

# KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

February 2022

Kenosha  
Women's  
Network



## Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

### A Note from our President

Hello KWN!

I hope you are doing well and enduring the below zero digits this week.

It was great to see a group of 25 at our January lunch and to meet 5 brand new members! Our early membership renewal window has ended; however, we sincerely want all KWN members to renew. Your membership dues support our organization and our outreach.

Our VP, Guida Brown, has put together a list of 2022 lunch speakers to educate and enlighten us all. Your guests are also welcome to attend.

*"The world connects not by molecules. It connects through ideas, hopes, faces, dreams, actions, stories, and memories."*  
Barrie Sanford Greiff

My wish for 2022 is that we all become connectors, that we engage with members and others to get to know their dreams and stories. That we remember the legacy of our founders, who in 1980 started KWN to support women in new roles and positions because they were putting cracks in the ways things had always been done. In 2022, we still have to keep pushing forward.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on February 11. Networking starts at 11:30 AM.

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### 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.*

### February meeting

KWN's February meeting will be held on February 11th, 2022 at The Woman's Club, 6028 8th Ave, Kenosha  
11:30am networking,  
12:00pm lunch

Your menu choice will be:  
Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad  
Or  
Chicken Noodle Soup and a Club ciabatta sandwich  
(A vegetarian salad is available as an option upon request.)

Lunch costs \$15. Please RSVP with your choice of entrée by end of day on the 8th.

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

The link is also on the website.

### Consider This Your Open Invitation!

Are you interested in getting more involved in the Kenosha Women's Network? We have openings for two board members, and we can use your expertise. Don't want to be on the board, but still want to be more involved? That's OK, too...join a committee! We have three active committees of the board: Events, Membership, and Communication, and you can join any one – or two – without becoming a board member. See any board member for more information, or contact Roseann Shales, President, at [roshales89@gmail.com](mailto:roshales89@gmail.com), for more information.



Happy Valentine's Day!

### A Thank-you from Society's Assets

Society's Assets was a mini grant recipient in 2021. They used the grant to produce a calendar featuring the art work of some of their clients. They sent a nice note, along with a copy of the calendar, which Guida Brown presented at the January meeting.



If you need to submit a headshot for the KWN website member gallery, [click this link](#).

## KWN Welcomes:

Marcie McDevitt

Mary Witte-Tabbert

Mary Kubicki

Anne Kovales

Robin Tegel

We're Glad You're Here!

[Member Directory](#).

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## Paint Party at Alpaca Arts

Join Kenosha Women's Network members on Thursday, February 17 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. for painting and party fun at Alpaca Arts, 4326 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alpaca Arts is a woman-owned business that carries ready-to-paint bisque, including dishes and platters (microwave and dishwasher safe), household items such as picture frames, vases, figurines, banks, boxes, and more! They normally close at 6 p.m., so we get the place to ourselves for fun!

Attendees will pick, paint, and pay for their own pottery, and prices include painting and firing. We'd love you to be there and bring some friends, too! No need to be a KWN member to attend!

Please contact Cathy Savaglio at [Cathy.Savaglio@snmc.com](mailto:Cathy.Savaglio@snmc.com) to RSVP or for more information. If you plan to attend, please be sure to RSVP no later than Monday, February 14, so we know how

## 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 [photojo1955@gmail.com](mailto:photojo1955@gmail.com)

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

## Join us at Expo 22

Kenosha Women's Network will have a booth at the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce Expo on March 12 and 13 from 10 - 4 p.m. at the Frank J. Petretti Fieldhouse at UW-Parkside. Are you available for a two-hour shift to help people learn about this great organization? We'd love to have two people cover each shift, starting at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. both days. Contact Guida at [guida@hopecouncil.org](mailto:guida@hopecouncil.org) for more information or to volunteer!

## February Speakers

Representatives Tod Ohnstad, Samantha Kerkman, Tip McGuire, and Tyler August have been invited to present on "How to Advocate Through Your Elected Officials."

Barring any unforeseen legislative issues, Tod and Samantha have committed to joining us for the February luncheon.

We hope that you, too, can join us, for this important presentation!

