

# KWN Community

March 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 Members,

Where has the time gone? This is my third message here, and that means the year is already one-quarter over. 2020 has already been event-filled, and there's much more to go! As you read this, we'll be putting the finishing touches on the Susan B. Anthony - Women of Influence Awards Dinner where our own Laura Cox will be honored as the Woman to Watch Under 40! KWN is one of the three organizing bodies of the event. Mark your calendar for the first Friday in March 2021 so you are sure to attend. It's the biggest and best women's event of the year, and you don't want to miss out!



KWN also has some really fun events in the planning stages: a quarter auction in April, Past Presidents' Tea in May, Kingfish game in place of Maven Monday in June, and our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in September. But don't forget that we have lunch every month as well as regular Maven Mondays and Wise Women Read meetings.

I recently said that I don't have girlfriends, meaning that I don't have women friends who I do things with as a group. I think that, because I have five older sisters, I've always felt as though I had built in friends with them so I never needed to hone my friend-making or friend-keeping skills. Then I attended a Maven Monday, and I realized that I had 5 girlfriends sitting in Shannon Z's dining room with me. And when I come to lunch, I have close to 40 girlfriends eating with me! As always, each of us gets to decide how much or little we participate in KWN's three pillars of networking, philanthropy, and socializing, but one of the best parts of this organization is that we have built in friends who are there to make the experience even better! You'll get out of KWN what you put in, so participate to get the most you can!

### *Guida*

#### Join us for the next Maven Monday!

In March, we will be at [Baker Street Restaurant](#), 6208 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha on March 16th, from 6-8pm. This casual event is open to members and non-members alike and there is no need to register. Just turn up and have fun! Bring a friend!!

#### Wise Women Read

KWN's book club will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd, at Common Grounds from 6-8pm This month's book is: "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict. Come, even if you didn't read the book; help us pick the next read!

#### New On-line Directory

The 2020 member directory is live on the KWN web site. It is by no means complete and we will continue to add members throughout the year. 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](#) or Joanna Carlberg can take one for you. She will be taking pictures again in April. 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.

The March meeting will be held at:

**Ashling on the Lough**  
125 56th St, Kenosha, on  
Friday, March 13, 2020  
11:30AM to 1:00PM.

RSVP by Tuesday March 10,  
with your choice of meal.

March choices are:

O'Connell Street salad with or  
without chicken

Or

Corned beef sandwich with  
fries

The cost of lunch remains  
\$15.00

Please click the green button  
below to RSVP:

[RSVP HERE](#)

This is a change. You can  
now also pay on line if you  
wish.

#### *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

Holly Miller, Owner,  
Stories of a Lifetime, LLC

Lauren Baca, Community  
Engagement, Kenosha Kingfish.

Regi Bachochin- Kenosha County  
Clerk

We're Glad You're Here!

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Exciting developments in KWN this year!

In our 40th year, KWN is well and truly entering the 21st century! Our new web site is growing by leaps and bound, along with our membership. We have set a goal to reach 100 members this year, in line with our 40th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of Women's Right to Vote.

The Communications team has been very busy! New on the website this month: you can register and pay for your lunch on line. Click the link on the Lunch Meetings page and it will take you to a form where you RSVP and choose your lunch. You have the option to pay right there, with a credit card, or pay at the check in desk as you usually do. This will speed up registration on the day of the meeting-you still need to check in at the desk. Our members have been asking for this option for a long time. As a convenience, there is also a link to this form on the first page of the newsletter.



Women's cut



Unisex



Hoodie

Another thing you can now do on the web site is order a KWN tee shirt or hoodie! The link is on the Membership Page. Select the style, size and quantity and enter your credit card information. We will be ordering shirts monthly to start with. Roseann Shales should have samples at the March meeting, although we are debuting the shirts at the Expo this weekend. Tee shirts are available in women's cut and unisex. We can wear our logo gear when we volunteer in the community as well as at KWN sponsored events! Thank you to Dianne Bruneel for her work on these two projects

Another new feature on the web site is a new member directory. The format we came up with can be easily updated in alphabetical order as new members join. Our aim is to get every member on the directory, along with a picture. This will help us greet each other by name at meetings, as well as being a resource to help us find KWN members to fill a need. Need a Chiropractor? A Realtor? A Photographer? A Hairstylist? Just look through the member directory! It's all part of our goal to be women supporting women in business. Thank you to Joanna Carlberg for her work on this project.

