



Who's New in Madison

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President's Message



It's election time! The slate of officers for the WNIM 2025-2026 Executive Board of Directors was presented for membership approval at the March luncheon. All members will receive information about online voting soon. Candidate bios may be viewed on page 3 of this newsletter. Please vote!

Ellen

Interest Groups

Exciting New Interest Group Ideas and Updates

- Bird Watching Group: Join fellow members in the *Birders*. Seasoned birders and curious beginners welcome!
- Spanish Conversation Group: Practice your language skills and engage in lively conversations - join *Let's Speak Spanish*.

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

Date: Thursday, April 10

Location: Buck & Honey's Restaurant 800 W. Broadway, Monona

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Deadline to register: Wednesday, March 26 [Click here to register](#)

For our April 10 luncheon, we are delighted to welcome Amy Rosebrough, Ph.D., to learn about the Effigy Mounds of Tee Jope (Four Lakes area of Madison), a true Wisconsin phenomenon. Dr. Rosebrough is the Wisconsin State Archaeologist in the State Historic Preservation Office of the Wisconsin Historical Society. She is considered one of the top experts on Wisconsin effigy mounds and co-wrote two books about these unique sculptures. The Tee Jope (Four Lakes) region of south-central Wisconsin is home to a spectacular array of burial mounds built in the form of birds, animals, and spirits. The mounds of Tee Jope tell the story of this change, and of the deep connection of Ho-Chunk and other Nations to the Madison area.

Not Just Wine and Cheese



Hostess: Rose Kimberley

Location: 8561 Greenway Blvd, Middleton

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm

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

Items of Interest

The next **New Member** event will be a New Member Happy Hour. The date is Thursday, April 3 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Waunakee Public Library. A SignUpGenius invitation was sent out on March 3. The information had a title of New Member Happy Hour. If you did not receive an invitation through SignUpGenius, and you are a new member or you've never been to a New Member event, please email Lisa Kass at lkpenguins@gmail.com

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. **Please note:** registration is currently closed because it's sold out. You may register for the waitlist at no cost.

[Click here for more information & to register](#)

Nominate a Nonprofit Service Partner

The Service Committee is looking for your suggestions for WNIM's 2025-2026 Service Partner. Please review the club's partner [guidelines](#), then send your recommendations to wnim.service@gmail.com. **Suggestions are due by March 21.** Thank You!

Save the date for the Pickleball Tournament, June 7!

Service
Partner

Website

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.

Member Photo Gallery

Volunteers at Babies & Beyond



Not Just Wine & Cheese



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President - Julie Crowns

Julie has been a resident of Madison since May 1990, residing in the Orchard Ridge neighborhood. She joined WNIM in August 2023 after discovering the group through her love for pickleball. The camaraderie and competitive spirit of the women on the courts immediately drew her in and she knew she wanted to be a part of this vibrant group. She currently serves as Vice President of WNIM. In her earlier years, Julie was a devoted stay-at-home mom to her son and daughter. As her children grew older, she returned to school earning her B.S. degree in Life Sciences from UW-Madison. Julie is an active member of the Hoofers sailing club with numerous sailing certifications. Julie also holds a Master Gardener certification. She delights in touring gardens and learning about new plant varieties, constantly refining her own garden spaces. Travel to new places brings Julie immense joy with many recent trips abroad and in the U.S. Julie is grateful to have found WNIM and its supportive community where she can make new friends and explore exciting hobbies.

Vice President - Judy White

Judy and her husband, Michael, moved to Sun Prairie in 2018 from Cincinnati, OH for his new job. She joined WNIM in July 2019 on the suggestion of her friend, Diane Wiersema. Judy is no stranger to new cities, as she and her family have moved many times. Wisconsin is their 8th move and 8th different state they have lived in their 38 years of marriage. Judy has 2 children; a daughter, and a son who is married and has two beautiful little girls. Both of her children live in Phoenix, AZ. Judy was a stay-at-home mom for many years, where she volunteered on many committees. Just ask her husband! So WNIM was just what she was looking for, a place to meet new friends and an opportunity to volunteer! She has been the Luncheon Chair for the past five years, along with being the Interest Group Leader for Indoor Pickleball and Who Wants to Go. She is also the Co-Interest Group Leader for Afternoon Euchre and Savvy Sips Wine Tasting. She loves playing pickleball. Judy and her husband are also in a couples bowling league. Judy is grateful for all the wonderful friendships she has made through WNIM!

Treasurer - Jean Murray

Jean grew up in the Chicagoland area and moved to Racine, WI a few years after college. Shortly after retiring in 2021 from a career in small business and non-profit accounting, she and husband Jim moved to Fitchburg to be closer to family and to the state parks, hiking and biking trails, and other opportunities that the Madison area has to offer. She joined WNIM in the summer of 2022. Outside of WNIM, Jean crochets with a yarn group, plays Mah Jongg, provides care occasionally for grandchildren (ages 9 mos, 3 yrs, and 10 yrs), volunteers at church, with the AARP Tax-Aide Program and the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens. She is trying to learn to like fitness center classes. She enjoys traveling to visit a son in Seattle and her seven siblings who are scattered around the country. Jean is grateful for meeting wonderful new friends through WNIM. She enjoys serving as Treasurer to support WNIM and its social and philanthropic missions, and looks forward to working alongside the other Board members for a second year.

Secretary - Renee Hoxie

I'm fortunate to have had a long career focused on two of my favorite things – kids and books. From classroom teacher to youth services public library librarian, I eventually found my niche as a library media specialist with the Madison Public Schools. Now retired, I continue to share books with my four grandchildren or with anyone who wants to talk about what they've been reading. When I first retired, I volunteered at Oakwood's tea room and at Little John's, preparing food trays for distribution. I also worked with a group making quilts for victims of domestic abuse and served as archivist for the University League. These days, I enjoy walking outdoors, traveling with my husband, cooking, baking, and entertaining. My Who's New groups include Mah Jongg, Mexican Train dominoes and Bunco. I'm offering to serve as Secretary in order to become more involved with the organization and to give back or say thanks to Who's New. If elected, I'll do my best and hope that my willingness and word skills are up to the task.