

# KWN Community

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Kenosha Women's  
Network

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

## Women Supporting Women in Business

### *A Note from our President:*

Hi KWN Members!

It is hard to believe we are already in October! Our Holiday Luncheon is only 2 months away! We are planning and getting ready for a wonderful event! Raffle tickets will be available shortly. We will need everyone's help to make this event a huge success. This is our biggest fundraiser for our mini-grant program.

We will once again be at the Kenosha Country Club. Our Holiday Luncheon is open to everyone, so invite some guests to come with you. Reservations need to be made in advance, accompanied by your lunch choice and the lunch fee. There are no walk-ins at this event. Thank you in advanced for your support and generosity, including selling tickets, volunteering to help and your prize donations!

Remember this year we changed our annual meeting to November. Please plan to attend as we will be holding elections for the officer positions, and we will be also be reviewing and voting on the By-Laws and 2018 Budget. The officers elected at the November meeting will take their positions at our January 2018 meeting.

Hope to see you all at our October meeting on the 13th!

Joanne

### October Meeting:

Friday, October 13, 2017

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

RSVP by Wednesday,  
October 11, 9pm to

[rsvp@kenoshawomensnetwork.org](mailto: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:

Shelly Floreani - Mortgage Loan  
Officer, Southern Lakes Credit  
Union

Bonnie Moschell  
We're glad you're here!

If you missed the last meeting, our ten minute speaker was Paul Nehlen, a Republican who is running for Paul Ryan's seat in Congress. Mr Nehlen is a Delavan business man. He gave away a copy of his recent book, "Wage the Battle". He announced at the outset that he would take any questions and he got plenty of response from our members!



### Holiday Luncheon update

The biggest event in the KWN calendar is just 2 months away! Our annual Holiday Luncheon will take place on Friday, December 8th at the Kenosha Country Club from 11:30am to 1:00pm. This event is key to our Mini-Grant program, as this is where we raise the most money.

The cost for this special event is \$25.00 and you must buy tickets in advance! Invite friends and family, men and women, to come and enjoy a great meal and massive raffle. Prize donations are still needed and we need all our members to sell lots of raffle tickets! Tickets will be available at the October and November meeting. If you if you are unable to pick your tickets up at the meeting, contact Amanda Blommel, our Holiday Luncheon Chair to organize a meetup.



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Your Mini-Grants in action!

Westosha Senior Community Center received one of KWN's 2017 mini grants. KWN asked them some questions about their organization and how they plan to put the grant to use.

**What is the name of your organization?**

Western Kenosha County Senior Citizens Council owns and operates Westosha Senior Community Center. WKCCSC, a 501(c)3 non-profit, coordinates services, programs and activities that provide new opportunities for learning, creativity, fitness and friendship, and WSCC encourages senior involvement as vital members of Kenosha County communities. WSCC has served over 400 seniors from Bristol, Salem, Trevor, Paddock Lake, Brighton, Silver Lake, Pleasant Prairie and Paris communities. Over 70 percent of members are senior women, most of whom are 125 percent of single-household federal poverty guidelines. WKCCSC's vision is to create a vibrant, friendly and caring community that responds to senior women's diverse and changing needs.

**What is your name and your position in the Organization?**

Sandy Jacoby, Secretary of Executive Officers, WKCCSC Board of Directors

**Please describe briefly the mission of your organization:**

**Our Mission:** WKCCSC as a non-profit corporation exists to organize and conduct a program of aid and service for the senior citizens of Western Kenosha County, Wisconsin. These purposes shall be effected through the creation and operation of a senior citizen center. We cherish the **past**, live fully in the **present** and embrace the **future** through optimism, innovation and passion.

**How did you use the funds you received from KWN?**

Through the generosity of grants from KWN in 2014 and 2015, WKCCSC had purchased 2 HP laptop computers for the Senior Center, and WKCCSC had purchased 1 HP laptop computer from another grant. Our directors now have completed research to purchase 2 additional computers so that we may run computer literacy classes in small groups of 5 to 6 seniors this fall. In addition to 5 computers allowing seniors hands-on experience in computer literacy classes, other seniors will use laptops daily for senior benefits, medical, commercial and resources research. The WSCC Computer Project enhances the quality of life for Kenosha County senior women by empowering them to use computer knowledge and tools. With senior women establishing an email address, learning to Skype their grandchildren, connecting to family and friends through Facebook, researching medical and financial questions, accessing job search sites, they advance their power in life and improve family connections.

**How will these funds make a difference to the people served by your organization?**

Because the Senior Center already prioritizes the value of computer literacy for seniors, we budget to offer wifi. Computer literacy classes and access will be educational and empowering for women and men who have neither computers, printers nor Wi-Fi in their own homes. Since these seniors often are at 125 percent of federal poverty guidelines, computers, internet access and computer literacy are unaffordable. Of our 200 senior members, for example, less than 50 percent have email addresses, a basic communication tool for families and friends. Adult children, grandchildren and great grandchildren for whom computers and social media are second nature will enrich senior lives through internet communication. Computer classes and skills will offer senior women a great sense of purpose for coming to the Center and interacting with friends locally as well.

KWN COMMUNITY will be spotlighting other grant recipients in the coming months!

October Speakers:

The 10 minute speaker is Nicole Thomsen, the Executive Director of the Kenosha Downtown Business Bureau.

Amanda Blommel of David Insurance is the 3 minute speaker.

*If you would like a chance to speak at one of our upcoming meetings, please contact Patty Mason at 847-379-5490 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.*

**Happy Halloween!**



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 for Our September Meeting!

\*Marlene Sally— Sally Communication    \*Vicky Rothwell— Victoria's

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