

# KWN Community

January 2023

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

Kenosha  
Women's  
Network



## Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

### *A Note from our President*

Hello, KWN,

I'm Baaaaacccccckkkk!

I must say, I certainly didn't expect to be president again so soon. In fact, I didn't really expect to be president again - at all. But, through some board changes over the last few years, I am, and I am looking forward to serving over the next couple years, if you'll have me! Be careful how you answer that...I was president for just over two months back in 2020 when COVID changed the world!

In 2022 we rebounded, growing membership quite a bit and offering some great opportunities for the three pillars of KWN: networking, philanthropy, and socializing, or, as I like to think of it: schmoozing, serving, and, well, socializing.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Holiday Luncheon a HUGE success! We again netted just over \$6,800, which is part of the philanthropy pillar as those funds are granted to nonprofits in Kenosha County that serve women and children.

Mark your calendars now for this year's Susan B. Anthony - Women of Influence Awards Dinner. This dinner is the PREMIER event honoring Kenosha County women, and you don't want to miss it! KWN, AAUW - Kenosha Branch, and Tempo Kenosha are the organizing bodies for the dinner, which is also sponsored by the Kenosha Community Foundation's Women's Fund and Southeast Wisconsin Labor Times. We've made a pretty substantial change in location this year, to the Alfred & Bernice De Simone Arena at UW-Parkside, and the dinner is Friday, March 24. It's gonna be good, so be sure to reserve your seat!



*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 Friday, January 13th, 2023 at [Casa Capri](#)

2129 Birch Rd, Kenosha

Same time:

11:30am -1:00pm

This is a new location for us.

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 January 10th

The link is also on the website.

### Join Us for the First Lunch of the Year: Casa Capri on Friday, January 13

We're excited to move lunches to 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. Remember that given the cost of - well, everything - we did have to raise our lunch price to \$18 per person, but we'll be having a hot lunch buffet, and there's plenty of parking, so we're pretty sure this will be a win-win!

When signing up, please do let us know if you have any dietary restrictions (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free) so that they can be accommodated. Use the link above to sign up and pay for your lunch.

## Time is Running Out for Early Renewal:

Early renewal is still available-but only until 1pm on Friday, January 13th! Save \$15 on an individual membership and \$20 on a business membership (three members from the same business) by renewing early. Remember, if you don't renew by the time our January luncheon is over, you will have to pay full price!! Click below to renew early!

[Individual Early Renewal](#)

[Business Early Renewal](#)

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## January's Wise Women Read Book Discussion: *The Widowmaker* by Hannah Morrissey

KWN's Wise Women Read Book Discussion Group is at 6:30 p.m. on January 10 at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A, and we'll be discussing *The Widowmaker* by Hannah Morrissey. Hannah's books are a favorite of Wise Women Read because the books are exciting Midwestern noir thrillers, and Hannah herself is a delight! She is a local author who attended the discussion of her last book, *Hello, Transcriber*, also set in Black Harbor, and she's scheduled to join us for the discussion, too!

**About the book from the publisher, Macmillan:** "Ever since business mogul Clive Reynolds disappeared twenty years ago, the name "Reynolds" has become synonymous with "murder" and "mystery." And now, lured by a cryptic note, down-on-her-luck photographer Morgan Mori returns home to Black Harbor and into the web of their family secrets and double lives. The same night she photographs the Reynolds holiday get-together, Morgan becomes witness to a homicide of a cop that triggers the discovery of a long-buried clue.

"This could finally be the thing to crack open the chilling cold case, and Investigator Ryan Hudson has a chance to prove himself as lead detective. If only he could stop letting his need to solve his partner's recent murder distract him. But as Morgan exposes her own dark demons, could her sordid history be the key to unlocking more than one mystery?"

For 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.

## January Meeting Topic: Connections at Hospice Alliance

Hospice Alliance provides a monthly support group meant for children, teens, and their trusted adults, with or without having the experience of hospice care. This program provides a way for families and friends to meet others who are also experiencing grief.

At the January luncheon, we'll hear from Jenny Sytkowski, Bereavement Coordinator at Hospice, about this excellent program.

## We Want to Learn from 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@kenoshawomensnetwork.org](mailto:membership@kenoshawomensnetwork.org) to get on the calendar for 2023!

## Please Welcome Your New Board

At the November lunch meeting, we elected board members. Darlene Duncan and Guida Brown were elected for another three-year term, which ends in 2025, along with Darleen Scuglik. They join Cathy Savaglio, Deb Strecker, Frances Kavenik, and Joanna Carlberg, whose terms end in 2023, and Ann Hooper and Roseann Shales, whose terms end in 2024.

At the December board meeting, officers were elected. They are Guida Brown, President; Darlene Duncan, Vice President; Darleen Scuglik, Secretary; and Ann Hooper, Treasurer.

We do have room for a couple more board members, and we'd love to have more voices with more ideas! But, if you don't want to be a board member but are interested in one of the three board committees, Membership, Communications, or Events, there's a place for you there, too! Either way, 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.

*Happy New Year*

*KWN Members!*



**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES FOR OUR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON! YOU ARE TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION INDIVIDUALLY ♥♥**

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