



September 2016

Kenosha Women's Network

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

Women Supporting Women in Business

*A Note from our President:*

Hello Ladies,

I just love this time of year, the change in weather, school is back in session, and KWN plans for our biggest fundraising event of the year: our Holiday Luncheon. Fundraising Chair, Amy Shelton, is already accepting your donations for raffle items, so feel free to get in touch with her to drop yours off. Again, this year our event will be held at the beautiful Kenosha Country Club. Tickets will soon be available for sale.

Not only are we gearing up for our Holiday Fundraiser but we also have our Fall Quarter Auction right around the corner. If you have never been to a Quarter Auction, it is a blast. There is shopping with our various vendors and you have the chance to walk away with great prizes just by bidding quarters. It is much easier to understand once you've attended one but if you would like additional information of how a Quarter Auction works you can find that information on KWN's website.

KWN is always looking to grow and better serve our members and community. Currently we are holding a membership drive. The member who brings in the most new members from August to December will get their own 2017 membership for free. This is such an exciting time of year to invite guests to our luncheons and our upcoming fundraising events.

The opportunities and possibilities for KWN and its members are endless. Thank you all for continuing to add your flair to KWN; without you, we wouldn't be the organization we are today.

See you on September 9th,  
Amanda



**September Meeting:**

Friday, September 9, 2016  
11:30AM to 1:00PM at  
Victoria's Catering, 2319 63rd  
St, Kenosha

RSVP by Wednesday,  
September 7, 9pm to

[rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org](mailto:rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org)  
and put "attending" in the subject  
line. **Please note: responding on  
Facebook is not the same as an  
RSVP. We need your confirmed  
reservation to the e-mail above!**

The meeting fee is:  
\$12.00 with Reservation,  
\$15.00 at the door.

**The fee includes your meal.**

*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.*

KWN Welcomes:

Katherine Trudell,  
Attorney.

We're Glad You're Here!

An Opportunity for your business!

If you want to start using Square to take credit cards, here is a way you can save money on fees and help KWN! Process \$1,000.00 in charges without fees when you activate KWN's invite link: <https://squareup.com/i/02f68p93>. KWN will get free processing too!

**Fall Quarter Auction is September 24th**

**KWN's next Quarter Auction is Saturday, September 24th, 2016, at the Moose Lodge. The address is 3003 30th Ave, Kenosha. Festivities begin at 6pm. If you would like to be a vendor at the event, please contact Amy Shelton, Fundraising Chair, to see if there are still spots open. Donations of food items and auction items would still be appreciated. This is such a fun event-be sure to bring lots of guests!**



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Labor Day Reflections

To most of us, Labor Day means a holiday weekend and the unofficial end of summer. Children go back to school and life resumes its cool weather routines. It is unclear who thought of the idea of celebrating Labor, but it is linked with Labor Unions and Trade Organizations. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated in 1882 in New York City and, in 1894, Congress passed an act creating a national holiday on the first Monday in September.

Women have long been in the labor force, working on family farms and in domestic service and factories. They usually worked long hours for low pay in jobs that required little education. In the 1930s, more girls went to high school and even on to college. During World War II, they worked in the factories while the men were away at war, providing a valuable labor force for the war effort. For many, it was their first experience of earning a decent wage and being valued for their work. The 1950s saw more married women in the workforce, often in "traditional women's jobs" such as secretaries, teachers, social workers and nurses. They fit their hours around raising families, often working part time. By the 1970s, their daughters, having grown up with working mothers, took it for granted that they would do the same. At the same time, birth control made it possible for women to delay childbirth and have more choice in their careers. By 1980, women equaled men in college graduation rates and now exceed them.

Despite these gains, women in the labor force still earn less than men for the same jobs. I left school in England in the early 1970s, and my first job was in a bank. I once questioned why my male counterparts were promoted over female workers with more experience and the bank manager kindly explained that "girls tend to get married and have babies" so it was not worth promoting them. That explanation would not be allowed today, but the mindset is still there.

One advantage women have in business is other women. KWN's credo is "Women Supporting Women in Business". Whether starting a business or trying to climb the corporate ladder, having a mentor who has been there is a valuable asset! So, this Labor Day, let's celebrate our sisters who led the way and resolve to keep striving for equality in the work-place.



September Speakers

In our 10 minute slot, Guida Brown of Hope Council and Assistant District Attorney Mike Gravely will speak about Opioid Abuse.

The 3 minute speaker is Christa Boudreau talking about Ayurveda Wellness.

*If you would like a chance to speak at one of our up-coming meetings, please contact Joanne Horner at 847-337-2778 or e-mail her at:*

[vice-president@kenoshawomensnetwork.org](mailto:vice-president@kenoshawomensnetwork.org).

*Promote your business in the 3 minute slot, or speak about an educational topic beyond just business in the 10 minute slot.*

Do you represent more than one business? Did you know that you can promote a second business at the KWN meetings for just \$10.00 per year additional membership fee? Talk to Wendy Gauss, Membership Chair, for more details.



Food allergies are never fun and can be life-threatening! If you have any such allergies, please mention them when you RSVP to: [rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org](mailto:rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org). We'll do our best to make sure you stay safe!

**Thank you** to our members who donated raffle prizes at our August meeting:

- \*Kathy Barth - Barth Storage
- \*Peggy Walker - Pepper the Clown
- \*Vicki Rothwell - Victoria's Catering
- \*Joanna Carlberg - Joanna's Digital Images
- \*Sandy Riese - Women's and Children's Horizons
- \*Paula Geisler - Seacret Skin Care
- \*Peggy Gallo—Shaklee

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