



Who's New in Madison

August 15, 2025



Find complete information and details at whosnew.org

President's Message



Dear WNIM Members,

Thanks to all who have renewed your memberships for 2025–2026! We appreciate your continued support. As a friendly reminder, the window for renewing without a late fee will close on August 31.

The Who's New BOD and committees are busy planning luncheons, programs, and service events for the year ahead. We are especially excited about our 90th Anniversary Celebration at the October Luncheon! We'll be celebrating the "Tea Party Years" (1935–1972) with an elegant high tea. Vintage dress (appropriate for a fancy tea party) from your favorite era within those years is strongly encouraged—let's have fun with this! The celebration will take place at the beautiful Edgewater Hotel Ballroom, overlooking Lake Mendota, and we're hoping to welcome 200+ members.

WNIM will be subsidizing the celebration with savings accrued over the years so that the cost to attend will be under \$30—making it as accessible as possible for everyone to join in the fun. Come learn about the history of WNIM, hear about the lives of our founding sisters in Madison in 1935, and enjoy presentations from past presidents and long-time members as they share their memories and experiences. We can't wait to celebrate this milestone together!

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Luncheons and Programs

Interest Group Showcase & Service Partner Introduction



Date: Thursday, September 11

Location: Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, 1220 S. Grand Ave, Sun Prairie

Time: 11:00 am Interest Group Showcase, Visiting & Cocktails

12:00 pm Lunch, Business Meeting & Program

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

If you'd like to explore the variety of Interest Groups available to WNIM members, don't miss the Interest Group Showcase just before our September Luncheon.

- Browse Interest Group tables
- Sign up for groups that spark your interest
- Meet Interest Group Leaders
- Learn how easy it is to start your own

Interest Group Leaders if you have not yet signed up for the September IG Showcase. [Please click here for more information.](#)

The WNIM monthly luncheons are a perfect time to make and renew friendships. The luncheon program topics help make you aware of the many great resources that are available in the Madison area. The Program Committee is finalizing a wide ranging list of interesting and informative presentations.

Not Just Wine and Cheese



Hostess: Rose Johnson

Location: 3237 Knollwood, Madison

Date: September 19, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

[Click here to register](#)

This is a great way to meet new people. Partners and guests are also welcome! If you would like a "wine buddy" to assist you with introductions, contact wnim.NJWC@whosnew.org

Interest Groups**Interest Group Updates**

It's been a busy summer! With the help of our 67 amazing Interest Group Leaders, all of the Interest Group pages on the website have been updated—adding clearer descriptions for each group and organizing them alphabetically within categories.

Here's where things stand:

- 48 groups are accepting new members
- 7 groups are full but have a waitlist
- 12 groups are currently full
- A few groups have unfortunately disbanded due to low participation or leadership changes

If none of the existing groups fit your interests or schedule, consider starting a new group! For help, just reach out to Judy White, Vice President, at VP@whosnew.org.

Service Partner**WNIM proudly presents our 2025-2026 Service Partner - Luke's Closet**

The WNIM Service Committee is excited to announce our 2025-26 Service Partner, Luke's Closet, an all-volunteer organization playing a vital role in helping children and families in foster care, kinship care, and adoption. Luke's offers clothing, shoes, and community to children living in Dane County, in coordination with Dane County Social Services. No other group offers these services in our community. [Learn more about Luke's Closet](#).



Join us at the September luncheon featuring Kim Nickel from Luke's Closet, highlighting its mission and work, and answering member questions.



Pig Roast benefiting Luke's Closet August 21, 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Fitchburg Farmers Market , 5511 East Cheryl Parkway
[Click Here to Pre-Order](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer with Luke's Closet August 23 for their Shop & Eat event. Children can select their own clothes, new shoes, and a free meal is served for families. [Sign up here](#)

See the [WNIM Service Partner page](#) for additional ways to assist Luke's Closet.

Items of Interest**2024-2025 Year End Financial Report**

WNIM closed the 2024-2025 fiscal year under budget by \$2,319. Membership dues exceeded the budget estimate by \$3,600. Some of the larger year end variances to budgeted expenses included (1) renewal of a previously lapsed insurance policy, (2) reduced BOD Officer, NJWC and History Committee expenditures, and (3) unused website enhancement contingency. In total, \$3,373 was added to WNIM savings.

The approved budget for 2025-2026 represents a nearly 67% increase over last year's budget. With a healthy reserve of WNIM savings, this allows for increasing costs in various budget categories as well as a special 90th Anniversary Celebration in October.

[Click here for the full report](#)

New Member Coffee will be held Wednesday, September 24 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Waunakee Public Library, 201 N. Madison Street.

This is an opportunity to learn more about Who's New, our Interest Groups and the group's community service project. SignUpGenius invitations will be sent out to new members on August 21st. If you haven't attended a new member coffee in the past and didn't receive a SignUpGenius invitation, please contact Lisa Kass at Welcome@whosnew.org.



Member Photo Gallery



Pickleball
Tournament



Book Groups



Kayaking



Wednesday Hiking



Chinese Mahjong



Savvy Sips

Ramblers



Co-ed
Weekend
Hiking



Biking