

# KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

January 2022

Kenosha  
Women's  
Network



## Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

### A Note from our President

Hello KWN!

I hope you have all had a spectacular Holiday Season this year, and we look forward to 2022!

Thank you to all of our members that graciously donated gifts for our Holiday Raffle. Many thanks to all who volunteered to lend a hand at the Holiday Luncheon; we could not have done it without you!

We raised \$6,256 towards the 2022 mini grants that will be presented in July.

As we move into 2022, we are still dealing with the pandemic. I think most of us have become more flexible and also more resilient in many ways. My hope is that we will be able to grow our membership to 75, enhance our fundraising through events like the Kenosha Kingfish outing, and also have opportunities to get together, get to know each other better and provide more support for our members as we grow.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the January Luncheon, the final date for early membership renewal.

*"Smile for a stranger. Find time when you have none. A simple, human gesture inspires others to go with the flow. Such a small gift, such simple greatness, has moved mountains, and is inside of us all."*

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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.*

### January meeting

KWN's January meeting will be held on January 14th, 2022 at The Woman's Club, 6028 8th Ave, Kenosha  
11:30am networking,  
12:00pm lunch

Your menu choice will be:  
Orange Glazed Chicken on White Rice, with salad greens & garlic bread

Or

Tomato Basil Soup with a Turkey/bacon club on a croissant.

(A vegetarian sandwich is available as an option upon request.)

Lunch costs \$15. Please RSVP with your choice of entrée by end of day on the 11th.

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

The link is also on the website.

### Thank you letter from a mini grant recipient

KWN received a letter from Lisa Byron, Development Manager at Kenosha Public Museums Foundation, thanking us for our mini grant of \$1,500. It said:



*"We want to thank you again for the \$1,000 grant funding to enhance our virtual education programming and school group tours. Since receiving the funding, we have purchased the Wi-Fi equipment necessary to improve the quality of virtual programs and tours throughout the museums.*

*We anticipate the Wi-Fi upgrades to be installed in the next several months. We continue to receive requests for future virtual programs and school tours, especially from Kenosha and Racine county schools. With these upgrades, our virtual education programs will be able to encompass all spaces throughout the museums, allowing students and attendees to experience the entire museums from their own home and school.*

*We appreciate your support. With these changing times, we could not continue our mission without friends like you."*

KWN's mini grant program has distributed over \$100,000 over the years! The 2021 Holiday Luncheon raised \$6,256 to add to our distribution in 2022!

## KWN Welcomes:

Johnson Financial Group

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Nicole Farbo, Kate Trudell &

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We're Glad You're Here!

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**Early Renewals Due by Lunch on January 14, 2022**

We hope that you've found value in KWN this year, and you want to renew! Visit <https://www.kenoshawomensnetwork.org/membership> to renew TODAY! Remember that early individual renewals - which cost \$75 - are due no later than the January 14 luncheon. Business renewals are also due by lunch in January, and the cost is discounted to \$120. Billing is an option: just let Guida know at [guida@hopecouncil.org](mailto:guida@hopecouncil.org) that you need to be invoiced.

**Join the Twelfth Night Party on January 5!**

Keep the holidays going with one more party! Join Deb Strecker at her beautifully-decorated home to celebrate the Twelfth Night, traditionally the last of the twelve days of Christmas which is the last night of the Christmas season. This year, that's Wednesday, January 5, and the party starts at 6 p.m.

All KWN members are invited, and you're also invited to bring a guest! Deb will provide beverages for all, but please try to bring a dessert or finger food to pass. There will be a white elephant gift exchange...so you know that thing you can't use that you got for Christmas...well now you have a place to re-gift it! There will be an award for the worst gift as well as for the most-coveted gift, so put your thinking cap on and make it fun!

Please RSVP to Deb at [dlstrecker@gmail.com](mailto:dlstrecker@gmail.com) or by calling/texting 262-705-9829. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**January Speaker**

Kicking us off right into 2022 will be Jen Laffin of Jen Laffin Coaching. She'll be our speaker and will be talking about "Why Your Failure Matters in 2022 (aka How to Crush Your Impossible Goals)."

The new year is a time that many of us set goals and make resolutions, only to abandon them by the time January draws to a close. But this year CAN be different. Jen Laffin of Jen Laffin Coaching will teach us the one thing we need to do to ensure that our new year's goals get checked off instead of crossed off so 2022 can be a year of massive success.



*Wishing all our members  
success, health and  
happiness in the New Year!*

**Next Wise Women Read Choice: *The Frozen Crown***

Join KWN's Wise Women Read Book Discussion Group - and invite your friends, too - to discuss *The Seventh Queen* by Kenosha's own Greta Kelly. Even more exciting is that Greta herself will be joining us virtually for the discussion! From Goodreads: "After the gasp-inducing cliffhanger ending of *The Frozen Crown*, the exciting conclusion to the epic story of Askia - a warrior, witch, and queen-to-be - as she confronts the monster that stole her throne...and is holding her prisoner to steal her magic."

Join us on Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A, Kenosha to discuss this duology with the author! 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 all our members & friends who donated raffle prizes for  
the Grand Raffle in December!*

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