

KWN Community

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

October 2023

Kenosha
Women's
Network



Growing Together, Rooted in the Community

A Note from our President

Hello, KWN,

I think we all try to live in the moment, or we all at least know that we're SUPPOSED to try! That's why writing this message was difficult for me. We're already talking about the holidays, and it's barely autumn! OK...it is officially autumn, but you get my drift...especially since we've just enjoyed some ab fab weather!

As my mother would say, "You're wishing away your life!" I'm already looking forward to the holiday luncheon and the KWN painting party at Alpaca where I may paint a great Christmas gift, and, I'm not gonna lie, I am super-excited about the December book club meeting!

But October has a lot to offer, too! For Kenosha Women's Network we'll have a great meeting on Friday the 13th, and the Kenosha Chamber of Commerce, which KWN is a member of and, therefore, so are YOU, is having some great events: Business After 5 on October 12, the 107th Annual Meeting on October 18, and the October Fest Crawl from October 18 – 21. See this link for more information: <https://business.kenoshaareachamber.com/chamber-calendar>

Don't wish away your life! Stop and smell the mums, and enjoy every moment!

See you at lunch!

Guida



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 October meeting will be held on Friday, October 13th, 2023 at [Casa Capri](#)
2129 Birch Rd, Kenosha
11:30am -1:00pm

The cost to attend the meeting is \$18 and includes lunch.

Lunch will be a two entrée buffet plus salad and a side.

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

RSVP by end-of-day on October 10th.

The link is also on the website.

2023 Holiday Luncheon and Grand Raffle

Time is running out to be a sponsor for our Holiday Luncheon in December! This is a very inexpensive way to promote your business as well as supporting KWN's mini grant program! The Holiday Luncheon is our biggest fundraiser of the year. There are three levels of sponsorship:

Gold Level Sponsor \$500 includes:

- Four (4) tickets to the event
- Recognition on the poster for the event, on the flyer placed at each setting, and in our newsletter
- Article/interview in our newsletter
- Three social media posts before and/or after event
- Verbal recognition at the event and a thank you in our January newsletter

Silver-Level Sponsor \$300 includes:

- Two (2) tickets to the event
- Recognition on the flyer placed at each setting and in our newsletter
- Two social media posts before and/or after the event
- Verbal recognition at the event and a thank you in our January newsletter

Bronze-Level Sponsor \$150 includes:

- One (1) ticket to the event
- Recognition on the flyer placed at each setting
- Two social media posts before and/or after the event
- Verbal recognition at the event and a thank you in our January newsletter

If you are interested in sponsorship, reach out to Ann Hooper at ann@annhoopercoaching.com or any of the other board members.



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October's Wise Women Read Meeting

On Tuesday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave A, we're discussing Catriona Ward's *The Last House on Needless Street*. Named one of the "50 Best Horror Books of All Time" by *Esquire*, "*The Last House on Needless Street* is an immersive and shocking journey that will keep you guessing until the last page," and we chose it just in time for Halloween!

For the November 8 meeting we'll be discussing *When Women Were Dragons* by Kelly Barnhill. This is described as "**A fiery feminist fantasy tale set in 1950s America where thousands of women have spontaneously transformed into dragons, exploding notions of a woman's place in the world and expanding minds about accepting others for who they really are.**"

And, on December 12, we'll be discussing a KWN Book Club favorite: Hannah Morrissey's third book in the Black Harbor series, *When I'm Dead*. "One girl murdered...another one missing...and a medical examiner desperate to uncover the truth in *When I'm Dead*, the latest Black Harbor mystery by acclaimed author Hannah Morrissey.

"On a bone-chilling October night, Medical Examiner Rowan Winthrop investigates the death of her daughter's best friend. Hours later, the tragedy hits even closer to home when she makes a devastating discovery—her daughter, Chloe, is gone. But, not without a trace.

"A morbid mosaic of clues forces Rowan and her husband to question how deeply they really knew their daughter. As they work closely to peel back the layers of this case, they begin to unearth disturbing details about Chloe and her secret transgressions...details that threaten to tear them apart.

"Amidst the noise of navigating her newfound grief and reconciling the sins of her past, an undeniable fact rings true for Rowan: karma has finally come to collect."

Hannah has tentatively agreed to attend our book club meeting for this discussion...because we have such good snacks! You should plan to attend, too! You'll be happy you did!

