

KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

November 2021

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Women's
Network



Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

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"Sizzle with the now, fire yourself up, and blaze beyond the path of what could be to ignite what is."

Hello KWN,

My favorite time of year has arrived! It's time for the KWN Grand Raffle and Holiday Luncheon! This is our time to share KWN and sell tickets for the biggest fundraiser of the year. We want all members to sell at least 50 raffle tickets and to attend the event. Details are in this newsletter. I encourage everyone to invite friends and family for a great event with proceeds going to our Mini-Grant Program. 2022 can be the year we surpass \$100,000 in total donations to benefit women and children in Kenosha County.

We also need all members to support this event by donating one or more raffle prizes valued at \$25 or more. This is a charitable donation and you will receive a receipt for your taxes. If you can arrive early, sign up at the November lunch to help set up. Everything you do is greatly appreciated!

Board elections are happening at this lunch meeting. It's an honor and privilege to be a board member; you have the opportunity to be a part of guiding our future activities, community involvement, and success as an organization. I value each and every one of you. Think about stepping up.

See you on November 12, bring a friend or two.

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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.

November meeting

KWN's November lunch meeting will be held on November 12, 2021, at The Woman's Club, 6028 8th Ave, Kenosha

11:30am networking,
12:00pm lunch

Your menu choice will be:
Herbed Turkey Croissant sandwich,
with side salad and sweet potato fries

Or

Mediterranean wrap (veg) with feta cheese, olives, tomato & cucumber with a side salad

Plus Dessert

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

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

Next Wise Women Read Choice: *Maid*

Join KWN's Wise Women Read Book Discussion Group - and invite your friends, too - to discuss *Maid* by Stephanie Land. Recently released as a Netflix series, *Maid* is the story of the author "whose dreams of attending a university and becoming a writer quickly dissolved when a summer fling turned into an unplanned pregnancy. [...] *Maid* is Stephanie's story, but it's not hers alone. It is an inspiring testament to the courage, determination, and ultimate strength of the human spirit."

Join us on Tuesday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A, Kenosha to discuss this *New York Times* bestseller! 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 attend.

Dear KWN:



Thank you for inviting me to speak to the Kenosha Women's Network. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to share my vision for the organization. I look forward to attending again in the future.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Friesch
United Way of Kenosha



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Grand Holiday Raffle 2021

Prizes:

- Bling basket (Value \$1,200) Roseann Shales—CTFO-CBD Sales
- Kate Spade Cross Body + Gift Certificates (Value \$500) Deb Strecker
- KCC Dining membership (Value \$500) Kenosha Country Club
- Self care Bundle (Value \$450) Laura Cox—Acupuncture & Wellness of WI
- Gift Cards (Value \$300) Lillian Evans—Short Roots Urban Farm
- Over \$7,000 in prizes donated by KWN Members and local businesses!

The Holiday Luncheon and Grand Raffle is only a few weeks away! Join us at the Kenosha Country Club on December 10th for a gala luncheon and a chance to win amazing prizes!

Raffle tickets for KWN's Holiday Grand Raffle are available now. Please arrange to pick up your tickets so you can start selling them! Tickets can be had from Guida Brown at The Hope Council or contact Fran Kavenik (East of the I) or Roseann Shales (West of the I) to arrange a drop off. You can also pick up tickets at the November lunch meeting. Each member gets 50 tickets to sell for the biggest fundraiser of our year. When you sell them (or buy them), KWN receives \$84 towards our mini-grant program.

Here are a few tips from our top seller, Roseann Shales, to help you sell more raffle tickets:

"Offer them to family, friends, and co-workers. Most people will buy 3/\$5, but be sure to offer them 6/\$10, 12/\$20, etc. Tell them about your past winners. Assume that people you know will support you and KWN. Why not pick up some KWN information cards to share with them? They might want to join our growing organization. Reach out to sell tickets on Social Media. I post a picture of the tickets on Facebook and invite people to purchase them. I also offer to deliver to my prize winners (a great way to connect for coffee over the holidays), and I invite everyone to attend the luncheon. People love to help if you ask."

Raffle ticket prices have not changed: \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5, 6 for \$10 and 12 for 20.

November Speaker

The November speaker is Dave Strash, the new president of the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce. His topic will be, "How to make the most of your Chamber membership."

Do you want to present at an upcoming lunch? Please contact Vice President, Guida Brown at guida@hopecouncil.org. We want to learn about you

Thank you to our members & friends who donated raffle prizes for the October Raffle!

