

KWN Community

November 2022

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

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Network



Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

Hello KWN Members,

November and December, IMO, are the most important meetings of the year! In November, we announce our 2023 board members, and we give 50 raffle tickets to each of our members to sell for our December fundraiser, the fabulous Holiday Grand Raffle. Since our first fundraiser in 2004, we have donated over \$100,000 back to our community.

The Holiday Luncheon is at the Kenosha County Club. Invite friends, family, and neighbors to join you. For several years now, we have had 80-100 prizes to raffle; this year's top 6 prizes are valued at over \$3000.

We ask for your help to sell raffle tickets (3/\$5 in any multiple) to friends, family, and people you know. It gives you a chance to share what KWN does, it keeps our dues low, and the proceeds support our 2023 Mini-Grants benefitting women and children in Kenosha County. Bring back any unsold tickets to lunch.

IMPORTANT: You cannot sell tickets on Facebook or online. You can post the raffle ticket on Facebook and ask your friends to contact you directly. Also, tickets cannot be sent via USPS nor purchased electronically.

See you on November 11th! If not, we can deliver your raffle tickets to your home or office. If you want more ideas on selling tickets, call me at 262-287-8728 or these other top sellers who have also sold over \$500 in tickets: Peggy Gallo, Wendy Gauss, or Cathy Savaglio.

Thank you in advance for supporting KWN. See you soon!

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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 meeting will be held on November 11th, 2022 at The Woman's Club, 6028 8th Ave, Kenosha

11:30am networking,
12:00pm lunch

We'll be enjoying a delicious lunch from Morelli's Deli & Catering:

Choices are:

Thanksgiving mixed greens with dried cranberries, pumpkin seeds, sliced pecans, shredded Mozzarella w/ lime vinaigrette dressing

Or

Roast beef & cheddar sandwich on Italian bread with potato salad on the side.

Both choices include a pumpkin square for dessert

Lunch costs \$15. Please RSVP with your choice of entrée by end of day on the 8th.

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

The link is also on the website.

Networking in November

Come early to network in November! We'll be putting into practice a networking tool learned at this year's Inspire Conference sponsored by KABA, and we'll be doing it in a speed networking fashion, so if you want to participate, make sure you're there no later than 11:40! It's a great way to learn a little more about others, and this tip is highly transferrable, so don't miss out!



KWN Welcomes:

Brenda Haynes Maria Diaz-Steponitis
Kayle Cera-Diaz Nikki Erickson

We're Glad You're Here!



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November's Wise Women Read Book Discussion: *Gallows Hill* by Darcy Coates

KWN's Wise Women Read Book Discussion Group is at 6:30 p.m. on November 8 at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A.

It's the perfect spooky time of year to read about the Hull family, who "has owned the *Gallows Hill Winery* for generations. Their wine wins awards. Their business prospers. Their family thrives. People whisper that the curse has awakened once more." Join us November 8...if you dare!

Then, on December 13, we'll be discussing *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin. From Benjamin's website: "It's 1969 in New York City's Lower East Side, and word has spread of the arrival of a mystical woman, a traveling psychic who claims to be able to tell anyone the day they will die. The Gold children – four adolescents on the cusp of self-awareness – sneak out to hear their fortunes.

"The prophecies inform their next five decades. Golden-boy Simon escapes to the West Coast, searching for love in '80s San Francisco; dreamy Klara becomes a Las Vegas magician, obsessed with blurring reality and fantasy; eldest son Daniel seeks security as an army doctor post-9/11, hoping to control fate; and bookish Varya throws herself into longevity research, where she tests the boundary between science and immortality.

"A sweeping novel of remarkable ambition and depth, *The Immortalists* probes the line between destiny and choice, reality and illusion, this world and the next. It is a deeply moving testament to the power of story, the nature of belief, and the unrelenting pull of familial bonds."

Speaking of Great Books: Our November Speaker is Greta Kelly!

