

KWN Community

July 2017

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 KWN Members!

It is July! Can you believe the year is half over already? This is a great month for KWN as we give out our mini grants for the year. We get to celebrate all your hard work and generosity by awarding the 2017 mini grants at our July meeting. We can give back to our community because of all of the work our members put in over the year.

Together throughout the year we raise funds to donate back to the women and children of our community. Our Holiday Fundraiser, Business After Five, Quarter Auctions, and a portion of your monthly meeting fee, raffles and membership dues all pool together to make up the funds available to distribute. We then carefully select from all the amazing non-profit organizations that serve our community, organizations which you have nominated. In July, we invite those recipients to come to our meeting where we hear stories of how those funds will make a difference in Kenosha County. This year, we are awarding \$7000 to some amazing non-profit organizations, and it is because of all of you, our members.

I know with the warm temperatures now, December seems like a long time away, however the next Holiday Raffle will be here before we know it! We are now looking for organizations and companies who want to donate items to make this year's raffle a huge success. Amanda Blommel is our Holiday Raffle Fundraiser Committee Chair. She is currently looking for grand prize items. Grand prizes are typically \$1200-\$1500 in value. Items over \$500 in value will be printed on the raffle tickets to help drive sales.

We are still looking for a Fundraising Chair to oversee all our fundraising events. We have Patti Mason as the Fall Quarter Auction Committee Chair. Those are the next 2 fundraisers to finish out the year. So as the Fundraising Chair, you already have ladies working on these Fundraisers. So, if you want to get more involved in KWN, this is a great place to start! Please reach out to me or another officer to let us know if you are interested in becoming the next KWN Fundraising Chair.

Thank you for everything you do for KWN! I'll see you at our next meeting on July 14th!

Joanne

July Meeting:

Friday, July 14, 2017

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

RSVP by Wednesday, July 12,
9pm to

rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org
and put "attending" in the
subject line.

The meeting fee is:

\$12.00 with Reservation,

\$15.00 at the door.

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:

Jennifer Gier-Independent Curator
The Cocoa Exchange

We're Glad You're Here!



It's Mini-Grant Time!

July 14th is the day we wait all year for! At our meeting on that day, seven non-profit organizations that benefit women and children in Kenosha County will receive mini-grants to target specific programs. We are giving away a total of \$7,000 this year! Representatives from those organizations will join us for lunch at Victoria's Catering, at 2319 63rd Street in Kenosha. The meeting starts at the usual time, 11:30, with lunch at 12:00 noon. KWN will pay for lunch for one representative from each organization but others are welcome to join us at the usual price of \$12 with RSVP or \$15 without. Grant representatives are asked to please RSVP by 9pm on July 12th so we know who is coming and how many. The email is: rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org. We are excited to hear their plans to put the money to good use! In the coming months, the newsletter will be featuring short articles from people who have benefitted from the programs funded by KWN's grants.

This is probably the best day of the year to bring a guest to the KWN meeting so they can see what we are all about!

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KWN News

KWN's tax exempt status restored!

At the beginning of 2016, Kenosha Women's Network learned that their exempt status had been revoked. Prior to KWN losing their exempt status, the organization was a 501(c)(6). The board has worked very hard and has completed an abundance of paperwork to get exempt status reinstated. Our efforts were successful; we have just been designated a 501(c)(3) exempt organization, so all donations to KWN are now tax deductible. The difference between the two exempt statuses is that the 501(c)(3) allows us to give back to the community where the 501(c)(6) is more of a social organization and does not allow for tax deductible gifts. Changing designations allows us to be in compliance with tax laws over our mini grants. It also allows us to potentially accept donations towards the mini-grant program going forward.

We owe special thanks to Kristie Matteau and Amanda Blommel for the many hours of hard work they put into getting this accomplished.



Date set for next Quarter Auction

A date has been set for the next KWN Quarter Auction at the Moose Lodge. It will be held on Sunday, September 10th with doors opening at 2:00pm. Thanks again to the Moose Lodge for allowing us to use their facilities. Contact Vice president, Patti Mason if you would like a vendor booth at the event.



And the winners are...

The seven organizations/programs that will benefit from our grants this year are:

- Bristol Education Night, Bristol School
- Kenosha County History Center
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Roosevelt Elementary School Math Night
- Kenosha Achievement Center
- Westosha Senior Community Center
- KAFASI

Representatives from the organizations will be on hand to receive awards and tell us about the programs.



**Happy
4th!**

July Speakers:

July speakers will be representatives of the organizations receiving mini grants this month!

If you would like a chance to speak at one of our up-coming meetings, please contact Patty Mason at 847-379-5490 or e-mail her at: 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.

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. We'll do our best to make sure you stay safe!

Thank you to our members who donated raffle prizes for Our June Meeting!

- *Peggy Walker –Pepper the Clown
- *Roseann Shales—JIC Nation
- *Adeline Carney—The Red Oak Restaurant
- *Joyce Erickson –on behalf of Genesis Chiropractic
- *Peggy Gallo -Shaklee

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