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Exclusive Professional Women's Networking Group™  
 NEWSLETTER

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**COMMUNITY ISN'T ONLY GEOGRAPHICAL**

by Holly Kahan



I grew up in Evanston, lived briefly in Rogers Park, and then made Highland Park my home for 46 years. In my naivety, I thought that these represented my community-where I lived. However, over the decades of my life I have found community in many unexpected places.

25 years ago, when taking a course titled "Wisdom", I did an exercise where I was represented by a circle centered on a piece of poster board and I was instructed to draw spokes out to various communities (named & circled) which I felt I belonged to. There was being the alumnus of the schools I graduated from. There was my gender. There was being Jewish. There was being a working mother. And on, and on.

These past four years have shown me what true community is. I got to experience what it is to be held up and carried aloft on the shoulders of others. When my

**Upcoming Events**

July Meetings: Bring a Young Woman to your month networking meeting

Summer Night at a Grant Park Concert in July

August 15th **EPWNG** at Ravinia Festival

September 11th Theatre Event

September 19th Bring a Friend

November 8th - 10th Weekend in Kohler Wisconsin

**Announcements**

**EPWNG** is excited to announce that we have a new website coming by fall! Look for a fresh look, more functionality, and simplicity in usage.

**EPWNG is growing!**

Starting in June, the Northwest suburbs branch is adding a second monthly meeting.

Starting in July, the Western Suburbs branch is adding second monthly meeting.

**EPWNG is listening to you!**

husband Barry, who had ALS, was hospitalized for four months in the spring of 2016, I had to alternate between being with him and being back at our house trying to get it ready to sell. Barry could no longer walk, so living in our 135-year-old Victorian home was no longer a possibility. One weekend I attempted to have a garage sale. A friend of mine offered to help along with a friend of hers. Other people who showed up to help were my travel agent, my IT professional, my financial planner, and others from business-turned-friendship relationships. A business associate showed up to haul away any leftover items I wanted to donate. I remember one day as I was running to my car to be able to drive down to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago in the city to be with Barry, four women from my Women's Spirituality Group were out raking up the leaves from our lawn. For more than 1.5 years our synagogue made sure that we got a hot meal every week.

When Barry's s ALS progressed to the point that I could not comfortably leave him alone in the house, so many people volunteered to stay with him in order for me to get a haircut, or go to the grocery store, or manage a dentist appointment. There was a group put together called "Holly's Helpers". There were members from **EPWNG**, members from another networking group I belong to, couples from our movie discussion group, members from the synagogues my son and daughter are affiliated with and even the former occupational therapist who used to care for Barry before he went under hospice care. My sister from San Francisco flew in several times to help me in the house, as did Barry's sister also from San Francisco. My brother and sister-in-law, their children and grandchildren all showed up to contribute.

It was humbling. As many of us were, I was raised to be independent and self-sufficient. I learned through these past years to accept and welcome the help from others as it literally "took a village" to give quality to our lives.

Barry died recently. The support that I received between the time of Barry's death and the end of the shiva period of mourning was unending. My home was overflowing with love and caring. I cannot thank all of you-you who are *my* community-enough. I am blessed by who you are.

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### **EPWNG Board is Seeking More Members**

You ought to have received an email a couple of weeks ago about **EPWNG** growing the Board. Though there are requirements and responsibilities for being on the board, below are some of the benefits that current and former board members want to share with you.

- Working with **EPWNG** members from all of our chapters.
- Cultivating new ideas so **EPWNG** can grow.
- Working together with fantastic women for a cause.
- Achieving personal growth as a leader.

In June the Chicago branch mixed up their meeti options having one lunch and one happy hour.

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#### **Newsletter Committee:**

Kelly Luchtman - Editor  
 Diane Widman  
 Bonnie Shay - Board Liaison

- Seeing business growth as clients recognize being on a board as a positive attribute.
- Creating deeper and more rewarding relationships, both personally and professionally.
- Helping women through advocacy on the board- having a voice.