## Next Wise Women Read Choice: *The Lost Apothecary*

Join KWN's Wise Women Read Book Discussion Group - and invite your friends, too - to discuss *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner. From the independent bookseller's review: "A wonderful melding of two timelines told by a trio of female voices. Each woman is standing at a crossroads; one is just becoming a woman, one is anticipating the end of her life, and one the end of her marriage. A small, blue apothecary bottle links the women and the timelines together. Penner skillfully guides us along the path each woman chooses. I could hardly bear to put the book down, such was the need to know the choice each woman makes and the consequences of that choice." Sandi Madore, Magnolia's Bookstore, Seattle, WA

Join us on Tuesday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A, Kenosha to discuss Penner's debut novel! Attendees to Wise Women Read need not be KWN members. Email Guida Brown at [guida@hopecouncil.org](mailto:guida@hopecouncil.org) with questions or a heads up if you plan to attend.

## THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES IN JANUARY

\*Holly Miller—Stories of a Lifetime, LLC

\*Darlene Duncan

\*Roseann Shales—CTFO CBD

\*Joanna Carlberg—Joanna's Digital Images

\*Deb Strecker

\*Jen Laffin—Jen Laffin Coaching

\*Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

\*Peggy Gallo—Gallo Tax Preparation

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

### Just For Fun!

Remember how fun it was in grade school to receive Valentine's Day cards from all classmates? Let's relive that excitement at lunch! For February's KWN meeting, consider bringing Valentine's Day cards for each lunch attendee-you know, the kind kids exchange. Plan for 25, give or take a few. Don't feel obligated to participate; this is just for fun-because, goodness, have you seen the fun choices available?



The Membership Committee



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### Mini Grant Ad Hoc Committee seeking volunteers

Each year, KWN distributes small grants to non profit organizations in Kenosha County, that benefit women and children. This program has a huge impact on the community! Over the years, we have come close to giving away \$100,000 in total! Applications for grants have to be sponsored by a KWN member and received by the May meeting. Applications are then reviewed by an ad hoc committee of KWN members. The committee meets one time between the end of applications (May meeting) and the announcement of grant winners (June Meeting). If you would like to help by being a committee member, let Acting Secretary, Guida Brown, know: [guida@hopecouncil.org](mailto:guida@hopecouncil.org)

Remember that this is an ad hoc committee, so past service or expression of interest doesn't put you on this committee: you have to let Guida know you're interested this year!

### Susan B. Anthony - Women of Influence Awards Dinner, March 11

The 31st Susan B. Anthony - Women of Influence Awards Dinner is back in person at Marina Shores on Friday, March 11, and we're excited to honor Terri Wruck, Lifetime Achievement Award winner, and Women of Influence: Jennie Tunkieicz, Business/Government/Nonprofit; Sabrina Morgan, Arts and Education; and Carli McNeil, Woman to Watch Under 40. Register here so you don't miss this awesome event! <https://tinyurl.com/mr2addj8>



Can't attend but still want to support the cause? There's still time to advertise in the booklet. Check out Eventbrite.com and search Susan B. Anthony for more information. Or purchase raffle tickets by emailing [guida@hopecouncil.org](mailto:guida@hopecouncil.org) for more information! The cost is \$5 each or 3 for \$10, and you can win "A Night on the Town" in Downtown Kenosha; Kenosha Restaurant Gift Certificate Package; or a Kingfish Package.

### GOURMET DELIGHTS ANNOUNCEMENT:

For the past few years at the Susan B. Anthony Awards Banquet (this year on Friday, March 11, 2022), we have used Gourmet Delights as a fundraiser in our silent auction. Members of the three collaborating organizations, Kenosha Women's Network, AAUW-Kenosha Branch, and Tempo Kenosha, sign up in advance to bring grandma's (or grandpa's) favorite treats to the event. From pies, cakes, cookies, fudge and other candies to dilly beans and homemade chutney—all will appeal to the people who attend, especially if they are decoratively presented. Last year, we raised over \$1,000 from the Silent Auction alone, helping to fund our scholarships and grants.

In order to plan ahead, we need you to sign up in advance for what you will be bringing. The event begins as early as 5:00 p.m. for the cash bar, so any time after 3:30 on March 11th we'll be happy to receive your contribution at the Madrigano Marina Shores in Kenosha. Please include the following information when you sign up:

- your name
- your email address
- your phone number
- the name of the item(s) and any "history" you'd like to share
- the value of the item(s)
- what you think the minimum bid should be

Send it to me via email at [Kavenik@uwp.edu](mailto:Kavenik@uwp.edu), or you can phone me at home 262-654-7470.

Thank you in advance for contributing to this stellar event!

