



Who's New in Madison

September 12, 2025



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President's Message

Dear WNIM Members,
We are very excited about our upcoming 90th Anniversary Celebration at the October Luncheon! We'll be celebrating the "Tea Party Years" (1935–1972) with an elegant high tea. Vintage dress 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. We're hoping to welcome 200+ members. Come and learn about the history of WNIM. You will hear about the lives of our founding sisters in Madison in 1935, peruse pictures from the early years of WNIM, and enjoy presentations from past presidents and long-time members as they share their memories and experiences. There will be a professional photographer for the occasion. We can't wait to celebrate this milestone together!



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Luncheons and Programs



Celebrating the Tea Party Years: 1935-1972

*This is a Member Only Event--
Vintage Attire Encouraged*



Location: Edgewater Hotel, 1001 Wisconsin Place, Madison, WI 53703

Date: Thursday, October 9

Time: 11:00 am Reception in Nolan Gallery
12:00 pm Celebration, Meeting, and Program

Deadline to register: September 22 [Click here to register](#)

The following Luncheon is in November on the 13th at 5 pm. Mark your calendar for an entertaining evening!! Join your friends for an energetic, fun-filled evening with female hypnotist **CRIMSON**. Enjoy this [preview](#) until all the details are provided on the website and in the October newsletter.

Not Just Wine and Cheese

Hostess: Rose Johnson

Location: 3237 Knollwood, Madison

Date: Friday, September 19

Time: 6:30 pm to 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



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Celebrating 90 Years

Interest Groups

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the September Luncheon Showcase!

We were excited to have 34 Interest Groups represented and we hope that you discovered a few new ones to join.

Now is the perfect time to review your membership account and update your Interest Group participation:

- Check your account, current group involvement, and make any edits. [Click here to edit](#)
- Search for Interest Groups. [Click here](#)

Stay connected and explore something new! Any questions regarding Interest Groups, please contact Judy White at VP@whosnew.org

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

Quilt Raffle - Ticket sales are open (\$10 each, 3 for \$25) at the September luncheon, for your chance to win a stunning quilt (54" x 54") entitled **A Trip Around the World**. It's handmade by member Stephanie Kissel. View the quilt in person at all luncheons and Service events through December. The drawing will occur at the December luncheon.



Holiday Bazaar – Attention Artisans, Bakers, Crafters, Gift Donors, and Talented Women. Share your talents for a good cause. It's time to start thinking about your donations of items and services for our annual Bazaar. Questions – email service@whosnew.org

October luncheon Luke's closet donation item – Kohl's or Amazon gift cards. Click [here](#) to view the complete monthly donation wish list.

Fall Walk Oct 15 - Help us raise our \$5000 match!

Once again, Who's New member Joan Collins, has offered to match the first \$5,000 raised with our Fall Walk. This was our most successful fundraiser last year. You can support the event WITHOUT walking, and guests are welcome. [Click here to register](#)

Mah Jongg Social Day Oct 29

Play all day or just in the afternoon. Play as a single or with others, Members, friends, and guests welcome. All skill levels are welcome. Food and prizes! [Click here to register](#)

Euchre Tournament Nov 9 – save the date!

Items of Interest



The next **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. Invitations will be sent to new members.

[Click here](#) for New Member Information

Each month, one or two Who's New members will be featured by filling out a questionnaire known as Who's New ~Isms. A member chooses 10+ questions from 25 available questions to answer. Have fun learning more about your peers! Created by Diane Wiersema

Introducing: Lori Volp ~Isms



1. Member of WN: *Three years.*
2. Interest Groups: *Pickleball, Walking, Hiking, International Travel Discussion, Lunch Adventures, Savvy Sips, Mah Jongg, Dominoes, Rummikub, & Who Wants to Go.*
3. Favorite parts of WN: *Interest Groups for the variety of activities offered and new friends found. Also, the volunteer opportunities supporting the WNIM administration and supporting our annual service partner.*
4. WN leadership/volunteer position(s) in WN: *IG leader, Co-Chair of the Newsletter*
5. Family: *I've been married to Mike for almost 30 years. Four of my five siblings live in the Madison area.*
6. Hobbies and/or collections: *Jigsaw puzzles, traveling, walking, hiking, & baking. I collect Christmas ornaments, especially when I travel.*
7. Favorite TV or streaming shows: *Currently - Severance, Shrinking, & Bad Sisters. Older shows - The Office (US & British), Arrested Development, Better Off Ted, Ted Lasso, and Pride & Prejudice (1995 BBC version).*
8. Favorite childhood memory: *Summer camping trips in various states.*
9. A perfect day for me: *A nice hike or walk, followed by lunch & an afternoon with a book or jigsaw puzzle.*
10. Something you might not know about me, but now do: *I'm the 5th of 6 kids & was raised in Lake Geneva, WI.*

Get to Know a Member

Who's New ~Isms

Introducing: Dianne Byerly ~Isms

1. Member of WN: *Six years.*
2. Interest Groups: *Past - Hiking, Biking, Camping, Geocaching, Book Clubs, Mah Jongg. Currently - Knitting, Wine Tasting, Bridge, Gardening, Travel Group, & Pickleball.*
3. Favorite parts of WN: *Interest Groups, where you meet people in smaller groups & enjoy the activities you like. The monthly luncheons with good food, great people, & wonderful programs.*
4. WN leadership/volunteer position: *Past - IG leader, WNIM Board Treasurer. Present- Co-chair of the Newsletter. Being a member of the board has been extremely rewarding. It's a way of giving back to the community.*
5. Family: *While originally from CA, my husband & I moved here in our early 30's & raised 3 children. We are now empty nesters.*
6. Hobbies and/or collections: *Crafting (quilting, painting, 6. knitting) playing music (piano, guitar, & ukulele), bridge, & dabbling in French. I'll try anything new, especially with friends.*
7. Favorite sports team: *An avid UW Women's Volleyball season ticket holder. Go Bucky!*
8. Favorite childhood memory: *Camping in Yosemite with my family. I will always have the memory of anticipation once you hit altitude & inhale the clean, pine scent air. If you haven't visited Yosemite, put it on your bucket list.*
9. A perfect day to me: *Rising early in the morning for a coffee & scone in the back yard, taking a bike ride through the Wisconsin countryside, reading a book, crafting, & watching the sunset with my husband.*
10. Something you might not know about me, but now do: *I lived abroad for a year in the south of France in order to learn the language. I still practice French, but have lost the ability to speak fluently - better at reading & writing. My secret wish is to do it again...*



Member Photo Gallery



**Odana Golf Group
celebrating Marla Byerly's 90th**



**End of Season
Odana Golf**



**Wednesday
Morning Hikers**

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