We are so excited to welcome local author Greta Kelly as our speaker in November! She was postponed from May due to COVID.

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! Before lunch, be sure to pick up Greta Kelly's books at Blue House Books so you can get them autographed!

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."

Remember, if you want to be a lunch speaker, please reach out to Guida Brown (membership@kenoshawomensnetwork.org) to be added to the 2023 calendar.



Haunted Simmons Outing

Members Roseann Shales, Kris Coen, and Guida Brown had a great time learning about Simmons Library's haunted history! Check out our photo here! If you're doing something fun and you'd like to invite others, have Guida send out an email to the membership. It's a great way to be social without a lot of effort!

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES IN OCTOBER

*Peggy Gallo—Gallo Tax Service

*Wendy Gauss—RE/MAX Newport Elite

*Adeline Carney—The Red Oak Restaurant

Deb Strecker—GFWC Woman's Club of Kenosha

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

Register now for the Holiday Luncheon!

Registration is now open for the 2022 Holiday Luncheon and Grand Raffle! Tickets must be prepaid for this gala event and registration closes on November 29th. Tickets this year are \$42 each.

There is a choice of three entrées: Maple and Herb Glazed Pork Loin, with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, roasted brussel sprouts and a cognac demi-glaze.

Broiled Orange Roughy over creamy fregola with mushroom cream & bacon lardons.

Florentine Lasagna with ricotta, mascapone & spinach, topped with marinara & bechamel

All the choices come with house salad, assorted breads, butter and coffee or tea.

Here is the link to sign up: [Sign me up!](#)



If you have never attended before, the big draw is the raffle! We expect to have around 80-100 prizes, donated by our members, area businesses and local organizations. Raffle prizes should be worth \$25 or more. Gift cards are always a popular item and can be combined with a small gift to bump up the value. If you will not be at the Holiday Luncheon, please contact someone on the Events committee, Guida or Roseann to arrange to drop off your prize donations. Look for their emails on page 2.

The tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 6 for \$10, 12 for \$20 etc. We ask all our members to pick up at least 50 tickets to sell, or you can buy them yourself if you really don't like selling! 50 Tickets works out to \$82 (4x12 for \$20, plus 1 for \$2). Last year, several of our members sold over \$500 in tickets!!

Here is a sample of this year's ticket, detailing the top six prizes, all worth \$300 or more:

But wait-there's more!

There are sponsorship opportunities available in two levels:

Event Sponsor: \$500. Includes recognition on our 5x7" sponsor cards (placed on each table), on a big poster at the event, in our newsletter, plus an article in the KWN newsletter and in the local media (Kenosha News, Kenosha.com etc.) plus on the KWN Facebook page.

Table Sponsor: \$300. Includes recognition on our sponsor cards, the event poster, in the newsletter and on Facebook.



Lastly, we need a few volunteers to make the event flow smoothly. If you can help between 10:30am and 1:30pm on December 9th, please email [Ann Hooper](#).

All proceeds from the event will go to our 2023 minigrants. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it also happens to be a holly, jolly good time!!

Meet some of our new members!

Kris Coen:

Kris is a Kenosha resident and empty nester. She recently retired from AbbVie/Abbott Labs after 32 years in Drug Discovery Research as a software quality engineer, auditor, and project/portfolio management professional. She served as a NAMI Kenosha County Board member (2015-2020), and as Secretary for Alive Rescue (2021-2022). She is an avid reader, kayaker, gardener, and life-long learner and is hoping to add more hobbies and community volunteering to her near future.

Maria Diaz-Steponitis:

Maria is an enthusiastic entrepreneur, with a large family in Texas but she is happy to call Wisconsin home. She is the owner/CEO of Mia's Studio 23 and ALL things Bridal, LLC, an established wedding planning company. She is also a Realtor with eXp Realty, LLC, with her own team of 7 realtors, Team Diaz! This energetic woman was named in eXp's 100 Top Influencers (Central Region) for 2022!