

# KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

June 2022

Kenosha  
Women's  
Network



## Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

### *A Note from our President*

*"There is greatness all around you - welcome it! It is easy to be great when you get around great people."*

Bob Richards.



Hello KWN!

This newsletter marks the mid-point of 2022. It's been a great year already with longtime and new members, good speakers, and gathering together to create new memories and support member businesses.

Last night, the committee met to determine our 2022 Mini-Grant recipients who will collectively be receiving \$10,000 for charities serving the Kenosha Community. Our valued members made this happen by attending lunch, bringing guests, participating in 50/50, donating prizes at meetings, selling raffle tickets, attending our holiday luncheon, and sharing KWN in your circles.

This is the largest amount of money we have distributed to support our community since we began the mini grants in 2004. The past largest was \$9050 in 2014. Thank you, thank you, thank you - every dollar mattered.

Four members joined me at the Red Oak Restaurant on May 19, and we had a fabulous time talking, sharing, and being delighted by a magician! We decided we would like to do it again in 2 months. Red Oak changes its menu based on availability. Mark your calendar for July 21 at 5:00 and bring a friend.

I wish you all a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend. May God bless all who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve our great nation.

See you at lunch!

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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.*

### June meeting

KWN's June meeting will be held on June 10th, 2022 at The Woman's Club, 6028 8th Ave, Kenosha  
11:30am networking,  
12:00pm lunch

Your menu choice will be:  
Philly Cheese Steak Wrapper  
Or  
Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Both choices include dessert. Lunch costs \$15. Please RSVP with your choice of entrée by end of day on the 7th.

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

The link is also on the website.



### **Come Early, Be Entered to Win a Prize!**

In our never-ending effort to get the most out of the Kenosha Women's Network, we have something special for you in June! Come early to lunch – by 11:45 a.m. – and get entered into a drawing to win a great prize. As a bonus, we'll help you network...providing special nametags with questions for others to ask you! This is going to be fun, but we need your help to make it so! Mark your calendar now to arrive between 11:30 to 11:45; you'll be glad you did!

### 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.

**KWN Welcomes:**

Kassie Shepherd

Jodie Needham

We're Glad You're Here!

[Member Directory.](#)

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## June's Wise Women Read Choice: *Hello, Transcriber*

KWN's Wise Women Read Book Discussion Group is at 6:30 p.m. on June 14 at Blue House Books, 5915 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. A, Kenosha, and this is going to be a special meeting! Hannah Morrissey, author of *Hello, Transcriber*, which is, of course the book we're discussing, will be joining us in person! "Former police transcriber Morrissey brings her expertise to this suspenseful debut. The story of an introverted, troubled woman, isolated in a bleak small town [in Wisconsin's most crime-ridden city], will appeal to fans of Jess Lourey's atmospheric books." - *Library Journal*, starred review

Run over to Blue House Books NOW, and pick up your copy so that you can join the discussion!

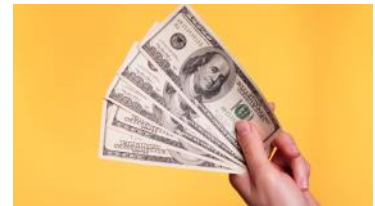
Then, on Tuesday, July 12, we'll be discussing *Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian. From the independent bookstore Tattered Cover in Denver, CO, Lisa Casper describes the book this way: "Trapped in a marriage with a violent man in Puritan New England, the fierce and resilient Mary Deerfield has the 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."

## Mini-Grants Awarded

The ad hoc Mini-Grant Committee met recently, to determine how to fund the SIXTEEN non-profit applicants for KWN's mini-grants! Earlier this year the board had approved \$10,000 for mini-grants. Thank you to each and every member who has shown up at lunch, purchased a raffle ticket, donated a raffle item, attended a KWN event/fundraiser, and just generally made these funds possible! You've made a difference for 11 nonprofits in our community that serve Kenosha's women and/or children!

