

KWN Community

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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!

I hope you're keeping Safer At Home and learning to manage change and anxiety and boredom and the myriad other emotions you're feeling. I must admit that I've been frustrated to tears, bored to tears, and angered to tears during Governor Evers' mandate.

But there have been positive experiences, too. I've walked at least four miles nearly every day of the mandate; I've spent a lot of fun quality time with my husband in person and family members by phone; I've learned to bake bread; I've gotten almost completely caught up at work (because my job is considered essential); I've read more books than I thought possible.

I know that "This, too, shall pass," and I've been keeping up on my daily gratitude journal in order to help me be mindful of my blessings.

Still, I want this to end. I miss YOU! I don't consider myself a "social" person, and I'm not much of a hugger. Now, I can't wait to hug each and every one of you at our next in-person gathering! Consider yourself warned. But, in the meantime, we're trying to go with the flow. Zoom has become a way of life, and, what it lacks in human touch, it more than makes up for in convenience.

So, please join us for lunch on Friday, May 8. Laura Cox will be running the meeting, so it will be a fun experiment, if nothing else!

We've extended the mini-grant deadline until June 12. Please reach out to nonprofit organizations that are near and dear to your heart in their service of Kenosha County's women and children. This pandemic has taken a huge toll on these agencies, and a mini-grant can make a world of difference!

We're still moving ahead with plans for fundraisers and the 40th Anniversary Gala, as well as our regular activities like Maven Monday and Wise Women Read. Consider why you're a member, and encourage another woman to join us. More than ever we've learned how important connection is.

We are looking for a couple more members to serve on the board. If you're interested, please contact me or any board member for additional information or to throw your hat in the ring.

I look forward to hugging you soon and Zooming with you even sooner!

Be well,

Guida



Zoom meeting in May

On April 16, 2020, the Governor extended our Safer at Home order until the end of May, meaning that we are unable to hold the May meeting in person. The KWN Communications team is putting together a virtual meeting for May. On May 8, our usual meeting day, we will meet on Zoom for an hour, beginning at 12 noon. Click the reservation link here to register for the meeting and receive the meeting link. You can invite guests but they will need to register for themselves as your meeting link is only valid for you. We have already used this format for Maven Monday on the 20th and it worked very well.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: May 8, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArc-uuqT8uGNR3u-56eC3Nfi2tvYELNiL6>

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

Feel free to 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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Mini Grant Season is here!

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.

Each member also has an opportunity to be on the mini grant committee. The most rewarding thing about being on this committee is to be able to make the decisions on which organizations will receive a mini grant. The committee typically will meet once for a few hours. Each committee member is expected to read all applications prior to the meeting. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please send an email to secretary@kenoshawomensnetwork.org. For the mini grant committee guidelines, please click [here](#).

We are so excited to see what organization you choose to sponsor this year!

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

Speakers

The speakers at our May Zoom meeting will be Amy Vos, and Denise Beaulier, CFP® CLU® RICP®, Financial Advisors with Northwestern Mutual. Their topic is "Women and Finances". The financial challenges faced by women are quite different from those faced by men. In this brief presentation, Amy and Denise will help identify how women's financial planning is different, and some strategies on ways to close those gaps.

Amy has almost 6 years of experience with Northwestern Mutual and is an active member of KWN. She began as an assistant to an advisor and started her own practice at the beginning of 2019. She enjoys working with professionals and growing families, specifically analytical-minded engineers, attorneys and people in corporate finance, as well as farmers, people in construction and the trades, and others who work with their hands.

Denise is a Certified Financial Planner® with the Lueder Financial Group of Northwestern Mutual. She specializes in the approaching and retirement phases of financial planning and has a national practice with offices in downtown Milwaukee and Brookfield, WI.

Kristen Hoffman of Herzing University will be our June 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, May 5, at 6pm, via Zoom. Our current read is "[The Island of Sea Women](#)" by Lisa See. You can join in even if you are not reading this month's book and help to select our next read. Watch for an email with the registration link the week before the event.

Maven Monday

The next Maven Monday is scheduled for Monday, May 18th, at 6pm. It will most likely be held via Zoom like last month. Members and guests are welcome to attend for lively conversation! Watch for an email with the registration link the week before 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.

Here are a few things to do while you are Safer at Home!

For Harry Potter fans of all ages, try [Harry Potter at Home](#) with author JK Rowling. There are quizzes, games and activities.

Missing the theatre? Andrew Lloyd Webber is making some of his musicals available on the YouTube channel "[The Shows Must Go On](#)".

There is so much to do in Kenosha and surrounding area! Check out this awesome page from the Kenosha Visitor's Bureau! It is full of links and information about what businesses are doing during the lock down. [Business Updates for Local Businesses during COVID-19](#).

Where to eat?

Here's a list of [Takeout & Delivery](#) options from the Kenosha News! Support our local businesses!

The Kenosha Public Library Digital Library has a collection of eBooks, magazines, audiobooks, music streaming, and learning resources available for cardholders. If you need help, you can "Ask a Librarian" at 262-564-6100 or email ref-desk@mykpl.info

Pringle Nature Center is currently closed to the public but the trails at Bristol Woods and other county parks are still open. Check out this [link](#) for things to do while social distancing.

While you are taking a walk, look for colorful, painted rocks that are being hidden in plain sight! Join the Facebook Group [Kenosha Rocks](#) to know more about this entertaining and harmless pass-time. A good way to raise people's spirits!

Joanne and Ron Horner are running a virtual [Pampered Chef fund-raiser](#) for Feeding America Disaster Relief through the end of April. Learn recipes and tips to make mealtimes simple and stress-free.

Laura Cox is making hand sanitizer which she donates to nurses, grocery store and gas station clerks and local essential businesses and agencies like Modern Apothecary and Hospice Alliance. To cover her costs she is offering us the opportunity to "Sponsor a Sanitizer" for \$8 per bottle. Contact Laura to sponsor.

*** BOOK DRIVE***

The M.V. Properties Team @ RE/MAX Newport Elite are doing a book drive to help support United Way of Kenosha County, to get books into the hands of kids from the Readers Are Leaders program AND to support our locally owned small businesses at the same time! Here's how to participate:

Donate New or Slightly Used Children's Books to our project. We currently have one drop off site at 2121 35th Street (place books in Rubbermaid container on front porch), or call, text, or message us to come pick books up from your home (contactless). As we get more drop-off sites - we will update you! ****** please put books in a plastic bag with your name & phone number on a piece of paper so we know who donated & how many books - for our drawing!**

For EVERY book you donate, your name will be entered to win a \$50 gift card for locally owned small businesses! Donate 5 books, get 5 entries into drawing.

Every 2 weeks we will pull some names and give out \$50 gift cards to the lucky winners. Once that drawing is done, we will start a new drawing for the next 2 weeks. You can donate multiple times/weeks for extra chances to win!

Books will be donated to the Readers Are Leaders program through United Way. Kids will be able to pick up donated books when they are picking up lunches at designated KUSD schools.

If you have questions, call or text: Wendy 262-960-5283 or Michelle 262-455-1810

