

KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

May 2022

Kenosha
Women's
Network



Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

Hello KWN!

Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it toward others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will be in our troubled world.

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The birds are chirping, and the flowers are blooming! Spring is my favorite time of the year. We are getting out and connecting again and it feels great! After 2 years, KWN is engaged and growing stronger. We have events planned and opportunities to get together. Everyone is welcome.

If you are new to KWN, get involved! We are in Mini-Grant season...do you know of a local nonprofit that could use some help? Tell them about the program so they can apply online. We have an open seat on our board, would you like to help? Let us know.

One of my favorite things is good food and time with friends, both old and new. Red Oak Restaurant on Hwy 45 in Bristol is farm-to-table and owned by Adeline Carny, a KWN member. That makes it even better. Who wants to join me Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 or so? They have a magician to entertain us. Bring a friend!

Wishing you a beautiful and peaceful Mother's Day! See you on May13 for 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.

May meeting

KWN's May meeting will be held on May 13th, 2022 at The Woman's Club,

6028 8th Ave, Kenosha

11:30am networking,

12:00pm lunch

Your menu choice will be:
Strawberry Mango Salad w/
grated lime

Or

BBQ Chicken Naan Bread
Pizza w/skim mozzarella
cheese

Both choices include dessert.
Lunch costs \$15. Please RSVP
with your choice of entrée by
end of day on the 10th.

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

The link is also on the website.



KWN Welcomes:

Darci Green

Melinda Unger

We're Glad You're Here!

[Member Directory.](#)

Networking Opportunity

Remember that our group's last name is "Network." Are you getting the most from KWN? Are you using your networking skills to make new friends, business relationships, and partnerships? If you're not joining us at 11:30 a.m., you're not getting the most out of lunch meetings. And, if you're talking with the friends you already know, you're missing a great opportunity to boost your inner circle! This month, set a goal to talk to three new people at lunch, and ask them each: "How did you join your industry?" "What do you spend most of your time at work doing?" and "If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be?" (OK, that last one is a joke...sorta, because you can ask anything you want! "What's your favorite cereal?" is a great conversation starter!)

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.

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Next Wise Women Read Choice: Truth and Other Lies

KWN's Wise Women Read Book Discussion Group is at 6:30 p.m. on May 10 at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave. A, Kenosha. We'll be reading Wisconsin author Maggie Smith's debut novel, "Truth and Other Lies", where *The Devil Wears Prada* meets *All The President's Men*. Attendees to Wise Women Read need not be KWN members. Email Guida Brown at guida@hopecouncil.org with questions or a heads up if you plan to join us on May 10!

Then, on June 14, we'll be reading another local author, Hannah Morrissey's "Hello, Transcriber". "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.

Mini Grants

It's mini grant time! Here's your chance to help a nonprofit at no cost to you! Looking for a nonprofit to help? Contact Guida at membership@kenoshawomensnetwork.org; she has a couple representatives who don't yet know our fabulous members but can certainly use the assistance!

So, what's a mini grant? Each year, KWN gives money away to nonprofit organizations that serve women and/or children in Kenosha County. The program began in 2003, with a grant of \$3,500 to buy a washer and dryer for a local couple who were adopting five siblings! In 2004 the program was fully established, and seven organizations benefitted! The grant funds are raised throughout the year, with the largest part coming from KWN's holiday raffle in December. This year, since COVID has been so hard on our community, the board designated up to \$10,000 to distribute, bringing the lifetime total to over \$100,000 given away!

Each mini grant request must be sponsored by a KWN member. Applications are accepted until our member lunch on May 13; the ad hoc committee will meet in May to determine awards, and grant recipients will be announced in June. At the July member meeting, recipients attend to receive their checks and speak to us about how the funds will be used.

The newly formatted fully electronic 2022 application form is available on the web site's "Philanthropy" page or here: <https://form.jotform.com/220877312216048> This grant process is one of the easiest there is, so please help spread the word! Nonprofits are counting on you!



May Speaker

We are so excited to welcome local author Greta Kelly as our speaker in May! Her presentation will be "The Secret of Stubbornness." Greta wrote two books – *The Frozen Crown*, her first novel, and its sequel, *The Seventh Queen* – that we thoroughly enjoyed in KWN's Wise Women Read Book Club, and she even attended the meeting via Zoom to discuss them with us!

As her bio states, "Greta K. Kelly is (probably) not a witch, death or otherwise, but she can still be summoned with offerings of too-beautiful-to-use journals and Butterfingers candy. She currently lives in Wisconsin with her husband EJ and daughters Lorelei and Nadia who are doing their level-best to take over the world."

Blue House Books will have copies of Greta's books for sale; if you pick one up before the meeting, you can ask her to sign it for you!

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES IN APRIL

*Darlene Duncan

*Roseann Shales—CTFO CBD

*Guida Brown—Hope Council

*Joanna Carlberg—Joanna's Digital Images

*Peggy Gallo—Tax Preparation

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

Member Spotlight-Darci Green

Darci is a new member of KWN. Here is a little bit about what she does; welcome to KWN, Darci!



"I recently started with Big Brother Big Sisters of Racine/Kenosha as their Executive Director. Prior to this working with Beacon Place as their Director of Operations in Waukegan Illinois. I will finish my Masters of Public Administration the end of April and look forward to having more free time. Nonprofits are the heart of a community and my journey while working in this industry has been fulfilling and eye opening. As I have volunteered in different capacities over the years, I am grateful to be back in Kenosha and continue this effort. I am excited to network and learn about other organizations and to share about Big Brothers Big Sisters and the importance of one-to-one mentoring. I have followed the Kenosha Women's Network on social media for a few years and I am glad to become a member. I look forward to my involvement and serving in any way I can."

We want to learn more about our members and their businesses; if you would like to be featured in a future newsletter, submit a 50-60 word bio to Joanna Carlberg at photojo1955@gmail.com.

KWN wants to help promote our members' businesses. Do you publish a blog? Helpful tips? Newspaper or magazine articles?

Here are a few we know about: [Jen Laffin Coaching](#) Blog

[Joanna's Digital Images](#) Blog

[Acupuncture & Wellness of WI](#) Podcast

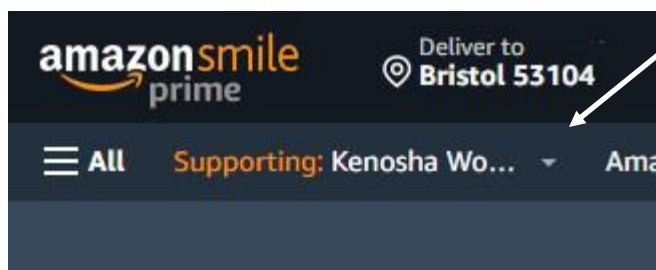
[Ann Hooper Coaching](#) Blog

If you would like to share your blog, podcast or regular tip sheet with your fellow KWN members, email info@kenoshawomensnetwork.org

Did you know that there are two ways you can support KWN's mission, just by shopping? One is by buying nuts through our fundraising link with Terri Lynn®. The other is by choosing Amazon Smile when you shop on Amazon. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and choose Kenosha Women's Network as your default charity to support. Any time you shop on Amazon (and let's face it, who doesn't shop on Amazon?), remember to select Amazon Smile. Between the nuts and Amazon, you pretty much have Mom covered for Mother's Day!



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