- *Peggy Gallo—Gallo Tax Preparation
- *Deb Strecker—The Woman's Club
- *Guida Brown—Hope Council
- *Joanna Carlberg—Joanna's Digital Images
- *Jen Laffin—Jen Laffin Coaching
- *Corina Kretschmer—Ansay & Assoc.

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

Tickets for the Holiday Luncheon are available on the web site, on the Facebook event and [right here!](#)

The menu has been finalized. There are three choices for lunch entrée:

Chicken Piccata or Stuffed Pork Loin, house salad, wild mushroom risotto, steamed broccoli,

Vegetarian option: Stuffed pepper with quinoa on a bed of swiss chard & black bean puree, with a house salad.

Please Note: The deadline to register is midnight November 30th.

If you are willing to help at the event, reach out to someone on the events committee: Ann, Fran or Darlene. Remember, all members are asked to donate a raffle prize valued at \$25 or more. Smaller items can be combined. Themed gift baskets are great raffle items!

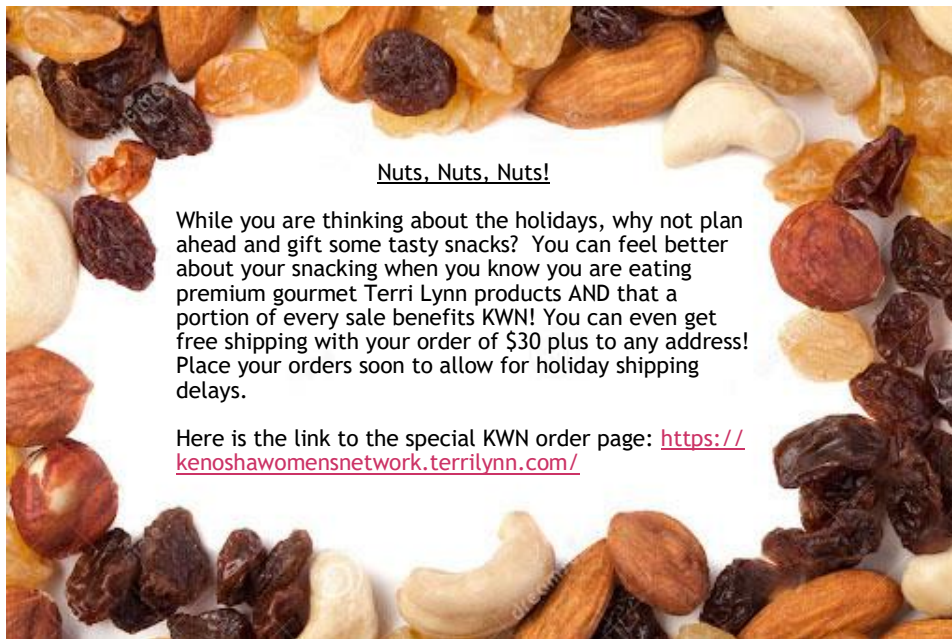
Sponsorships available again this year!

This year, we are again offering a few businesses the opportunity to sponsor the Holiday Luncheon. There are two tiers of sponsorship:

\$300 Table Sponsor: includes lunch for 4 people, recognition on our sponsor card, on the poster at the event and in our newsletter.

\$500 Event Sponsor: includes lunch for 6 people, recognition on our sponsor card, on the poster at the event and in our newsletter, plus an article in the newsletter and Facebook page promotion.

We plan to get an article in the [Kenosha News](#) as well. Contact a Board Member if you are interested.



Nuts, Nuts, Nuts!

While you are thinking about the holidays, why not plan ahead and gift some tasty snacks? You can feel better about your snacking when you know you are eating premium gourmet Terri Lynn products AND that a portion of every sale benefits KWN! You can even get free shipping with your order of \$30 plus to any address! Place your orders soon to allow for holiday shipping delays.

Here is the link to the special KWN order page: <https://kenoshawomensnetwork.terri Lynn.com/>



Board Elections

As you likely know, November is the month for board elections. Are you interested in serving on the board? If so, please let Vice President Guida Brown know at guida@hopecouncil.org no later than November 4. Board membership includes attendance at board meetings as well as a committee appointment and attendance at those meetings. Board positions up for renewal are Secretary and Treasurer but any board position may be contested.

Don't want to make the commitment to be a board member but still want to be involved? Consider committee membership! We have three standing committees, Communications, Events, and Membership, and we can use your input there, too! Again, if you're interested, please let Guida know by November 4.