



KWN Community

September 2012

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

Women Supporting Women in Business

A Note from our Presidents:

Hello KWN Members,

Summer is winding down just as we are gearing up for another wonderful holiday fundraiser! Kris Roemer, our fundraising chairperson is working hard to bring this wonderful event together for a record-breaking year! At our last meeting, we started signing up for committees. We will continue to do so at our September luncheon, so make sure you are there. There are plenty of ways to get involved, and your help is what makes this event a success year after year.

It was very exciting having a cameraman at our August meeting! He was filming Joyce Erickson's presentation about how tobacco companies market to children. If you missed the luncheon, you can find a video of her presentation on KWN's Facebook page. And while you're there, "like" our page so we can spread the word about KWN even further.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the Harbor Market booth promoting KWN. We have made lots of new connections. It has been wonderful seeing so many new faces at each meeting. We love meeting your colleagues and friends as much as we love seeing KWN growing strong. Lets keep this trend going! Who do you know that would enjoy joining us for lunch?

We look forward to seeing you September 14th,
Laura and Julie

September Meeting:

Friday, September 14th, 2012
11:30AM to 1:00PM

Bull & Bear Eatery & Tavern
4017 80th St, Kenosha.

RSVP by

Wednesday, September 12th, 9pm
to Claudia Howard and Heather
Briscoe at:

Kwn-lunch@hotmail.com

and put "attending" in the
subject line.

The meeting fee is

\$12.00 with Reservation,

\$15.00 at the door.

The fee includes your meal: a

Deluxe Salad Bar Buffet,

featuring soup, salad and
sandwiches or wraps, drinks
and dessert!

KWN Welcomes You!

We love welcoming new
people into our group!

Please join us in welcoming:

Cynthia Schwartz
Core Solutions Group

Judy Williams
Market & Sales Rep
Emergency Fire & Water
Restoration

Save the date!

KWN's annual holiday fundraiser is set for Friday December 14th, at the UAW Hall, 3615 Washington Road, Kenosha. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 11:30am, followed by a delicious plated lunch catered by **Sophisticatering**. There will be four lunch options available: Beef, pork, chicken or vegan. More details will be available when tickets go on sale.

This event is a very important fund-raiser for our Network and the raffle provides a large part of the funds we distribute in mini-grants each year. What will you donate? Several large raffle ticket items have already been generously promised, including a "Massage a Month" valued at \$480.00 from Laura Cox of Evolve Massage, a "Gals Glamour Basket" valued at \$900.00 from Roseanne Shales, a basket of hair products and services worth over \$400.00 from Hair Unlimited, and an "Old World Santa" valued at \$750.00 from Joyce Erickson. The generosity of our members is what makes this event so successful each year! Please let Kris Roemer, our Fundraising chairperson, know the value of the item you plan to donate.

Needed for the Christmas Luncheon: Small floating candle sets, 3" maximum size, with a plain or Christmas motif! Contact Kris Roemer if you can help.

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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Getting to Know You!

Nancy Vagnoni



This month, I got a chance to sit down with our new Vice-President, Nancy Vagnoni. Nancy is a hair stylist with Hair Unlimited in Kenosha, but she hasn't always worked in this industry. Nancy is a free spirit who enjoys challenges and likes to "reinvent herself" every ten years, so, about 5 years ago, she went back to school and learned to be a 'nail tech'. In 2009, she joined Hair Unlimited as an apprentice and became a fully qualified Hair stylist about a year ago.

So, what did Nancy do in her previous lives? Well, for a number of years, she ran a home-based day care center. It suited her desire to be her own boss and work at home and she built the business to the point of having two eight hour shifts, with a number of part time helpers. When Nancy looked for a change of career, she became a manager in a banquet facility.

Nancy has always lived in the Racine/Kenosha area and her family members are all in this area. Her son, Danny, has provided her with six beautiful grandchildren. She has been married to her husband, Joe, for seven years and they share their home with two cats: Leo and Sheila.

In her free time, Nancy likes to paint watercolors, especially landscapes and seascapes, with lighthouses being a favorite subject. Many of the paintings are given as gifts and Nancy finds special inspiration in trying to find the perfect subject for that person. She also enjoys swimming and spending time with her family. When the time comes to take a vacation, Nancy prefers the sun and surf, with Mexico being a favorite destination.

I asked Nancy for one thing her fellow KWN members didn't know about her and she told me that she is a pretty good shot with a gun!

Nancy joined KWN in June of this year; she was impressed by the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of our organization. Her special mantra is "God will Show me the Way" and we are happy that her way has led her to KWN.

KWN welcomes our September Speakers:

Sandra Babel of Tai Chi Synergy will be our 10 minute speaker.

3 minute speaker to be determined.

If you would like a chance to speak at one of our up-coming meetings, please contact Nancy Vagnoni. Promote your business in the 3 minute slot or speak about an issue of interest to women in the 10 minute slot.

Membership News:

I want to thank all of you for helping our organization grow! Every month so far we have added new members and this only because of YOU spreading the word about KWN. We have more new members than we did this time last year. Thank you for making a difference!

Sue Freisheim, Membership chair.



KWN "Wo-maned" a booth at the Harbor Market again on August 11th. Theresa Maerzke and Connie Norris handled the first shift, with Sue Freisheim and Joanna Carlberg taking the second. It was a warm and breezy day and the market was well attended. We handed out nearly a box of business cards and nine women filled out contact slips. The winner of a free lunch at a KWN meeting was Kim Giovanni, a Silpada Jewellery consultant.

Several women we spoke to expressed an interest in KWN as a means of networking and finding a job. In this economy, this is another way that we women can support each other. The next market date is September 8th.

Thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes for the August meeting! We always appreciate your generosity!

Sue Freisheim

Peggy Gallo-Shaklee

Roseann Mattefs-Sweet Somethings Pastries

Carol Lamberson-American Solutions for Business

Theresa Maerzke-Procubed LLC



Have you considered making a donation to our monthly raffle? Get your name and business mentioned in our monthly newsletter!