

KWN Community

June 2020
Kenosha Women's
Network

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

Growing together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

Hello, again, KWN Members!

Last month Co-Secretary Laura Cox did a phenomenal job with a Zoom call for the meeting. I ate pizza delivered to my desktop, and, while I'm not sure what everyone else ate, seeing everyone, even if I couldn't hug you yet, was a lot of fun!

While Laura did an awesome job connecting us, I, for one, am ready to move about the country...or at least the county. We sent out a survey about in-person lunches so that the board could make an educated decision about the interests of the membership. The verdict was to stay virtual for one more month.

Whether or not we meet and eat together, KWN still has business to do! Get your sponsored mini-grant applications in by June 12. Mark your calendar for Maven Monday on June 15 and Wise Women Read on Tuesday, June 2, when we'll discuss *Smacked: A Story of White-Collar Ambition, Addiction, and Tragedy*, a memoir by Eilene Zimmerman. Didn't read the book? That's OK! Join us anyway to have input on the next selection. We've been reading female authors only and alternating between fiction and non-fiction, so the next choice will be fiction. Can't attend but still want input? Email me at guida@hopecouncil.org

We still have some fun events in the planning stages, including a community service day and our 40th Anniversary Gala. I know that, for me, the current state of affairs has taken its toll. Each of us determines what our new normal will be: How long will we wear masks? How long will we physically distance to six feet? How long will large groups meet by Zoom? And, the big one for me, how long will I have to eat cereal for dinner because getting a meal seems so difficult?

KWN has been my ONLY group social activity since March 16, and I am so grateful to each and every one of you for your part in my social life! Even in the time of COVID, each of us decides how much or little to participate in KWN's three pillars of networking, philanthropy, and socializing. We have you covered; you just have to show up!



Guida



Zoom meeting again in June

KWN President, Guida Brown, recently sent out a survey to gauge how our members felt about meeting in person in June. Although the Safer at Home order has been eased, the majority of respondents wanted to go one more month on Zoom and see how the numbers pan out. Laura Cox will be running the meeting again (she did a stellar job in May) and, to allow time for conversation, she will open Zoom early, at 11:50am. The meeting itself will begin at 12pm. The speaker is Joanne Horner and her topic is: "Building Relationships and Connections."

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: June 12, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMpcOmrzotHN1UqYy8FvKB_zbAsozCNu48](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJMpcOmrzotHN1UqYy8FvKB_zbAsozCNu48)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining

Bring your own lunch!

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.

KWN Welcomes You

Virtually.

We look forward to seeing you in person soon!

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Your member-sponsored grant application is due by the June meeting!

Each year, Kenosha Women's Network gives out mini grants to member-sponsored organizations. Each member is encouraged to sponsor a nonprofit organization in Kenosha County that supports women and children. Over the years we have given out over \$90,000 in mini grant funding. We have \$9,000 to award this year. The application deadline to apply for the mini grants is June 12, 2020. We have made it easy for you to do the application electronically, to keep both you and the organizations safe during this time. Click [here](#) to access the application in fillable pdf format. The grant recipients will be announced at our July meeting, and the organizations that are selected will be awarded their grants at our August meeting.

If you are interested to see the huge variety of nonprofits that have benefitted from KWN's mini grant program, look on the website; They are all listed, back to 2004! [Mini grants](#)

This year's mini grant committee has been assembled and is waiting for your applications. Now for the fun part: making decisions on which organizations will receive a mini grant! There are so many worthy organizations-we are excited to see which one you choose to sponsor this year!

Stay safe and be well,
Laura Cox and Alicia Fosbinder
Co-secretaries
KWN

Speakers

Joanne Horner is the speaker for June, stepping in at the last minute for Kristen who had another commitment. Her topic is: "Building Relationships and Connections." Thanks, Joanne!

Kristen Hoffman of Herzing University will be our July speaker; her topic is "The New Normal."

If you would like to be a speaker one month, talk to Vice-president, Roseanne Shales (262-287-8728).

Wise Women Read

The next meeting of our book club is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd, at 6pm, via Zoom. Our current read is "Smacked: a story of white-collar ambition, addiction and tragedy" by Eilene Zimmerman. You can join in even if you are not reading this month's book and help to select our next read. [Register for the event here](#). Once you register, you will be sent the link to join.

Maven Monday

The next Maven Monday is scheduled for Monday, June 15th, at 6pm. Last month's meeting was held by Zoom. At this time, we are waiting to see whether we can meet in person. Members and guests are welcome to attend for lively conversation!

Milestones of 2020

The year 2020 will forever be known as the year of COVID-19, but there are other important milestones this year, which may be overshadowed by the dreaded 'Rona. 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of Women's right to vote in the USA. To give some perspective, New Zealand gave women the right to vote in 1893 and Saudi Arabia did not allow women to vote until 2011! The Susan B. Anthony/Women of Influence awards, held right before the lockdown, was a celebration of some of the amazing local women who have had significant influence on our community. In a tip of the hat to our sisters in the Suffragist movement, Jenny Tunkieicz, one of the award presenters, dressed as a woman of the era. If you would like to see more photographs of the evening you can [click here](#). 2020 also marks the 40th anniversary of our own organization! KWN was formed in 1980 and held the first meeting in March of that year. An anniversary celebration is planned for later in the year, to be held at The Woman's Club, a venerable Kenosha institution founded in 1891. Look for updates as we get nearer to the event.



New Online Directory

The 2020 member directory is live on the KWN web site. It has been updated with all the current members for whom we have information. Go out there and check it out! Are you listed? Is your listing correct? If we do not have your picture, please [send us one](#). We would love to have faces to attach to the names! Send pictures in Jpeg format please, resolution 1500x1500 pixels or greater preferred. If you are not listed, and you are a new or renewing member, please let one of the membership committee know.

KWN T-Shirts and Hoodies

Order your KWN t-shirts and hoodies [online](#), on the KWN web site. Call Ro Shales if you have questions; we do have some available for immediate sale.

Kenosha Comes Together

Betsy Ade and the Well Known Strangers will be headlining a virtual concert on June 6, to raise funds to support Kenosha's small businesses. For more information about the concert, as well as details on how to donate, [click this link](#).

Wellness Warriors

Laura Cox, of Acupuncture and Wellness of Wisconsin, has started a podcast to help us all take better care of ourselves during this stressful time. "Self-care is Health-care" says Laura. By taking better care of ourselves we will be better able to resist illness and, by extension, help protect others. Check out "The Health of the People" on your favorite podcast platform.

Biergarten open for the season

Petrifying Springs' Biergarten is open for the season! They have a ton of events planned already, including live music with The Sweet Sheiks, The Roundabouts, Alpine Blast, Haley Klinkhammer and many more. On June 13th, there is a fundraiser for Safe Harbor Humane Society. For up-to-date information and all the events, check out the Biergarten Facebook page [here](#).

Chicago Pridefest

Chicago's annual Pridefest goes virtual this year on June 20-21. To know more, [check out this link](#).

Buying Local

As we begin to open up the economy again, remember to support your local small businesses. These are your friends and neighbors and a big part of what makes Kenosha a great place to live. To find the services and product you need in Kenosha County, check out the Business Directory on the [Kenosha Chamber web site](#).