If you are interested in applying, check out the responsibilities and requirements below and [\*\*CLICK HERE TO APPLY.\*\*](#)

#### **Requirements:**

1. You must be a current **EPWNG** member, and have been for a minimum of 3 years.
2. Active participation in a current or past committee, and a committee member for a minimum of 1 year, preferably as a leader.
3. Active participation at monthly networking meetings/events.
4. Ability to begin September of 2019.

#### **Responsibilities:**

1. Attend one board meeting a month - currently the first Tuesday of each month from 8:45am - 11am but subject to change. Can attend virtually when needed.
2. Act as a Board liaison on a committee.
3. Attend, at a minimum, one monthly networking meeting a month.
4. Respond promptly to required communications.
5. Attend annual retreat (historically 6 hours) in March or April.

If you qualify and would like to move forward please...

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## **Recap of Events**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> Bring a Friend at Ruben & Goldberg, LLC**

**By Kris Gorenberg**



On May 15<sup>th</sup> about twenty people came to our Bring a Friend Event hosted by Kris Gorenberg and Myrna Goldberg of Ruben & Goldberg, LLC at their offices in Northbrook. Kris and Myrna had an awesome display of healthy eats from the Grill House across the street that featured Chicken Caesar wraps and Quinoa edamame salad, to name a few. It was great to see so many new

faces in the room as well as some of the long time members like Andrea Muchin. We recommend others host this event as it was a fun event, a good networking opportunity, and a great way to highlight our business.

Thanks to Mara Heichman for attending as a member of the MRC committee and leading the meeting. Also, thanks to Robin Schwartz for coordinating with us regarding all of the details.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party photos available for viewing and downloading**

If you haven't had a chance to view the photos from **EPWNG's** 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the end of April, take a look here.

Link: <https://client.andrelacour.com/guestlogin/epwng10thanniversary/?return=%2Fepwng10thanniversary%2F%3Ffbclid%3DlwAR1icAFR0e-bbY1YeBvzPHQbyoTkPFfz7aASgJZsp4BPd7WL7JYJMpawko>

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **July: Bring a Young Woman to an EPWNG Meeting**

All five branches of **EPWNG** are hosting college age and recent college grads at our July monthly networking meetings. We invite you to bring a young woman (at least of college age) to your regular monthly meeting and expose her to the power of networking. Please send an email to Robin at [robin@epwng.com](mailto:robin@epwng.com) with your guest's name and email address.

### **July: Summer Night at Grant Park Concert**

Stay tuned for details.

### **August 15: 3rd Annual EPWNG night at Ravinia Festival**

A night at Ravinia for **EPWNG** members only - -- Pentatonix: The World Tour with special guest Rachel Platten. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and lawn chairs are available to rent for \$8. We will have our own table and fried chicken will be provided. You can bring a salad or dessert to share. Food is also available for purchase. Wine and other beverages will be shared. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

<https://www.ravinia.org/ShowDetails/1570/pentatonix-the-world-tour-with-special-guest-rachel-platten>

### **September 11: Night at the Theatre**

**EVENT IS SOLD OUT!**

Join your **EPWNG** friends at The Cadillac Palace Theatre to see The Band's Visit. The Show is at 7:30 p.m., but 5:30 p.m. for those who want to meet for dinner before. Restaurant TBD.

*2018 Tony Award winner for best musical. The Band's Visit was the winner of 10 Tony Awards, making it one of the most Tony-winning musicals in history. The story is a comedy-drama set in the middle of Bet Hatikva, a town that is way off the beaten path. A band of musicians wind up in the wrong town and they bring the town to life with their music.*

**September 19: Bring a Friend at Arlene Levin's office**

Arlene Levin will be hosting the next Bring a Friend lunch at her office in Lincolnshire. This is an event for **EPWNG** members with their guests only. More details to come.

**November 8 - 10: Weekend retreat in Kohler Wisconsin**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Spend a fun and relaxing weekend with your **EPWNG** friends at The American Club in Kohler Wisconsin. More details to come.



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