

KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

March 2021

Kenosha Women's
Network



Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

Hello KWN!

I am so excited to be writing this on the day we hit 36 degrees after more than 3 weeks of ice and miserably cold temperatures! My whole body and spirit are rejoicing! Spring is 5 weeks away with rebirth and renewal. The boards around town have been taken down and we are open for business! I believe we will see new growth for KWN as well! If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. You should have received an invoice in your email in January with a link to pay online.

"It's amazing how little things can restore your faith in people. Situations get messy sometimes and you think, "What's the point?" Then somebody does some cool thing for somebody else. Just one little amazingly human thing and you realize...there might be something to this whole "humanity" bit."

From Be Inspired

We live in a big/small town. Which women-owned businesses do you support in our community- in town, downtown, uptown, midtown, and Kenosha County? We would love to know who you would recommend to our members for goods and/or services. We'd also love to have you share KWN with those businesses. Be sure to check out the 3rd-page of this newsletter to learn about three KWN members. We will be spotlighting 3 every month. If you would like to share your business or your non-profit organizations, please send 60 words and your contact info to info@kenoshawomensnetwork.org

If you have not been able to join us in person, be sure to check out our KWN Zoom this Friday. Meet members and women in our community. Laura Cox is the facilitator and this month's topic is self-care. See the article below for details and the link to join. You'll have an opportunity to introduce yourself and also connect with participants in the chat.

We have elections coming up in April. Judge Larisa Benitez-Morgan, KWN member, appointed by Gov. Evers last year, is running to retain her seat against challenger Gerad Dougillo. You can hear them speak at lunch. Guests are welcome. Joanna Carlberg will also video the speakers and we will post the videos on our Facebook page and web site.

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.

March meeting

KWN's March lunch meeting will be held on March 12, 2021, at The Woman's Club,

6028 8th Ave, Kenosha
Your menu choice will be:
Corned Beef Sandwich with
Coleslaw & Pickle

Linguini with eggplant &
salad (GF/Veg)

Bailey's Irish Cream Cake for
dessert

Lunch costs \$15. Please
RSVP with your choice of
entrée by end of day on the
9th.

[Click here to reserve your lunch.](#)

The link is also on the
website.

Join us for a Virtual meeting this Friday!

You are invited to KWN's next Virtual Round Table discussion, where we will be talking about self-care. Here are some questions to consider ahead of time to give you an idea of what we may cover:

What does self-care mean to me?

Where have I established strong self-care structures in my life, and where do I see I could improve?

Have any of my self-care priorities shifted or changed in the past year?

We will also have time for introductions, and time for you to share about other topics you'd like to discuss at future meetings. This event is open to members and non-members alike, so invite your friends to join us for a free hour of conversation and connection on Friday, February 26th at noon.

Registration is required in order to access the meeting link and password. Please use the link included to RSVP for this discussion.

When: Feb 26, 2021 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: [Registration Link](#)

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

Laura Cox

Support KWN while you shop on Amazon!

Remember to support KWN every time you shop through the **Amazon Smile** program. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and choose Kenosha Women's Network as the organization to support. KWN will earn money each time you shop!

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Susan B Anthony Awards 2021

The Susan B. Anthony - Women of Influence Awards will not be held in 2021, but you can still support nonprofits and nontraditionally-aged female students by making a donation at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/susan-b-anthony-awards-2021-tickets-136349423797>

We look forward to returning on Friday, March 4, 2022, so mark your calendars now for the Susan B. Anthony - Women of Influence Awards Dinner!



Candidate Forum

Now that the primary season is over, AAUW-Kenosha is sponsoring a Candidate Forum for the two open judicial seats to be decided in the April 2021 election on April 6. Invited candidates are Angelina Gabriele, Angela Cunningham, Gerad Dougville, and Judge Larisa Benitez-Morgan.

Due to COVID restrictions, the forum will be online via Zoom, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11. Here is the Zoom [link](#) to join the meeting.

After a brief introduction we will ask questions formulated in advance by our members, giving equal time for each candidate to respond and counter. We anticipate a lively and informative discussion. The forum should take no more than 2 hours. AAUW is a nonpartisan organization and does not support political parties or individual candidates.

March is Women's History Month!

