



KWN Community

September 2014

A Monthly Newsletter for members of Kenosha Women's Network

Women Supporting Women in Business

A Note from our President:

Hello KWN Members!

September is upon us, and KWN is gearing up for another record breaking year for our holiday fundraiser! Fundraising Chair, Melissa Sebetic, is already accepting your donations for cookie trays and raffle items, so feel free to get in touch with her to drop yours off. We will be printing tickets soon, so if you have your big ticket items (\$500 or more), let her know ASAP so those can be printed on the tickets as well.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far to run our booth at the Harbor Market. Our first date is coming up on September 13th, and we still need a few volunteers. Working at the market booth is a great way to connect with the community and share KWN with others. It's also a good place to spread the word about our holiday raffle so that this year will be even bigger than the last! Please contact Membership Chair Joanne Horner to sign up. This is a great way to get involved.

This organization wouldn't be the amazing group that it is if it weren't for our amazing members, and we want to hear from you! The board wants to hear your feedback, and we now have a new platform to hear you. We now have an email specifically for the board of KWN. Any questions, comments, concern or feedback you may have can be sent to KWN.Board@gmail.com. Please put your name and the board member your question is addressed to in the subject line. For example, if you have a question for the treasurer, please put your name and treasurer in the subject. It would look something like this: "Laura Cox to the Treasurer". I would also like to remind you that our board meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend, so please stop in for a visit!

Thank you so much for all that you do for this great organization as well as our community. I am truly honored to have you all in my life.

See you on September 12th,
Laura

September Meeting:

Friday, September 12, 2014
11:30AM to 1:00PM at
Ray Radigan's Restaurant
11712 Sheridan Rd, Pleasant Prairie

RSVP by
Wednesday, September 10, 9pm
to Anne Robbins 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!

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.

Holiday Luncheon

School is back in session and the Holiday luncheon is now only 3 months away! The raffle at this event is our main way of raising funds for our mini-grant program, so remember to contact Melissa Sebetic, KWN Fundraising Chair, with your pledged prize donations. The larger prizes (over \$500.00 value) will be printed on the raffle tickets and we also need many, many smaller prizes. The Holiday Luncheon will be held at Ray Radigan's Restaurant on December 12th.

Website Update

Updates are under way on the KWN website, thanks to Ron Horner. He has updated the meeting location and the officers pages and added a link to the KWN Facebook page. The next step will be a complete re-design, to give the web site a more up-to-date appearance and better flow. The current web site was actually intended as just a short-term web presence, so it is time for a change! Ron is the husband of Joanne Horner, our membership chairperson and the owner of Horner Consulting. He has kindly volunteered his expertise in the web-site redesign. See his business website at www.hornerconsulting.com.

KWN welcomes:

*Robin Shiels-Owner
Robin's Nest Cakery*



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Contact the board:
KWN.Board@gmail.com

Membership Drive

Our membership drive continues. Be sure to keep inviting guests to our monthly meetings! Each month we have someone sponsoring a prize for the member with the most guests at that meeting. Since there were no guests last month, there will be two prizes in September! At the end of the drive, in December, the KWN member who brings in the most new members will receive their own 2015 membership for free!

Getting to Know You

Joyce Erickson-Tri-County Tobacco-Free Coalition.



Tri-County (Kenosha, Racine and Walworth) Tobacco-Free Coalition is a non-profit organization, partly funded by the Department of Human Services, which helps educate young people on the dangers of using tobacco products. Joyce Erickson is the organization's Coordinator, a position she has held for 9 years. She has been involved with TCTFC for a total of 16 years, beginning as a volunteer, and it is a cause that is near and dear to her heart. Her passion stems from personal experience as she has lost several close family members to smoking-related illnesses, and her young granddaughter suffers from asthma and cannot be around smoke without getting very ill. Joyce told me that tobacco is considered a "gateway drug" and young people who smoke are much more likely to try other drugs.

Joyce is also long-time member of KWN; she joined in 1994 and has held almost every office, including that of President! She is especially passionate about the mini-grant program which started under her presidency. Joyce was born and raised in Kenosha and, although she lived in Milwaukee and Madison for a time, she and her husband, Bill, knew that Kenosha was where they wanted to raise their family. They have two grown daughters and one granddaughter. Recently, however, they sold their family home in Kenosha and moved into a down-town condo in Harbor Park. They are loving the condo life and being able to walk to so many events! Listening to live music is one thing Joyce and Bill especially enjoy doing together, and there are plenty of free concerts from which to choose- from the Kenosha Pops to "Peanut Butter & Jam". Her main hobbies these days are oil-painting and watching her granddaughter ice skate in competitions.

Joyce thought that down-sizing would be difficult, as she liked to collect antiques but she has actually found it liberating! The ability to pick up and go when the travel bug strikes has more than made up for the "stuff" she had to get rid of!



KWN will have a presence at the Harbor Market on three Saturdays in September and October. This is a wonderful opportunity to tell people about our organization and a lot of fun too! We aim to have three people on each shift of around two hours and we are far short of that goal! Please let Joanne Horner, KWN Membership Chair, know when you can help us out- we especially need help on September 13th, which is the day after our meeting. You do not need to put up or take down the tent!

13-Sep Volunteers		27-Sep Volunteers		11-Oct Volunteers	
8:45 - 10:30 AM	Frances Hagge	8:45 - 10:30 AM	Sandra Riese	8:45 - 10:30 AM	Laura Cox
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10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Mary Radigan	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wendy Gauss	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Mary Radigan
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM		10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Joyce Erickson	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Judy Walthers
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM		10:30 AM - 12:30 PM		10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Laura Cox
12:30 - 2:15 PM	Joanna Carlberg	12:30 - 2:15 PM	Kimberly Peter	12:30 - 2:15 PM	Melissa Sebetic
12:30 - 2:15 PM		12:30 - 2:15 PM	Donna Thew-Funk	12:30 - 2:15 PM	Laura Cox
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Thank you to our members who donated raffle prizes for the August meeting:

*Sandra Reise-Women's and Children's Horizons

*Joanne Horner-Send Out Cards

*Roseann Shales-Imaginative Consulting

*Mary Radigan-Ray Radigan's Restaurant

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