KWN will have a table at the Chamber's Home and Health Expo on February 29th and March 1st. This has always been a great way to get our name out into the community and gain new members. We can only do this with your help to staff the table! Can you spare 2 hours on Saturday at 10am or 12pm? All you have to do is hand out our information cards and answer questions about KWN. We have a new table banner for the event, with our updated logo on it. Click [here](#) to find out more about the Expo, including a floor plan. KWN has booth 307.

Speakers

In March, we will hear from pediatrician Dr. Diane Gerlach, who will talk about her medical mission trips to Africa with the non-profit, "Aid Africa's Children".

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



There are lots of events for St Patrick's Day in Kenosha! The Kenosha Krawl features the Kenosha Area Pipes & Drums at locations around Kenosha on Saturday the 14th as well as St Patrick's Day, the 17th. Check the newspapers for a schedule.

[Ashling on the Lough](#) has a full day of events on the 17th, including Irish dancing and music.

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

\*Peggy Gallo—Shaklee/Gallo Tax    \*Katie Hulse—Genesis Chiropractic    \*Darlene Duncan—Career Coaches

\*Deb Strecker—The Woman's Club    \*Roseann Shales—CTFO CBD    \*Adeline Carney—The Red Oak Restaurant

\*Stephanie Schnell—Platinum Systems    \*Joanna Carlberg—Joanna's Digital Images

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

Are you looking for a New Years' dare to get out of your comfort zone? Roseann Shales has signed up to shave her head for the 6th and final time for **St Baldrick's Foundation** to benefit children with childhood cancers. Would you like to join her? "You never really know who you are until you are bald." Ro Shales

There are Multiple ways to help:

- #1. Become a Shavee and raise money through your connections online and locally. It takes 8 people to fill the stage - do you dare? You could also opt to cut long hair to make wigs.
- #2. Donate to Roseann to help her meet her goal of \$1881.00. Click [here](#) to donate. Any amount accepted!
- #3. Show up and cheer on the Shavers and Shavees! Roseann will be shaving at approximately 6pm!

The event takes place on March 7th at the Brat Stop, Kenosha, from noon until everyone is bald!

### Women's Business Lakeside Conference

This will take place at the Ridge Hotel, Lake Geneva, March 9th-10th, 9am to 8pm. Join other women in business to learn from top business leaders, build relationships, get expert support and set up an action plan for growth. Cost: \$ 497-\$597, not including lodging. Payment plan is available. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### The Susan B Anthony-Women of Influence Awards



There is still time to buy a ticket for the 30th Susan B Anthony-Women of Influence Awards will take place on Friday, March 6th, 2020, at Madrigrano's Marina Shores, Kenosha.

In addition to the awards, this year scholarships will be awarded to Jacqueline Gomez and Sarah Hylinski, and grants will be made to KAFASI, Kenosha Literacy Council, Kenosha Velodrome racing and the Shalom Center. These programs are supported by a raffle, and a silent auction of "Gourmet Delights" on the evening of the event. You can show your support by buying raffle tickets (call Wendy Gauss at 262-960-5283), donating your own "Gourmet Delight" for the auction, buying an ad in the dinner program (email Mary Modder: [marymodder@hotmail.com](mailto:marymodder@hotmail.com)) and, of course, by attending.

Event tickets are available at: [Eventbrite](#) until 11:59pm on Friday, February 28th or call Wendy Gauss. Tickets are \$55.00 or \$400.00 for a table of 8. KWN is aiming to fill two tables with members. This is always a sold-out event! KWN is one of three sponsors of this event, along with Tempo Kenosha and AAUW-Kenosha.

KWN President, Guida Brown, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Woman's Club, on March 4th at 11am. She will be giving an update on the [Kenosha County Suffrage 100](#) committee. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote. Wisconsin was the first state to pass the amendment, filing with the Federal Government on June 10th, 1919. Remember, you owe your right to participate in the 2020 elections to our brave and committed sisters in the suffrage movement!

[Women In Motion](#) is hosting a dance party at Fusion (5014 7th Ave, Kenosha) on March 13th, to benefit Kindred Kitties. Janice Erickson, a member of this group, was a speaker at the May 2019 meeting.

[Relay for Life](#) is having a 2020 Kick Off Celebration and Open House on Monday, March 23rd at the UW Parkside Grand Ballroom. The Relay itself takes place on August 7-8th. We will have a KWN team again this year-watch for details!

[Scares That Care](#) is a 100% volunteer organization focused on fighting the real monsters of childhood illness, burns and breast cancer. They have one of their charity weekends coming up in Racine in April. The dates are Friday April 17-Sunday April 19. Click [here](#) to get tickets.