Since 1987, the United States has formally recognized March as Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the accomplishments of women, who don't get much attention the rest of the year. It is only 100 years (1920) since women obtained the right to vote in this country; today women hold office as Senators, Judges and Vice President of the United States. While these achievements are impressive, women hold just 27% of the seats in Congress in 2021, while making up 51.1% of the population in this country. Although that 27% represents a 50% increase in the last decade, we are far from having proportional representation in government. Why is this important? Well, look at how recently some of the rights you take for granted became law: the right to get a loan or a credit card in your own name (1974), equal employment opportunities (1972), the right to a legal abortion (1973). Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who recently passed away, played a huge part in many of these rulings. Despite attempts to roll back the clock in recent years, women will not be silenced!

Kenosha Women's Network had its beginnings in 1980. At a time when many professional organizations and networks were male oriented or even excluded women altogether, KWN prided itself on being an organization of "Women Helping Women", in professional and personal life. Through involvement in the community, including the mini-grant program, which was started in 2004, KWN continues to be a relevant and valuable organization.

For more information about Women's History, go to: [National Women's History Museum](#). The museum "serves to place women's history within current historical narratives because inclusive history is good history"!



Speakers

Our March speakers will be the two candidates for Kenosha County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 1.

Larisa Benitez-Morgan is the incumbent. She was appointed to the position in 2020 by Governor Evers, to fill the slot left vacant by the retirement of Judge David Bastianelli. Her challenger in the April election is Gerad Dougville.

Thank you to our members who donated raffle prizes for the February Raffle!

Guida Brown—Hope Council Roseann Shales—CTFO CBD Joanna Carlberg—Joanna's Digital Images

Wendy Gauss—ReMax Elite Alicia Fosbinder—Gordon J Maier

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

Grab a shirt or mask, while they last!

Share your pride in Kenosha Women's Network with gear! Wear it proudly and help us grow!

Green Women's cut t-shirts:
\$15
Featuring a tapered cut and shorter sleeves
1 small, 2 medium and 3 large available



Green Unisex cut t-shirts: \$15
Longer sleeve, longer length, wider body
2 medium, 1 large and 2 Extra Large available



Purple Hoodies: \$28
Unisex sizes
1 small, 1 medium available



KWN Facemasks, adjustable sizing

1/\$5 or 2/\$9 so you can share with a friend



Videos

Video of lunch meeting speakers is available for viewing on the KWN Facebook page, as well as on the website under "Links and Resources/Meeting Videos". Here is a direct [Link](#). We have video of the three speakers from the February meeting, as well as the announcements.

The whole business community is invited to join the **Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce** for Virtual Networking on Tuesday, March 9th, from 10-11am. Enjoy virtual networking with Kenosha area professionals and make new contacts! Assigned networking room rotations will enhance the experience and guarantee exclusive time to introduce yourself and your company. Cost to network is \$5. Registration closes March 5. *Only one person per company.*

[Virtual networking with the Chamber](#)

Who's Who in KWN?

How well do you know what your fellow members do? Starting this month, we will highlight three member businesses each month in the newsletter. The same write-ups will appear on the KWN Facebook page one at a time, as our feature business of the week. This is a chance to spread the word about our member businesses, while also spreading the word about KWN. If you would like to be featured in a future spot, please contact Amy Vos or email info@kenoshawomensnetwork.org.

Holly Miller- Stories of a Lifetime, LLC

Stories of A Lifetime LLC captures and celebrates the stories of the loves and lives of our community. Holly Miller is an ordained minister, a Certified Funeral Celebrant, and a Life Tribute Professional Writer. Holly specializes in officiating personalized wedding and funeral ceremonies and offers custom writing services. Please contact Holly to discuss the unique ways she can best serve your family.

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Adeline Carney-The Red Oak Restaurant

"Almost five years ago, my daughter, Mary Acuna, and I decided we needed a restaurant nearby and opened The Red Oak Restaurant. We knew the kind of restaurant we wanted to create but jumped in with minimal knowledge of the operations! We've been fortunate to have some great people helping us along the way. The focus is on locally sourced, sustainably raised ingredients and equitable living wages for our staff, using a hospitality charge instead of tipping."

The Red Oak Restaurant: 4410 200th Ave, Bristol
Dine in and Curbside Pickup available
Phone: 262-857-8588
theredoakrestaurant.com



Lillian Evans- Short Roots Urban Farm

Short Roots Urban Farm was established in early December 2019 right in the heart of uptown in Kenosha, WI. Short Roots Urban Farm grows a wide variety of microgreens which are available year-round as well as other crop vegetables that are grown seasonally. Short Roots offers two monthly subscription packages of microgreens: one that is budget-friendly and another that is for microgreen lovers. Both packages are delivered free of charge. Short Roots also participates in both of Kenosha's farmers' markets.

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