

KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

October 2021

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Women's
Network



Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

"Strong women-precious jewels all-their humanness is evident in their accessibility. We are able to enter into the spirit of these women and rejoice in their warmth and courage." (Maya Angelou)

Hello KWN!

We had a delightful 40th anniversary event celebrating our 40 years as a nonprofit. We talked, we laughed, we connected, and we enjoyed a lovely dinner and performance by Leslie Goddard as Suffragist, Alice Paul.

Thank you to Amy Voss for nominating us, and Northwestern Mutual for donating \$1,000 to KWN! And thank you to Kristen Hoffman, Herzing University, for \$500 on this occasion.

It takes a lot of caring and committed people to keep an organization going! We honored our one and only original 41 year member, Frances Kavenik, for her continual support of KWN, with a commemorative plaque and 2 dozen roses. We then invited our past and current board members to the stage to receive a token of our appreciation with a starburst charm, the design spinning continuously outward. Thank you to past board members: Mary Dixon, Kathy Barth, Joyce Erickson, Christine King, Amanda Blommel, Wendy Gauss, and our current board members: Guida Brown, Joanna Carlberg, Ann Hooper, Darlene Duncan, Cathy Savaglio and Deb Strecker. KWN would not have attained 41 years without your time, interest and support.

"You can always tell who the strong women are. They are the ones building other women up, instead of tearing them down." (Unknown)

Current members (and guests), I'd love to see you at lunch on Friday, October 8th! Let's keep the momentum moving as we prepare for our Holiday Luncheon and our Grand Raffle.

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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.

October meeting

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

11:30am networking,
12:00pm lunch

Your menu choice will be:
Broccoli Cheddar Soup with Grilled Cheese

Or

Autumn Harvest Salad with apples, grilled chicken, blue cheese & walnuts

Plus Dessert

Lunch costs \$15. Please RSVP with your choice of entrée by end of day on the 5th.

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

The link is also on the website.

Wise Women Read is Back!

Join KWN's Women Who Read to discuss *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride, author of the National Book Award winning *The Good Lord Bird* and the beloved memoir *The Color of Water*. This, his newest book, is a "propulsive and comic neighborhood epic set in the 1960s with a cast of characters that are beguiling, boozed-filled, and larger than life. When a young drug lord is shot in broad daylight by a bumbling drunk known to everyone as Sportcoat, the Brooklyn neighborhood they live in is upended. As Sportcoat comically and unknowingly dodges the police, his actions ricochet around him, igniting a web of drug wars, backdoor dealings with mobsters, and church brawls that demonstrate just how vital yet fragile communities can be. *Deacon King Kong* tells the fictional story of one Brooklyn project but in so doing tells a broader story of race and religion, getting by and getting out, and how grudges and alliances become embedded in the foundations of our neighborhoods. An incredibly satisfying read." (from Al Woodworth, Amazon Book Review)

Join us on Tuesday, October 19, at 6 p.m. to discuss one of 2020's best books, and invite your friends, too! Attendees to Women Who Read need not be KWN members, nor do they need to be women at all! Please email guida@hopecouncil.org to let her know you're planning to attend so that she can tell you where the meeting will be. (Right now the location is TBD!)

KWN Welcomes:

Rebecca Matoska, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kenosha County

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We're Glad You're Here!



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40th Anniversary Gala

The 40th anniversary Gala was a huge success! Here are a few pictures from the event:



The Woman's Club did a superb job setting the scene for a stylish soiree.



KWN President, Roseann Shales, presented a commemorative certificate to Fran Kavenik, along with a big bunch of roses. Fran is the only continuous original member of KWN.



Roseann also recognized all the board members, past and current, who attended the Gala.

Leslie Goddard was amazing as Alice Paul. Everyone who listened to her was transported back to 1920 as she told the story of the fight for women's suffrage in the United States.



October Speaker

The October speaker is Carolyn Friesch of United Way of Kenosha County. Her topic is: "How to live United".

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 too!

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

*Peggy Gallo—Gallo Tax Preparation

*Adeline Carney—The Red Oak Restaurant

*Darlene Duncan

*Roseann Shales—CTFO CBD

*Mavra's Greek Oil

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



Christmas will be here before you know it! The KWN Holiday Luncheon and Grand Raffle is set for December 10th. Tickets must be printed next week and we still have room for a few more large raffle prizes, worth \$300 or more.

The Holiday Raffle is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Even with COVID protocols last year and reduced capacity, we were able to raise over \$5,000 for our mini grant program, largely due to the sale of raffle tickets! This year, we aim to get our funds up to pre-pandemic levels with your help! Can you or your business donate a \$300+ raffle prize? We will be printing around 4,000 raffle tickets, with the name and business name of the top donors printed right on the ticket! That's a pretty sweet deal for advertising your business in the community! In addition, the top prizes help our members sell tickets!



Holiday Luncheon 2020



We also have Corporate Sponsorships available. In the past we have had three levels of sponsorship: Gold (\$500), Silver (\$300) and Bronze (\$150). Check with a member of the events committee for details.