



# Who's New in Madison

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## President's Message



Stay tuned! The slate for the 2025-26 officers is coming soon! The nominations for VP and Secretary will be announced at the March Luncheon business meeting. Also, the BOD will be reviewing and amending the bylaws (as needed) in the next month. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions you may have.

If you have ideas for a Service Partner for 2025-26, please send an email to [WNIM.Service@gmail.com](mailto:WNIM.Service@gmail.com). Criteria for the Service Partner will be posted soon.

**Ellen**

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## Interest Groups

### Exciting New Interest Group Ideas and Updates

- **Bird Watching Group:** Join fellow members in starting a Bird Watching Group. Seasoned birders and curious beginners welcome!
- **Recital Group:** A fellow member is interested in starting a new Recital Group. The goal is to create a platform where members can share their talents through the power of performance.
- **French or Spanish Conversation Group:** Practice your language skills and engage in lively conversations, help form a new French or Spanish Conversation Group.
- **Wednesday Evening Book Club Update:** Our Wednesday Evening Book Club is changing its format and looking for new members.

Please contact [Julie Crowns](#) if you are interested in any of the groups mentioned above or have an idea for a new group.

## Luncheons and Programs

### Native Art in Wisconsin

Our speaker on March 13 will provide a beautiful, enlightening break from the winter doldrums. [Karen Ann Hoffman](#) is a respected national leader in [Haudenosaunee Raised Beadwork Art](#) and an enrolled citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. This unique beadwork combines velvet and layered beads, unlike any other Native American art form. Her work is in numerous museum permanent collections, including the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, the Chicago Field Museum, the Iroquois Indian Museum, and the Oneida Nation Museum. Besides creating her own art work, she advocates for Native art by serving on numerous advisory panels, including the Wisconsin Arts Board, as Chair of the Woodland Indian Arts Initiative. She recently has been instrumental in four Native-created permanent public art installations in central Wisconsin.

**Date:** Thursday, March 13

**Location:** TPC Wisconsin (Formerly Cherokee Golf Club), 1659 Players Drive, Madison

**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Deadline to register:** February 26 [Click here to register](#)



## Not Just Wine and Cheese



**Hostess:** Ann-Marie Preece

**Location:** 4599 Sunburst Drive, DeForest

**Time:** 6:30 - 9:00 pm

**Date:** February 21 [Click here to register](#)

Service  
Partner**Upcoming events to support Babies & Beyond****Mah Jongg Tournament - Wednesday, April 23**

East Side Club, 3735 Monona Drive, Madison

Check in: 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Play Begins: 12:45 pm

- WNIM members and guests are invited to play in the tournament.
- Register as a single & make new friends, or form your own team.
- Prizes, snacks, beverages, and fun included!

Registration Fee: \$35 per player. Registration closes: April 13.

[Click here for more information & to register](#)**Save the date for the Pickleball Tournament, June 7!**Items of  
Interest

The next **New Member** event will be in the evening and called New Member Happy Hour. The date is Thursday, April 3 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Waunakee Public Library. Invitations will be sent the first week of March.

**Add Your Bio to the Website**

A new feature has been added to the WNIM website. You may now add Bio information to share with other members. On the WNIM website, simply click **My Account**, then click **View Account Details**, then scroll down and click **Update**. Enter Bio information you would like to share with WNIM members. Add information about career, family, interests or whatever you would like. Other account information may also be updated on this page. Finally click **Update** at the bottom of the page to save changes.

Get to Know  
a Member**Nancy Shook**

Nancy joined WNIM bicycling group after retiring from nursing in 2009. She is an avid bicyclist, and has done long distance bike trips in or across 39 states and 8 countries. She has bicycled across the USA, up the Mississippi, from Canada to Mexico on the west coast, and from Maine to Florida on the east coast. She has traveled more than 100,000 miles by bicycle. She and her husband have three children and 4 grandchildren. Nancy likes to garden, read, knit, swim, and attend plays. She has been an alto in the Madison Symphony Chorus for 58 years, and loves singing, playing piano and guitar. Nancy belongs to the WNIM Memoir, Kayaking, Hiking and XC skiing groups, and loves leading the women's and co-ed biking groups. Nancy has found WNIM to be a wonderful opportunity for meeting and enjoying so many great friends!

**Member Photo Gallery****East Side One & Done****Not Just Wine & Cheese****Oregon Mahjong****Who's New in Madison ... where new faces become old friends**