

KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

July 2022

Kenosha
Women's
Network



Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

Hello KWN!

I hope you are all enjoying our summer weather! We are so fortunate to live in and near Kenosha, WI in the summer months! There is so much to see and do here, and as we say, "It's cooler by the lake."

Our most important luncheon of the year happens on July 8, the presentation of our 2022 Mini-Grants. Be sure to register for lunch! It's heartwarming to meet the recipients and to hear how we support their efforts in our county.

In July, we celebrate our freedom with barbecues and fireworks. 2022 feels different, somehow. Whatever your feelings about abortion, the recent court decision will have a huge impact on us as women. My personal feeling is that we have taken a huge step backwards. If you feel as I do, I encourage you to use your power for change and vote. Every election is important.

"I raise up my voice—not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. ... We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back." Malala Yousafzai

Mark your calendar now for August 9th for the primary election.

See you soon!

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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.

July meeting

KWN's July meeting will be held on July 8th, 2022 at The Woman's Club,

6028 8th Ave, Kenosha

11:30am networking,

12:00pm lunch

Your menu choice will be:

Curried Chicken Salad Wrap

Or

Watermelon Salad with mixed greens, Feta Cheese & Balsamic Vinaigrette

Both choices include dessert.

Lunch costs \$15. Please RSVP with your choice of entrée by end of day on the 5th.

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

The link is also on the website.

Ahh Summer! Join KWN at the ballpark!



Join Kenosha Women's Network at the Kenosha Kingfish game on **August 11th** at 6:35PM. The Kingfish will be facing the Traverse City Pit Spitters. Tickets are only \$15 so please purchase tickets for family and friends! Tickets will be available for sale at the July lunch meeting. If you're unable to make the lunch and would like to buy tickets for the game contact the events committee.



KWN Welcomes:

Bettie Westcott

We're Glad You're Here!

[Member Directory.](#)

Gallery updates:

We want all our members to be featured on the KWN website member gallery! People do business with those they know, like and trust and the first step is recognizing your fellow KWN members! If you don't have a picture currently on the gallery, please [click this link](#). You can submit your own headshot or arrange to have one taken at the next meeting.

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July's Wise Women Read Choice: *Hour of the Witch*

KWN's Wise Women Read Book Discussion Group is at 6:30 p.m. on July 12 at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave. A, Kenosha, and we'll be discussing *Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian. From the independent bookstore Tattered Cover in Denver, CO, Lisa Casper describes the book this way: "Trapped in a marriage with a violent man in Puritan New England, the fierce and resilient Mary Deerfield has the audacity to file for divorce in a time when women are accused of witchcraft for any non-conforming behavior. While historical, this story rings true for today."

And don't forget to mark your calendar for the meeting on August 9 when we'll be discussing *Verity* by Colleen Hoover. Buzzfeed describes it this way: "The energy and pace in this book are like a fun house at a carnival. It's ever-changing, and just when you think you know what to expect next, Hoover hits you with another turn. Up until the very final page, readers are mining for clues. Just when you thought you figured out the who, what, when, where, and why, it completely changes, leaving you gobsmacked."

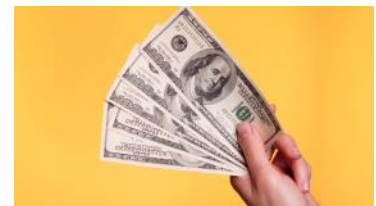
July Speakers Are The Heart of KWN!

July's speakers are the ELEVEN nonprofits awarded mini-grants by KWN. While the mission of the Kenosha Women's Network is to promote and encourage the professional and personal growth of our members in a supportive environment where women's efforts are recognized and encouraged, one of our biggest efforts is to support the nonprofit community whose primary focus is to help women and/or children from Kenosha County.

When you attend meetings, and we have a raffle, that's why: we're raising funds for the mini-grants. When you sponsor a table or buy tickets for the Holiday Luncheon, that's why: we're raising funds for the mini-grants. When you attend a fundraising event sponsored by KWN, that's why: we're raising funds for the mini-grants. This year we gave out \$10,000 in mini-grants! Not bad for our small networking group!

Our mini-grant program is a way to help nonprofits provide a safety net to women and children in our community, and we can't do it without our members' support. But we also can't do it without the nonprofits themselves, so please register now to attend the luncheon meeting on Friday, July 8, to listen to the following nonprofits explain how they will use the funds donated by KWN:

- ◆ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kenosha & Racine Counties
- ◆ Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha
- ◆ Hope Council on AODA
- ◆ Hospice Alliance
- ◆ KAC
- ◆ Linda Faye Foundation
- ◆ Safe Families for Children, Wisconsin
- ◆ Sharing Center
- ◆ Sleep in Heavenly Peace Racine/Kenosha
- ◆ Society's Assets
- ◆ Westosha Senior Community Center.



THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES IN JUNE

*Roseann Shales—CTFO CBD

*Joanna Carlberg—Joanna's Digital Images

*Darleen Scuglik

*Corina Kretschmer-Ansay & Assoc

*Rebecca Matoska-Mentink—Kenosha County

*Cathy Savaglio—SecurityNational Mortgage

*Adeline Carney—The Red Oak Restaurant

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

Musical Member Fun in the Summertime!

Another great benefit of membership in KWN is having friends to do fun things with, and summer certainly allows a lot of fun options! Two that the Membership Committee has chosen are music-related:

Twilight Jazz: Street Jaxson Band on Tuesday, July 26, at Kemper Center (6501 3rd Avenue) at 6 pm,
RSVP: <https://forms.gle/tPBs5NcL3ALdXLYk9>
and

Peanut Butter and Jam: Jonny Lyons and the Pride on Thursday, August 18, at (54th Street and 6th Avenue) at 6 pm.
RSVP: <https://forms.gle/7qymW8tZb69kFx48>

Cathy Savaglio, Jen Laffin, and Guida Brown plan to attend, representing the Membership Committee, and they want to be sure that we can all sit together, so RSVP to the Google links no later than noon on the date of the event to let them know how many will be joining!

If you've never attended these events, you bring your own lawn chair to sit in to enjoy the music, and there's food and beverages onsite to purchase or you can bring your own! Or, make it a completely fun and free event! Just join us!

Have you seen Kenosha's newest piece of public art?

Kenosha has a place in rock and roll history, and now there is a new piece of sculpture to commemorate it! The interactive sculpture is located at 58th Street and 2nd Avenue, on the boulevard entering Southport Marina. The Winter Dance Party sculpture was unveiled on Tuesday, June 21st, to commemorate the stars of the Winter Dance Party tour, who performed in Kenosha on January 24th, 1959 on the second stop of their tour. The tour ended tragically on February 3rd, when Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson were all killed in a plane crash in Clear Lake, Iowa. This crash was memorialized in Don McLean's 1971 hit, American Pie, as "The Day the Music Died".

KWN Member, Guida Brown, her husband, David Mcgrath and the one remaining star of that tour, Dion DiMucci (of Dion and the Belmonts), worked tirelessly to see that Kenosha got this sculpture. It is situated close to the Eagles Club, now Marina Shores, where the concert took place.



The sculpture incorporates elements of all three artists and was designed by local sculptor, Martin Antaramian.