Join Us for Lunch at Casa Capri on Friday, October 13th.

October's luncheon meeting, on Friday the 13th, won't be spooky at all! Brenda Brady and Becky Leveque from Alpaca Art will be speaking, and just in time for their presentation, we've scheduled another paint night at Alpaca for Thursday, November 2! We'd love to have you and your friends attend...no need to be a member! RSVP by emailing [Membership](#) or on [Jotform](#). There's no charge to attend, but we want a general count to prepare!

As usual, we're looking forward to another great meal at Casa Capri! The day and time remain the same: second Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. for networking and noon for lunch. When signing up, please do let us know if you have any dietary restrictions (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free) so that they can be accommodated. The cost to attend the meeting is \$18, and lunch is included. Please come early to network because there's going to be so many cool things to do and people to meet! [Click here](#) for the link to register for lunch.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO DONATED TO THE SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

*Adeline Carney—The Red Oak Restaurant *Holly Miller—Stories of a Lifetime *Nan Mellem—Nan Mellem Publishing

*Darleen Scuglik—Dar's Hearts *Pamela Grubb—Mindful Yoga *Peggy Gallo—Tax Prep

*Marcie McDevitt—McDevitt Towing & Repair *Darlene Duncan *Rita Hagen—Hospice Alliance

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



Kassie Trujillo Shepherd is a military veteran and wife, so when she first moved to the Kenosha area, she felt like an outsider. She says, "By joining KWN, I've created a support system unlike any other. I've met strong women who make life purposeful and beautiful no matter the challenges. I'm so grateful to be a part of a community that lifts each other up!" We are so happy to have you, Kassie!

Darci Green Executive Director of John 23 Educational Center in Racine, started her position in May of 2023. John 23 offers homework help and tutoring for students in grade 5th-12th. They are also focused on helping students discover their passion through their Thriving Thursday initiatives, an opportunity for students to hear from entrepreneurs, area businesses, the trades, college grads and career driven individuals. Also on Thursdays, enrichment activities with a theme to bring excitement to learning. To read more about this amazing center and look for volunteer and donation opportunities, please view their web site: <http://www.john23educenter.org>.

KWN members: We want to put you in the spotlight! Share with us, in 50-60 words, something about your business or your experience as a member of KWN. Look for the sign up sheet at the August meeting to get your name on the list!

Thank You KWN!

From Tamarra Coleman of the Shalom Center:

"Thank you! We received your generous donation of \$900. Donations like this provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission of ending homelessness and hunger in our community. Because of your support, we can continue to serve homeless and low-income families and individuals in our community, and provide food, shelter, guidance and resources.

"Thank you for investing in our organization and in the people we serve. We are inspired by the dedication and generosity to *(sic)* donors and volunteers like you who answer the call to help others. There is no way to fully express our gratitude. Your support plays a key role in our success!"

Are You Interested in Board Membership?

Do you want to learn about nonprofit boards? Do you want to make a bigger impact in the Kenosha Women's Network and help set activities and policies? Well, then it's time to step up to be on the board! Elections are coming up in November.

Board membership includes two additional meetings per month...board and a committee...but it's pretty low key...not a lot of stress. And, the best byproduct may be that you learn how nonprofits really work so that you can take these skills elsewhere!

Don't want to be a board member but want a more active role? That's OK, too! Join a committee. We have three: Events, Membership, and Communication, and any of them would appreciate your assistance.

Talk to any Guida if you have questions or interest. You can reach her at 262-914-1820 or via email at: [membership](#)

Upcoming meetings:

For the November 10 meeting, Community Impact Program's Champion Foster Mom will be our speaker, presenting on Foster Care Outreach. And, we'll have the opportunity to do our 10-second elevator intros, too!

Remember that if you bring a guest to any meeting you'll want to introduce her with a 10-second elevator speech! Elevator speeches are just to give us a hint at what you do...the networking is when you can get into the weeds! And, as always, we will have time for your announcements, which will come AFTER the speaker each month!



In case you missed the link on our website:

Nuts, dried fruit, chocolate...what's not to like about Terri Lynn™? Even better, you can support KWN's mission just by buying delicious treats through our personalized fundraising page! Founded in 1932, Terri Lynn has been helping organizations raise money for over 80 years. Click on the picture to go to the KWN web page.

Christmas is a perfect time to buy Terri Lynn's gift boxes and tins but you can enjoy their products year round.

