



KWN



Community

May 2018

Kenosha Women's
Network

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

Women Supporting Women in Business

A Note from our President:

Hello KWN Members!

During our April meeting, we discussed the mini grant process. Remember that the mini grant applications are due at our next meeting on May 11th. The application is available to download from the website. There is still time to complete an application. We encourage all our members to complete an application for your favorite non-profit organization. Please also remember that qualifying organizations must be non-profit, benefit women and/or children in Kenosha County, and have no political or religious affiliations. The recipients will be selected and announced to our membership at our June meeting. The mini grants will then be awarded at our July meeting. It is a great time to invite guests to see what we do.

In April, we had our Spring Quarter Auction! It was so nice to see so many of you there and bringing lots of guests for the fun night! Thank you to Patti Mason for organizing the event. Thank you to all the vendors and participants, along with everyone that donated items for the auction! You all helped to make it a success!

Keep inviting guests to our meetings. See you on May 11th!

Joanne



May Meeting:

Friday, May 11, 2018
11:30AM to 1:00PM at
Victoria's Catering, 2319
63rd St, Kenosha
RSVP by Wednesday, May 9,
9pm to
rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org
and put "attending" in the
subject line.
The meeting fee is:
\$12.00 with Reservation,
\$15.00 at the door.

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:

Rachel Comstock of Gordie
Boucher Chevrolet

We're Glad You're Here!

Membership Contest

The KWN Board is excited to announce a Membership contest for the WHOLE YEAR! Bring as many guests as you can and invite them to join KWN. The member who brings in the most new members by the November meeting will receive their 2019 membership for free! That is a \$65.00 value! The winner will be announced at the holiday Luncheon in December.

Food allergies are never fun and can be life-threatening! If you have any such allergies, please mention them when you RSVP to: rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org We'll do our best to make sure you stay safe!

Mini-grant Committee Volunteers Sought

The May meeting marks the deadline for mini-grant nominations. Non-profit organizations that benefit women and children in Kenosha County can apply to receive a grant from KWN. This year we have \$7,000 to give away! Each nomination must be sponsored by a KWN member; rules for application, along with the form, are available on the KWN web site; go to: <http://kenoshawomensnetwork.org/philanthropy/mini-grants>.

After the applications are received, the job of deciding who will receive money falls to the Grant Selection committee, chaired by our Secretary, Christine King. We are still looking for a few more people to serve on the committee, as well as a co-chair. It is a great privilege to serve on this committee; you will be helping to make a real difference to organizations in your community. If you would like to be part of this amazing experience, please email Christine before the May meeting at: secretary@kenoshawomensnetwork.org. Grant Selection committee volunteers will receive an email, by the Wednesday after the May meeting, with details.

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Two KWN Members Step Up to Serve

In the recent elections, two of our KWN members took up the challenge of public service and were elected. These are women you should know more about so I asked them a few questions about what inspired them to run and what they hoped to achieve.

Mary Modder, a former teacher, ran for the second time for a position on the Kenosha Unified School Board. She said: *"This was something that I had been planning since retiring from teaching in 2014 because I felt that it was important that we had someone on the board who could speak for the educators in Kenosha. I feel that my experience working with children will help me to advocate for policy changes that are effective and practical, a reality check, so to speak. This year's election was especially critical, as two women, the President and Vice-president, were leaving the board and I was the only female candidate in the race."*



Mary had a lot of support from those who recognized her dedication to education, both as a Special Education teacher for almost 30 years and as a volunteer with Kenosha Unified Schools. She cares passionately about supporting our special needs children and wants to bring her "front line" experience in the classroom to the boardroom.

Holly Kangas was elected Alderperson for District 4. She had contemplated running for some time but felt that the incumbent was doing a pretty good job. That all changed last August, when he was charged with Felony 1 stalking and then did not step down! Her platform came easily: *"The Choice for Change"*, and her constituents apparently agreed, because she was elected by a vote of 733 to 166! Holly said: *"We needed change from a person who had been in that position for more than 20 years and had developed a sense of entitlement. I soon realized that he did things that benefited him more than his constituents. I was going to be the change District 4 needed and deserved."*



Holly is grateful for the support of her family, and friends such as fellow KWN member Cathy Savaglio, who encouraged her to run. Many other people contributed to her campaign, with resources and by volunteering. She vows to support her constituents by listening to them, being honest and putting the District's interests ahead of her own. She says she *"...will continue to support the vital organizations that keep Kenosha thriving and prosperous. I will continue to support charitable causes that are important to me and to Kenosha and I will work with the Mayor and the other 16 Alderpersons to determine city policies and ordinances that keep Kenosha one of the best places to live and raise families."*

Good luck, ladies! KWN is proud of you!

May Speakers:

Debra Karp of Leadership Kenosha will be our 10 minute speaker

The 3 minute speaker will be photographer Joanna Carlberg of Joanna's Digital Images

If you would like a chance to speak at one of our upcoming meetings, please contact Shelly Floreani at 262-694-1600 x604 or e-mail her at: vice-president@kenoshawomensnetwork.org.

Promote your business in the 3 minute slot, or speak about an educational topic beyond just business in the 10 minute slot.

Spring Quarter Auction Report

KWN's Spring Quarter Auction took place at Baker Street Restaurant on April 19th. It was a fun event, with 7 vendors and 52 guests in attendance. Auctioneer Patti Mason kept things moving along. There were some great prizes to be won, as well as a 50/50 raffle. The Quarter Auction introduced some new people to KWN and raised \$1,500 towards our mini-grant program!



Here are a few pictures:



Thank you to our members and friends who donated raffle prizes at the April meeting!

*Peggy Walker- Pepper the Clown

*Patti Mason- Direct Cellars

*Patti Mason -Pepperspray Patti

*Dee Miller- Diamond Flooring

*Peggy Gallo- Gallo Tax Service

*Mary Modder -SE WI Labor Times

*Marlene Salley -Salley Communications

Have you considered making a donation to our regular monthly raffle? Get your name and business mentioned in our monthly newsletter!