

# KWN Community

January 2020  
Kenosha Women's  
Network

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

## Growing together, Rooted in the Community

### *A Note from our President*



Happy New Year, KWN Members!

I'm excited to reprise my role as President of KWN, and I look forward to serving over the next year with the expanded board: Roseann Shales, Vice President; Alicia Fosbinder and Laura Cox, Co-Secretaries; Katie Hulse, Treasurer; Christine King, Past President; and board members Diane Bruneel, Joanna Carlberg, Darlene Duncan, Joanne Horner, Becky Leffler, and Amy Vos.

Kudos to each and every one of you who made the Holiday Luncheon a success by donating, attending, and selling and buying raffle tickets! We raised the most we ever have - over \$6,800 - for our nonprofit grants! We have much to be proud of and much to look forward to! Stealing from an idea from board member Amy Vos, I look forward to expanding the three pillars of KWN with you: networking, philanthropy, and socializing! Thanks to Christine King, Past President, for her leadership in 2019. We made great progress and are looking forward to even more growth and fun in 2020, our fortieth year.

All the best,

*Guida*



### **Renewing your KWN Membership**

Early Bird renewals end at the January meeting! Renew your membership now for only \$75. After the meeting, the price goes up to \$90, the same as a new membership! Don't delay!

### Join us for the next Maven Monday!

Maven Monday is trying something different for the next couple of months. On January 20th, we will meet at the home of KWN member, Deb Strecker, 1104 27th Ave, Kenosha. Deb has promised to keep her Christmas decorations up until then! The time remains the same: 6-8pm

In February, we will be at the studio of Shannon Z Photography.

This casual event is open to members and non-members alike and there is no need to register. Just turn up and have fun! Bring a friend!!

### Wise-Up Wednesday is now Wise Women Read!

KWN's book club will meet on January 7th at Common Grounds from 6-8pm This month's book is: "The Story of Arthur Trulove" by Elizabeth Berg. Come, even if you didn't read the book; help us pick the next read!

The January meeting will be held at:

**Ashling on the Lough**  
125 56th St, Kenosha, on  
Friday, January 10,  
2020 11:30AM to 1:30PM.

Please RSVP to:

[rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org](mailto:rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org)

by Tuesday January 7, with your choice of meal. January choices are:

O'Connell Street salad with or without chicken

or

Corned beef sandwich with fries

The cost of lunch remains \$15.00

### *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.*

In 2019, KWN welcomed

20 New Members!!!

We're glad you're here!!



**Happy New Year!**

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The Holiday Luncheon was a big success!

Here are a few pictures:



*Thank you to all who helped make the event a success, either by working on the day or donating raffle prizes!*  
 Special thanks to: *Katie Hulse, Peggy Gallo & Joanne Horner* (Welcome table/raffle tickets)  
*Roseann Shales & Mary Esposito* (Organized prizes on tables prior to lunch) *Joanna Carlberg* (Photography)  
*Amy Vos, Shannon Zastoupil, Becky Leffler & Pam Grubb* (Pulled raffle tickets & passed out prizes)  
*Clair Foster & Deb Strecker* (50/50 raffle sales) *Fran Kavenik* (Name Card Table)  
 And, of course, our sponsors, **Ameriprise Financial, Aurora Children's Health, Herzing University & Platinum Systems!**  
 Pamela Grubb was our big winner in the 50/50 raffle! We gave out around 80 prizes and raised our biggest total ever!

Speakers

Our January Speaker will be Alicia Fosbinder (aka the Tax Queen) who will catch you up to date on the new tax changes.  
 In February, we will hear from pediatrician Dr. Diane Gerlach, who will talk about her medical mission trips to Africa with the non-profit, "Aid Africa's Children".  
 If you would like to be a speaker one month, talk to Vice-president, Roseanne Shales (262-287-8728).

Thank you to all our members who donated raffle prizes for the Holiday Luncheon!

There are too many to mention ♥♥

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

Are you looking for a New Years' dare to get out of your comfort zone? Roseann Shales has signed up to shave her head for the 6th time for **St Baldrick's Foundation** to benefit children with childhood cancers. Would you like to join her? "You never really know who you are until you are bald." Ro Shales

There are Multiple ways to help:

#1. Become a Shavee and raise money through your connections online and locally. It takes 8 people to fill the stage - do you dare? You could also opt to cut long hair for Locks for Love to make wigs.

#2. Donate to Roseann to help her meet her goal of \$1881.00

#3. Show up and cheer on the Shavers and Shavees!

The event takes place on March 7th at the Brat Stop, Kenosha.

#### Save the Date for the Susan B Anthony Awards



The 30th Susan B Anthony Awards will take place on Friday, March 6th, 2020, at Madrigrano's Marina Shores, Kenosha. Tickets are now available at: [Eventbrite](#). Tickets are \$50.00 or \$375.00 for a table of 8.

Our own Laura Cox is being honored as the "Woman to Watch under 40"! Other recipients will be: Sharon Pomaville (Business/ Government), Patricia Demos (Arts/ Education) and the Lifetime Achievement award goes to Gina Madrigrano Friebus, with an additional, posthumous award to Mary Lou Mahone.

Laura Cox was previously a scholarship recipient, which goes to show what can be achieved with a little help!

KWN is one of three sponsors of this event. Funds raised by the "Gourmet Delights" Silent Auction go to support the scholarship fund. Start thinking which "Gourmet Delight" you can donate!!

This is the 100th anniversary of Women's Right to Vote! Let's get two or three tables of KWN members and friends to support this great event!

A final thought for the New Year!

**I HOPE THAT IN THIS YEAR TO COME,  
YOU MAKE MISTAKES.**

*Because if you are making mistakes,*

**THEN YOU ARE:**

*making new things,*

**TRYING NEW THINGS,**

*learning, living,*

**PUSHING YOURSELF,**

*changing yourself,*

**CHANGING YOUR WORLD.**

*Neil Gaiman*