Please join us for lunch in July - that is, July 8 - to learn how the funded nonprofits will be using their mini-grants. Those nonprofits are:

- ◆ 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.



## June Speaker

Our June speaker will be Meredith Jumisko of Visit Kenosha, which has been Kenosha's official travel resource since 1986. Her topic will be, "101 Things to Do in Kenosha." Meredith, who is known as the Ambassador of Fun on WLIP radio on Wednesday mornings, will be telling us about all the fun things to do in Kenosha this summer. You don't want to miss this presentation!

Greta Kelly, our scheduled speaker in May, was not able to come to the May meeting, due to sickness. She will be speaking to us at a later date.

## THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES IN MAY

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| *Darlene Duncan               | *Roseann Shales—CTFO CBD            | *Guida Brown—Hope Council    |
| *Darleen Scuglik              | *Holly Miller—Stories of a Lifetime | *Peggy Gallo—Tax Preparation |
| *Becky Matoska—Kenosha County | *Pamela Grubb—Mindful Yoga          | *Rita Hagen—Hospice Alliance |

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

## Winter Dance Party Sculpture Unveiling, Tuesday, June 21

Kenosha's long-overdue Winter Dance Party Sculpture will be unveiled on World Music Day, Tuesday, June 21, at 4:30 p.m. at the entrance of the Southport Marina, 58th Street and 3rd Avenue, Kenosha.

A celebratory shindig with hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and live oldies music will follow, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Rathskeller at Marina Shores, formerly the Eagles Club, the same building where the Winter Dance Party stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, The Big Bopper (JP Richardson), and Dion and the Belmonts performed on Saturday, January 24, 1959. The Winter Dance Party Tour met a tragic end on Tuesday, February 3, 1959, when the plane carrying three of the four stars crashed in Clear Lake, Iowa, shortly after takeoff.

Believing the city was missing an important part of its musical history, Kenoshans David McGrath and Guida Brown worked to rectify that. After they provided initial financial backing and secured support from the city, a fundraising campaign began. Donations trickled in, but COVID slowed progress until John Shiely, corporate board member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and former Briggs & Stratton CEO, and philanthropic Kenoshans Mary Tunkieicz and Jennie Tunkieicz stepped in, making up the difference to bring sculptor Martin Antaramian's design to fruition.

The public is invited to attend the unveiling. Tickets to the celebration are available through [kenoshaentertainment.com](http://kenoshaentertainment.com). Silent auction and event proceeds will benefit the nonprofit partner, Lemon Street Gallery, which acted as fiscal agent. Items from the Surf Ballroom, the last show of the Winter Dance Party, and items autographed by the lone surviving star, Dion DiMucci of Dion and the Belmonts, will be available on the silent auction.

For more information, email [wdpkenosha@gmail.com](mailto:wdpkenosha@gmail.com)



The sculpture in process

## Member Spotlight

Kassie Shepherd is one of our newest members. She says, "As a Navy veteran, I appreciate all of the freedoms we have here in the United States, such as education, career and multiple life roles, in and out of the family. I'm in the last stretch of getting my undergraduate degree in neuropsychology. I am passionate about helping others with their mental health. When I am not studying, I am reviving antique furniture, so that it may last another century. My furniture can be seen at Lulu Birds in downtown. I look forward to being a part of an uplifting group!"



## 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 June and July lunch meetings. If you're unable to make lunch and would like to buy tickets for the game contact the events committee.



## Summer on the lake!

The Kenosha Community Sailing Center is pleased to invite the Kenosha Women's Network members and their families to enjoy our recreational watercraft on **Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> between 5pm – 7pm**. We teach sailing in the Kenosha harbor, but we also have duck pedal boats, single kayaks, tandem kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards for use and lifejackets in a wide range of sizes. We wanted to invite your organization so you can learn about what we do and experience the fun of being on the water.



Our watercraft will be available on a first come first serve basis (no cost). We look forward to a fun community night with your organization! If you have any questions, please call us at 262-997-9343 or emails us at [info@kenoshasailing.org](mailto:info@kenoshasailing.org)

