



KWN Community

February 2013

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

Women Supporting Women in Business

A Note from our Presidents:

Hello KWN Members,

Winter is heating up as all the exciting events that KWN participates in approach! Getting involved in KWN events and activities is the best way to make connections in this organization, and there are lots of fun opportunities ahead. Let's look at what's coming up; you won't want to miss any of the fun!

February is our annual meeting where we elect new officers and approve the budget and by-laws for the upcoming year. We are looking for someone to step in as Treasurer, with the help and coaching of Amanda Blommel. While Amanda's term is the only one ending, you may run for any position on the board. Please talk to a current board member for more information on that. Also, watch your email in-box for the updated by-laws, and review them before the meeting in February. If you have any questions, send an email to either Laura Cox or Julie Mucha before the meeting so we can clear up any concerns before the vote. We will have copies of the budget for you to look over at the meeting.

Coming up March 9th and 10th, we have a table at the Chamber of Commerce Expo event. We need your help covering the table. Working at the Expo booth is a good way to meet great people interested in KWN. Our Membership Chair Sue Fresheim, along with Joanne Horner, (our newly appointed 2013 Membership Chair) will have sign up sheets at our February and March meetings.

On March 22nd, we have the Susan B. Anthony Award dinner. This is always a lovely event, and as co-sponsors of this group, we strongly encourage KWN members to attend and participate. This year's winner of the award is former KWN President Guida Brown of the Hope Council, so let's get out there and show her our support! 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. Leslie Gonzales will have sign up sheets for the gourmet delights at our February and March meetings. You can download the reservation form on the KWN website, which also allows you to sign up for an ad in the program.

On April 18th we will have our next Business After Five, so save the date! More information will come as we get closer to the event.

A big thank you goes out to Kris Roemer for doing a great job as Fundraising Chair over the last year. Also, thanks to Melissa Sebetic and Nancy Vagnoni who have volunteered to be Fundraising co-chairs for 2013. We appreciate your willingness to step up, ladies.

We look forward to seeing you on February 8th,

Laura and Julie

February Meeting:

Friday, February 8th, 2013

11:30AM to 1:00PM

Bull & Bear Eatery & Tavern

4017 80th St, Kenosha.

RSVP by

Wednesday, February 6th, 9pm

to Claudia Howard and Heather

Briscoe at: Kwn-lunch@hotmail.com

and put "attending" in the subject line.

The meeting fee is:

\$12.00 with Reservation,

\$15.00 at the door.

The fee includes your meal: soup, salad and sandwiches or wraps, drinks and dessert

Welcome to KWN!

Julie Craig CPA & Partner
Gordon J Meijer & Company, LLP
of Racine.

Melissa Sebetic, Business Manager,
Platinum Systems

Alison Bourdeau, Photographer,
Alison Bourdeau Photography and
Independent Wildtree Consultant

Elizabeth Pfeuffer, Attorney
Rizzo & Diersen, SC.

JoEllen Storz, Register of Deeds,
City of Kenosha

Wendy Gauss, Director of
Operations, Balistreri Physical
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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.



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*Getting to Know You!**Brenda Dahl*

This month, I spoke to Brenda Dahl and learned some new things about the legal system! Brenda is an attorney in private practice, specializing in Family Law, and Guardian ad Litem for Kenosha County. She explained to me that the Guardian ad Litem is appointed by the county judges and represents people who are generally not able to speak for themselves in court. This may be a minor child, someone who is mentally challenged or an elderly person. Typical cases involve deciding if a child should be removed from a home or an older person should go into a nursing home.

Brenda is also currently running for the position of Municipal Court Judge of Pleasant Prairie in the up-coming elections; this position deals with village ordinances, speeding tickets, retail theft and similar cases. It is a part time position, which Brenda can fit into her busy schedule. The primary election is February 19th, with the election in April, if she gets through.

Brenda was born and raised in Kenosha and has lived here except for her time away at UW Madison, and a summer internship in San Francisco with TransAmerica Insurance. Before becoming an attorney, she put her Business degree to work at North Western Mutual Insurance in Milwaukee and continued to work there while she was working on her law degree which she received in 2001. She married her high school sweetheart, Steve Dahl, a Kenosha Fireman, and they have three children: Tyler, aged 9 and 5 year old twins Alyson and Katelyn. Alyson suffers from a rare eye problem called Coloboma and has poor eyesight, so Brenda has been involved with an on-line support group for parents of children with this condition, which she says has been a great help. Alyson manages well and describes herself as: "a little bit blind".

Brenda has been a member of KWN since 2005. Between work and family, she does not have time for hobbies but she and her husband own a condo in Mississippi, along the Gulf Shore, where they can get away for family vacations. The condo was completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and has only recently been rebuilt!

If you would like to know more about Brenda's campaign for Judge, you can check out her web site at: www.brendadahlforsjudge.com.

Melissa Sebetic, of Platinum Systems and Joanne Horner, of Send-Out-Cards, will be our 3 minute speakers for February.

If you would like a chance to speak at one of our up-coming meetings, please contact Nancy Vagnoni. Her phone number is: 262-220-6520. Promote your business in the 3 minute slot, or speak about an educational topic beyond just business in the 10 minute slot.

Reminder:

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2013! Renewals are due by March 1, so the February meeting is your last chance to renew in person. Renewal dues are \$65.00; see Sue Freisheim at the membership table. If you won't be able to attend the February meeting, you can mail your renewal to PO Box 1062, Kenosha, WI 53141-1062 and make checks payable to "Kenosha Women's Network". Don't delay!

Volunteers are still needed to staff KWN's booth at the 2013 Kenosha Expo on March 9th and 10th. This is a great opportunity to spread the word about KWN at this event, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Can you spare two hours of your weekend?

Thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes for the January meeting! We always appreciate your generosity!

Nancy Vagnoni-Hair Unlimited

Joyce Erickson-KRW Tri-County Tobacco-Free Coalition

Louise Domerchi-Front Room Yoga

Dee Miller

Roseann Shales-Imaginative Consulting

Christa Boudreau-Surprise Parties

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