

KWN Community

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A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

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Women's
Network



Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

Hello, KWN,

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2023, this is the last newsletter that will automatically be sent to you. If you did not renew your membership, we would love to know why. We are always looking for ways we can grow and improve in the future.



And, having said that, thank you to the 44 people who have already joined or rejoined! That's a great start to the year! And a great year it is going to be! Susan B. Anthony - Women of Influence Awards Dinner, which KWN co-sponsors, is coming up! We're going to Expo! We're having another party at Alpaca! And that doesn't even touch on the monthly lunches with fabulous speakers and the great monthly book club meetings! Sheesh! I'm tired just writing this!

One of the best things, for me, about KWN, is that you can be involved as little or as much as you want. You can come to monthly lunches occasionally, and you'll have fun every time. You can come to lunches regularly and meet new friends. You can attend lunches and participate in the extracurriculars like book club or fundraisers. And you can serve on a committee or the board to make it all happen. You get to decide, and you're warmly welcomed, whatever your decision is!

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.

February meeting

KWN's February meeting will be held on Friday, February 10th, 2023 at [Casa Capri](#)

2129 Birch Rd, Kenosha

Same time:

11:30am -1:00pm

New location as of January 2023

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

The cost for lunch is \$18

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

RSVP by end-of-day on February 7th.

The link is also on the website.

KWN on Facebook

Are you following the KWN Facebook Page @kenoshawomensnetwork.org? If not, you're missing:

- Awards and celebrations about YOU, our members!
- Events your business is holding or is involved with.
- Fun happenings in and around Kenosha.

We love to share ideas, news and tips for our members and about our members-but we have to know that you have something that you'd like us to share. Please help us by tagging @kenoshawomensnetwork.org so we can pass your news on through our feed!

Using Jotform

We have found that using Jotform for registrations, particularly when there is a fee, works beautifully for the KWN's volunteer board. We also know that a couple people have had problems registering. If you have a problem or question, please set up a time with Guida when you can walk through the process while on the phone together. In this way we'll be able to figure out the hiccups and get you registered!

Remember that every time you register using Jotform, you get a receipt emailed to you immediately. If you don't get that receipt, you're not registered.



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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 to get on the calendar for 2023!

February's Wise Women Read Book Discussion: *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E. Harrow

For our meeting on Tuesday, Valentine's Day February 14 we've chosen to discuss *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E. Harrow. From StoryGraph: "In this captivating and lyrical debut set in the early 1900s, a young woman embarks on a fantastical journey of self-discovery after finding a mysterious book [...] a book that carries the scent of other worlds and tells a tale of secret doors, love, adventure, and danger. Each page turn reveals impossible truths about the world, and January Scaller discovers a story increasingly entwined with her own."

March 14 has us discussing *Circe* by Madeline Miller. This was chosen because March is Women's History Month! From Miller's website: "In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child--not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power--the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves. [...]"

"With unforgettably vivid characters, mesmerizing language and page-turning suspense, *Circe* is a triumph of storytelling, an intoxicating epic of family rivalry, palace intrigue, love and loss, as well as a celebration of indomitable female strength in a man's world."

February Meeting Topic: The Road to Becoming A Doctor

Our own Laura E. Cox has been on quite the journey, recently earning her doctorate of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine at AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine in Austin, Texas.

She'll be telling us about her journey to become a doctor, which included research on examining implicit bias within the acupuncture profession in the US.

Laura was president of KWN from 2012 - 2014, and she had to step back from membership engagement due to her schooling. We're so glad to have her back as a member and as the February speaker!

Bio: Dr. Laura E. Cox is the owner and practitioner at AcuWell Integrative Health, which just celebrated serving Kenosha for seven years. She helps her patients to live well, choose well, and be well through a natural integrative approach to health and well-being.

Join Us for a Valentine Exchange and Lunch at Casa Capri on Friday, February 10

We had a great meal in January, and we're happy to return to Casa Capri in February! 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.

