

KWN Community

December 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:

Happy Holidays KWN Members!

First, I would like to thank this year's officers for a great year: Patti Mason, Vice President, Alicia Fosbinder, Treasurer and Christine King, Secretary. Thank you for everything you did for our Organization! I also want to welcome and congratulate our 2018 officers: President: Joanne Horner, Vice President: Shelly Floreani, Treasurer: Alicia Fosbinder, Secretary: Christine King.

Our Big Holiday Luncheon is on December 8th! I hope to see many of you there, and make sure to invite some guests to come with you.

The 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 of \$25.00. There are no walk-ins at this event. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity, including selling tickets, volunteering to help and your prize donations!

We are now taking early renewals through our January meeting. The cost is \$60 for early renewal. Please make sure to complete a new application to ensure all your information is correct.

I am looking forward to a fantastic 2018 for KWN and I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

Hope to see you all at our December meeting on the 8th!

Joanne



December Meeting:

Friday, December 8, 2017
11:30AM to 1:00PM at
The Kenosha Country Club
500 13th Ave, Kenosha.

Since this is our annual Holiday Luncheon, tickets are \$25 and **must** be purchased in advance! E-mail Joanne Horner at: fundraising@kenoshawomensnetwork.org to purchase tickets!

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:

Agnes Schwietert,
Director/Consultant,
Warbird Consulting Partners

We're Glad You're Here!



Early Bird Renewals

The time to renew your KWN membership is approaching! Renewing early helps us with our paperwork so, take advantage of Early Bird renewal and save some money. From now through the January 12, 2018 meeting, renewals are only \$60 for the year. After that, the regular price is \$65 through March 1st. After March 1st, membership renewal will cost \$75, the same as a new member. Renewal paperwork is available on our website, kenoshawomensnetwork.org.

The 2018 Susan B Anthony awards are scheduled for March 23rd

The Susan B Anthony awards will be given out on Friday March 23, 2018 at Madrigano's Marina Shores, in Kenosha. KWN is one of three sponsoring organizations, along with AAUW-Kenosha branch and Tempo. Nominations are now being accepted for all categories: Lifetime Achievement, Women of influence (Woman to Watch under 40, Business/Government/Non Profit and Arts/Education). Scholarship nominations are also being accepted.

The forms are all available on the KWN web site at: kenoshawomensnetwork.org. For more information, email SBA_WOI@aol.com.

Welcome to our new Board members! Shelly Floreani agreed to take over the Vice-President's position, vacated by Patti Mason! The other board positions remained the same. Thank you for your service and for staying on for another year!

Board Members:

President:

Joanne Horner
847-337-2778

Vice-President:

Shelly Floreani
262-694-1600
x604

Secretary:

Christine King
414-916-5464

Treasurer:

Alicia Fosbinder
262-634-7108

Standing Committee Chairs:

Communications /Newsletter

Joanna Carlberg
262-358-0411

Membership:

Wendy Gauss
262-960-5283

Fundraising:

Open

Hospitality:

Christa Boudreau
847-351-3044

Your Mini-Grants in action

The Bristol Education Foundation was a recipient of a 2017 mini-grant. Here is what they did with the money provided by your efforts:

Name of the organization?

Bristol School District #1, School Counseling Department

What is your name and your position in the Organization?

Kristen Schiappacasse
School Counselor
Bristol School District

Kori Kopp
School Counselor
Bristol School District

Please describe briefly the mission of your organization.

Our mission as school counselors is to provide Social, Emotional and Academic support to all the students at Bristol School. We provide student support through classroom guidance, small group counseling, individual counseling sessions, and staff and parent support. Our goal is to help support all areas of the school district in order to foster a caring and well-rounded student body to improve classroom learning and interpersonal relationships on campus and in the community.

How did you use the funds you received from KWN?

We purchased office furniture to help foster a comfortable and safe learning environment for students requiring school counseling support. Furniture items included bean bag chairs, resin tables, bungee chairs, and school counseling specific materials which includes books, social interactive games, play therapy manipulative toys and posters.

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

The funds allocated have already made an impact on the community here at Bristol School. Our offices are continually seen as open and inviting spaces for our students. Our students know that they have a safe learning atmosphere and understand our goals as school counselors when we work with them. All of the materials are used regularly by students during counseling sessions, and aide the students in feeling comfortable to talk about their emotions, struggles, and concerns with us.

December Speakers:

There will be no speakers in December because of our Holiday Luncheon.

If you would like a chance to speak at one of our upcoming meetings, please contact Shelly Floreani at 262-694-1600 x604 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!



Evening networking event summary

KWN's first evening networking event in many years took place at the Kenosha Achievement Center on November 16th. The publicity surrounding the event generated quite a lot of interest and although attendance was low, we had several non-members attend and one joined KWN that evening! Welcome, Agnes!

Three women took advantage of the headshot special and two of them had hair and makeup done. Our keynote speaker for the evening, Amy Mullen, conducted an excellent hands-on workshop on creating an elevator pitch, which we all found very informative. We have had enquiries about when the next such event will be arranged and increased traffic on our Facebook page.

All things considered, it was a good first event. If you have suggestions for a subject you would like to see covered in a future event, talk to one of the board members.

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

*Peggy Walker-Pepper the Clown

*Marlene Salley-Salley Communications

*Peggy Gallo-Shaklee

*Joanna Carlberg-Joanna's Digital Images

*Shelly Floreani-Southern Lakes Credit Union

*Dee Miller-Diamond Flooring

*Darleen Duncan-Career Coaches of WI

*Mary Modder-SE WI Labor Times

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