KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network.

Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

Hello, KWN Members!

Now...more than ever...we need you!

It's been another rough month, and we need you... in your home, your neighborhood, KWN, and Kenosha. We need you to remain optimistic, and we need your voice!

Ruth Bader Ginsburg has left an outstanding legacy, and she has encouraged

each and every one of us to get involved. She said, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

The first idea from this, for me, is to figure out what we care about. Don't fight for what others tell you is important, not your neighbor nor your supervisor nor even your significant other. "Fight for the things that YOU care about." The second idea – for me – is that no one wants to follow people who are negative or mean. Determine what you care about, then communicate that in a way that others will also care and want to be in the fight.

My sister tells me that I'm singularly focused when it comes to substance use disorders, and I'm sure she is right. I try not to be THAT person who counts YOUR drinks, but if you ask me what I think about your substance use or codependency, I won't sugarcoat it. For the record, I'm the exact same way about proper communication: I will never correct your grammar in public, but don't ask me to proofread something you've written unless you really want the feedback. These are things I care about. What are yours?

The late Justice's other quote that really speaks to me is this: "If you want to be a true professional [and I'd suggest she really means "a true human"], you will do something outside yourself, something to repair tears in your community, something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That's what I think a meaningful life is – living not for oneself but for one's community."

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Guida

From our Vice-President

I am delighted to announce that KWN has received a \$500 charitable gift from Quota International Kenosha-Racine to support the launch of our College Student Memberships and our efforts to bring in the next generation of women into our group.

Traditional Student Members, from 18-26, enrolled in local colleges and universities, are invited to join KWN for \$25 per year from September through August. They can join for lunch to make connections in our community, join in our philanthropy, and seek out leaders and mentors in our community.

Roseann Shales



If you missed our September speakers...

Election rivals Tod Ohnstad and Crystal Miller were co-speakers at our September meeting. Our live-stream of the event on Facebook ran into difficulties but the majority of their addresses was filmed and is posted on the KWN Facebook page. It was politics the way it used to be, with both speakers stressing their strong points rather than running down their opponents! To learn more about Tod Ohnstad's bid for re-election, you can visit his Facebook page: <u>Tod Ohnstad for State Assembly</u> and Crystal Miller, his challenger, at: <u>Crystal for Assembly</u>

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.

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October meeting

KWN's October lunch meeting will be held on October 9, 2020, at The Woman's Club, 6028 8th Ave, Kenosha.

The menu choices will be:

Harvest Salad with/ without turkey Or

1/2 Turkey Sandwich on a croissant

Both entrées include Soup and Dessert.

Please RSVP with your menu choice by end of day, Tuesday October 6. You can register and pay on line at:

Register Here





Kenosha Women's Network



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Fall Fundraisers

KWN is holding several Fall Fundraisers with the help of some of our members and their businesses. This is a great way to support KWN while also supporting our



small business members during Covid-19. Check our <u>Facebook page</u> daily and please invite your family and Facebook friends to like our KWN page. If you have a small business and would like to participate, please contact Joanne Horner or a member of the Event's Committee.

Here's the initial list:

September - October 4th AND October 21st-November 5th - SendOutCards - Joanne Horner October 5th-11th - Norwex - Michele Oksa

October 13th-20th - Usborne Books & More Fierce Edition -Dianne Bruneel November 1st-15th - Pampered Chef - Joanne Horner

November 1st-1stri - rampered cher - Joanne Horner November 1st-30th - CTFO - CBD, weight loss, skincare, nutrition - Roseann Shales

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 Guida Brown know at guida@hopecouncil.org no later than October 1. Board membership includes attendance at board meetings as well as a committee appointment and attendance at those meetings.

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 October 1.

Support KWN while you shop!

Do you shop on line with Amazon? Silly question! Most of us do. Did you know that you can support KWN when you shop through the Amazon Smile Program? Go to https://smile.amazon.com/ and choose Kenosha Women's Network as the organization to support. KWN will earn money each time you shop! Thank you to our Outgoing Treasurer, Katie Hulse, for setting this up!!

The Holiday Luncheon and Grand Raffle is just around the corner. Social Distancing and COVID precautions mean that there will be fewer seats at the tables, so you will not want to delay buying a ticket when they become available at the October meeting!

Remember, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please consider what you will donate for the raffle and who else you can ask to donate. Raffle prizes should be worth a minimum of \$25. Pick something YOU would like to receive as a gift and you can't go wrong!

We still need a couple of large raffle prizes, (valued at over \$300), which will be listed on the raffle tickets, along with the Donor's name. Raffle tickets will go to press in early October, so that they can be available for distribution at the next meeting. The Luncheon is on December 11th this year.

Thank you to our members who donated raffle prizes for the September Raffle! *Katie Hulse—Genesis Chiropractic *Laura Cox—Acupuncture and Wellness of WI *Roseann Shales—CTFO CBD *Joanna Carlberg—Joanna's Digital Images *Stephanie Schnell—Platinum Systems *Cathy Savaglio—Security National Mortgage *Lillian Evans—Short Roots Urban Farm Make a donation (valued at \$10 or more) to our monthly raffle and get your name and business mentioned in our monthly newsletter!