

KWN Community

February 2018
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 Ladies!

I hope everyone is having a great 2018 so far!

I want to thank the following members for stepping up to fill 2 of our open committee chair positions.

Hospitality - Robin Martin

Event Coordinator - Katrina Leonard

If you would like to get more involved in KWN, we are still looking for members to join one of our committees to work with the chair person throughout the year. If you would like to get involved and help out, please see one of the board members.

We are looking to grow our organization this year, so we are having an Incentive Contest for our members. The member who brings in the most new members until November 2018, will receive their 2019 dues for FREE. The winner will be announced at the Holiday Luncheon.

We have some events coming up soon:

March 3-4 - 27th Annual Kenosha Expo Health & Home Show - We will have a booth and will need volunteers to help staff the booth and talk to the guests about KWN.

March 23 - 28th Annual Susan B Anthony - Women of Influence- Awards Dinner will be at Madrigrano's Marina Shores again this year. KWN is one of the co-sponsors of this event. There are plenty of ways to get involved in making this an amazing evening. You can purchase an ad in the program, sell raffle tickets and donate a delicious gourmet delight for the silent auction, as well.

Patti Mason volunteered to chair the Spring Quarter Auction. More details to come on this event. She will be looking for volunteers to help, so please be on the lookout for more information.

See you at our next meeting on February 9th.

Joanne

February Meeting:

Friday, February 9, 2018

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

RSVP by Wednesday,
February 7, 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:

Barbara Rohlman-Branch Manager,
Town N' Country Title

Fran Hansen- Executive Director,
Habitat for Humanity, Kenosha

We're Glad You're Here!

Don't let your KWN membership lapse!

Early-bird renewals are over for another year. If you have not renewed yet, the cost is \$65.00, through March 1st. After that, it costs \$75.00 to re-join. Renewal paperwork is available on our website, kenoshawomensnetwork.org.

Membership Contest

The KWN Board is excited to announce a Membership contest for the WHOLE YEAR! Bring as many guests as you can and invite them to join KWN. The member who brings in the most new members by the November meeting will receive their 2019 membership for free! That is a \$65.00 value! The winner will be announced at the holiday Luncheon in December.

Will he see
his shadow??



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!

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Your Mini-Grants at Work!

One in five American children faces "food insecurity"! During the school week, these children depend on free or reduced price meal programs at their school. Over the weekend, many go hungry. Blessings in a Backpack provides some of these children with food for the weekend. In Kenosha, Members of the Mahone Middle School choir have been dedicated to feeding 50 Elementary School students each weekend. Thanks to a mini-grant of nearly \$2,000 from KWN, this program got a big helping hand.

KWN received thank-you notes from a teacher and two students explaining how grateful they were for the help to their program. Teacher, Beth Smith, wrote: "As you know from our application, Mahone Choir members have been dedicated to feeding 50 Elementary school students every weekend for the past four years. This costs us \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year. Students that have received this food have improved attendance." 100% of the money received goes to buy food for these kids. Packages are put together by the Mahone students and delivered to Elementary school students. Maddie Lallo, one of the Mahone students wrote: "...every Thursday, a few choir students come in and pack bags full of food for children at other schools who are in need." She also wrote, "Blessings in a Backpack wouldn't work if it wasn't for amazing people like you"! Rebecca Vines, another student, wrote: "Blessings in a Backpack is a very important club, and we appreciate that you have helped us get closer to what we came here to do."

You can see that this program has a profound effect on, not only the children receiving the food, but on those who are learning to care for others less fortunate than themselves.

February Speakers:

Our 10 minute speaker will be Melissa Waddle of All Saints Healthcare.

The 3 minute speaker will be Laura Cox, of Acupuncture and Wellness of Wisconsin.

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.

The 2018 Susan B Anthony Awards are just around the corner!

The Susan B Anthony awards will be presented 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. This year's winners are: Lifetime Achievement-Ellen Brookhouse, and Women of Influence (Woman to Watch under 40-Michelle Eckert, Business/Government/Non Profit-Sandra Riese, and Arts/Education-Tamarra Coleman). Two scholarships will also be presented, to Colleen Kappeler and Atifa Robinson. Tickets to this gala event are \$50 per person. There will be a raffle with three large prizes, donated by the sponsoring organizations. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Wendy Gauss will have both tickets available at the February meeting.

Fran Kavenik is again coordinating donations of "Gourmet Delights" to the silent auction. Funds raised go to the scholarship fund for next year. Fran will not be at the next meeting, so please contact her at: kavenik@uwp.edu or 262-654-7570. Gourmet delights can be any home-made edible, dressed up with attractive presentation. Past favorites have been dilly beans, Scottish shortbread and drunken fudge sauce! Present your specialty on a pretty plate from Goodwill to make it as attractive as possible. Let's start some bidding wars!



Kenosha Expo

The 27th Annual Kenosha Expo Health and Home Show will take place on March 3rd and 4th at the Frank J Petretti Fieldhouse, UW Parkside. KWN will have a booth to promote our organization and we need volunteers to staff it both days. The Expo runs from 10am to 4pm. Will you volunteer to work a 2 hour shift? There will be more information and a sign up sheet at the February meeting.

Thank you to all our members and friends who donated raffle prizes at the January meeting!

*Peggy Walker- Pepper the Clown *Dee Miller- Diamond Flooring *Marlene Salley- Salley Communications

*Mary Modder- SE WI Labor Times *Margaret Jacobson- Remax Elite *Roseann Shales- Nygaard Direct

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