes worth \$300 or more and dozens of lesser prizes, all for an investment of \$2.00 each, or 3 for \$5.00 (6 for \$10.00, 12 for \$20.00 -you get the picture). You do not have to be present to win. Grab a pile and sell them to your friends and remember to buy some yourself! You can get raffle tickets to sell from Francis Kavenik. Call her at 262-654-7570 or email her at: [kavenik@uwp.edu](mailto:kavenik@uwp.edu) to arrange to pick them up.

All proceeds go to support the KWN mini grant program.



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### December's Wise Women Read Meeting

On Tuesday, December 5, a week earlier than usual, we'll be discussing a KWN Book Club favorite: Hannah Morrissey's third book in the Black Harbor series, *When I'm Dead*, with the author herself in attendance! We will be meeting at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A. About the book: "One girl murdered...another one missing...and a medical examiner desperate to uncover the truth in *When I'm Dead*, the latest Black Harbor mystery by acclaimed author Hannah Morrissey." The meeting will be at 6:30, as usual, at 6:30 p.m. at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A.

On our usual date, Tuesday, December 12, most members of the book club will be attending the book launch of Wisconsin author Annelise Ryan's second Monster Hunter Mystery, *Death in the Dark Woods*, which we'll be discussing at our January 9 meeting. Contact Guida at [guidedbyguida@gmail.com](mailto:guidedbyguida@gmail.com) if you need additional information about this or any of our events. We'd love for you to join us!

### Thank you to our Gold Level Event Sponsor!



As you know, KWN's Holiday Luncheon and Grand Raffle is the biggest source of funds for our mini grant program. Our sponsors are a huge part of making this event a success! As our Gold Level Sponsor, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink exemplifies commitment to women and to making the world a better place. Becky, as she is more familiarly known, is a lifelong resident of Kenosha. A graduate of Kenosha Schools, she graduated from UW Parkside with a degree in History and from Cardinal Stritch University, with a Masters in Business Management. Becky is currently in her fifth term as Clerk of

Kenosha Circuit Court. She and her husband have two adult children and two grandchildren. She says, "They are the light of my life!"

When you talk to Becky, you hear her commitment to our community, family and leaving the world a better place. Examples of her community involvement are many: Becky is the president of Gateway Technical College Board, vice-president of the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court, a member of the Pleasant Prairie Police and Fire Commission, Hope Council, KAC, the KWN representative to the Susan B Anthony Committee, a member of the AAUW, and 100+ Women Who Care, just to name a few!

In her spare time, you can find her gardening, playing with her grandkids or taking road trips to visit family.

A long standing member of KWN, she says, "I am proud to be a member and be associated with so many caring, remarkable women, who support each other, and nonprofits in Kenosha." Thank you, Becky, for your generous donation, and your support of the work KWN does.

**MAY THE WARMTH AND LIGHT OF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON STAY WITH YOU  
THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR!**

### THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO DONATED TO THE NOVEMBER RAFFLE

\*Adeline Carney—The Red Oak Restaurant    \*Diane Gerlach—Aurora    \*Peggy Gallo—Tax Prep

\*Darleen Scuglik—Dar's Hearts    \*Theresa Van Landuyt—Grandma's Cookie Cottage

\*Darlene Duncan    \*Alicia Fosbinder—Gordon J Maier & Company, LLP

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



Theresa Van Landuyt has been a member of KWN for about 6 months! After working as a Contract Manager at Abbott Laboratories for 22 years, she decided to start a new career in the food industry. She bought a food trailer with her mother, Margaret Kendall. They will be selling coffee and desserts in a mobile "Cottage". All recipes are based on her grandmother's recipes that have been passed down for generations. Stay tuned for the grand opening of "Grandma's Cookie Cottage" in the spring of 2024. In the meantime, if you're craving an order of homemade cookies or other treats, contact Theresa at [grandmascookiecottage1@gmail.com](mailto:grandmascookiecottage1@gmail.com) or 262-914-1926.



Newly re-elected KWN President Guida Brown has been a member off and on for about 20 years...and she's now officially the longest-serving president...sorry Ro! After retiring from full-time work in June of 2022, she started her consulting business, Guided by Guida. She still spends her time working in the fields of addiction and non-profits, her two passions, but now she does it on a part-time basis! Please consider following her Facebook page at Guided by Guida to learn more about both her passions.



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 next meeting to get your name on the list!

## Thank you to our Silver and Bronze Sponsors!

As well as our principal sponsor, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, KWN has five other sponsors for the Holiday Luncheon this year, the most ever!

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