And, remember the fun of trading Valentine's Day cards in grade school? Well, we're bringing that back at lunch! Arrive early to network, and bring your cards to exchange. We had a lot of fun with this last year, and we hope you'll join in!

Please use this link to register for lunch: <https://form.jotform.com/230165602859155>

Getting Involved

Do you want to get involved with KWN? We still have openings in the Board for a couple more members but, if you don't wish to serve on the board, we have many committees that would welcome you as a member! There are three board committees, Membership, Communications, or Events; which area interests you? Committee involvement can be short term for special events or more general. Any way you slice it, serving is a great opportunity to get involved with a nonprofit and learn as you go. If you are interested in joining us, please see any of the board members.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, WHO DONATED TO THE JANUARY RAFFLE

*Cathy Savaglio—Security National Mortgage *Darleen Scuglik—Dars Hearts *Peggy Gallo—Tax Preparation

*Jodie Needham—Jodie Needham Fitness *Holly Miller—Stories of a Lifetime *Darlene Duncan

*Pamela Grubb—Mindful Yoga

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

Time Is Running Out: Renew NOW!

Don't forget to renew so that you can continue to enjoy the fun!

Individual Membership link is here: <https://form.jotform.com/222984372831159>

Business Membership link is here: <https://form.jotform.com/222984977185172>

Volunteer for the Chamber's Expo!

On Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, KWN will have a booth at The 2023 Kenosha Expo Health & Home Show. The Expo, held in the UW-Parkside Fieldhouse, is a family-friendly, fun and informative opportunity to meet the many businesses and organizations that make the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce such a strong association. This community event will showcase many businesses and organizations, many with products and services for purchase on site. The Kenosha Community Health Fair features free health services and so much more! The Expo also features the Great Kenosha Raffle: your chance to win great prizes and support the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund.

We need volunteers to staff our booth; a sign-up sheet will be available at lunch on February 10, but if you won't be there and want to volunteer, please email membership@kenoshawomensnetwork.org to be added to the list. The shifts that are currently available for both days in two-hour increments, starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

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

**Susan B. Anthony - Women of Influence Awards Dinner March 24 (KWN is a Sponsor!)**

If you didn't read that headline with excitement, it's likely you've never attended the event, which is in its THIRTY SECOND year. It's that good! Join the fun on Friday, March 24, at UW-Parkside's Alfred and Bernice De Simone Arena. It starts at 5 p.m. with cocktails, and the program begins at 6:00 p.m. As with any great fundraiser, there are raffle tickets available for purchase and a silent auction. But the best part of the night is honoring the winners. This year's winners are: Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient - Ardis Mahone-Mosley; Woman of Influence - Business/Government/Nonprofit - Jean Moran; Woman of Influence - Arts/Education - Deborah Ford; and Woman of Influence - Women to Watch Under 40 - Brandi Cummings.



Additionally, Heather Krome is this year's scholarship winner, and the following nonprofits will receive grants for their special programs or projects: Hospice Alliance, Shalom Center, Society's Assets, United Way of Kenosha County, and Women and Children's Horizons. That means that the more money we raise during this event, the more money we can donate to the nonprofits to fund their grants. So, help us out! Raffle tickets are available for you to sell (or buy!): KWN's sponsorship means that we provide a \$300 package for a Night on the Town in Downtown Kenosha, so if you have suggestions about what that should include or any value-added connections, let Guida know. The two other prizes, both also valued at \$300, are eight tickets to the Kingfish Fishbowl Club from Tempo Kenosha and Kenosha Restaurant Gift Certificates from AAUW - Kenosha.

You will be sad if you miss this event! It's the premier event for women in Kenosha, and it's a lot of fun! You dress up in your cocktail attire, you see people, you eat a great meal, you see more people, and you listen to some great speechifying from the winners, and then you're home, in your jammies by 8:45! You've celebrated a bunch of awesome women from Kenosha and you've help support nonprofits! What's not to love?

Buy your tickets here: <https://www.kenoshawomensnetwork.org/philanthropy>

