



# Who's New in Madison

October 10, 2025



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## President's Message



### WNIM is now over 700 members!

Thank you all who have participated in our 90th Anniversary Celebration. Photos will be posted soon.

Be sure to check the website often, and read all of your newsletters, so you stay up-to-date on all future events and sign ups. Don't miss out! If you have a particular question, the website will give you links to the emails of the committee or person that can give you the answer- for example, direct luncheon questions to the luncheon committee, service event questions to the service committee, or interest group questions to the VP.

Thank you all for your volunteerism and enthusiasm!

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## Luncheons and Programs

### *Evening Event with the Queen of Comedy Hypnosis*

Treat yourself to an entertaining evening out with friends at Dahman's at Hawks Landing in Verona.

Our show host is **Crimson**, also known as The **"Queen of Comedy Hypnosis."** She will lead volunteers through a series of amusing, family-friendly skits. Whether you choose to participate or just sit back and relax, it will be an energized evening of fun for all.

**Date:** Thursday, November 13

**Location:** Dahmen's, 88 Hawks Landing Circle, Verona

**Time:** 5:00 - 8:00 pm

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



## Not Just Wine and Cheese



**Hostess:** Shaun Gorman

**Location:** 5379 Mariner's Cove Dr. Unit 504, Madison

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

**Date:** Friday, October 17 [Click here to register](#)

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

## Items of Interest

On Wednesday, September 24, **WNIM held a New Member Coffee** at the Waunakee Public Library. Twenty-eight new members attended and were treated to delicious coffee, yummy snacks and lively conversations. Many people connected with each other over a variety of topics.

Thanks to our president Ellen McCabe for describing what our organization is all about and its history. Thanks to Judy White for explaining interest groups, how they work and how to join. Thanks to Sue Terry for describing the work of Luke's Closet, our service partner this year. Thanks to the wonderful Welcome Committee: Martha Main, Julie Crowns, Kristin Richgels, Linda Gulley, Connie Garrett and Lisa Kass for serving, greeting, mingling, answering questions and cleaning up. A job well done!

## Interest Groups

*Exciting New Interest Group Ideas and Updates***Possible New Interest Group – Hand and Foot Card Game**

Hand and Foot is a rummy-style card game, a variation of Canasta, played with multiple decks of cards. It's a fun and social game that can be enjoyed by players of all levels. [Click here to find out more.](#)



If you would like to start a new group or have an idea for a new group, please contact Judy White at [VP@whosnew.org](mailto:VP@whosnew.org) The Interest Groups are a wonderful way to make connections and friends. We have 65 current groups, but there is always room for more!

***Join the Fun to Support Luke's Closet***

**Quilt Raffle** - Ticket sales are ongoing. View the gorgeous quilt (54" x 54" entitled **A Trip Around the World**), handmade by member Stephanie Kissel, at all luncheon events through December. The drawing will occur at the December luncheon. Members need not be present to win.

**Holiday Bazaar Call for Items** – Attention Artisans, Bakers, Crafters, Gift Donors, and Talented Women. Share your talents for a good cause at our December Luncheon & Holiday Bazaar. Once again, we will feature the popular Gift Basket Silent Auction. Think about your donations of items and services for our annual Bazaar, and send your donation item ideas, or questions, to [service@whosnew.org](mailto:service@whosnew.org).

**Fall Walk October 15** - Thanks to the generous membership we have met our \$5000 challenge for the match from WNIM member, Joan Collins! Members may still donate and/or walk, and guests are welcome. [Details and registration](#).

**Euchre Extravaganza November 9**

Cash prizes for top 3 teams. Register as a team or single, non-members welcome. Light snacks and water provided. [Details and registration here](#).

**Notes from Luke's Closet****Culver's Night October 20**

Dine in or drive-thru at Culver's, 2906 Parmenter St., Middleton, on Monday, October 20 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Culver's Share Night will give a portion of the proceeds to Luke's Closet.

**Shop & Eat November 8**

Volunteer for Luke's Closet November Shop and Eat event, where Dane County foster and kinship children come to select their own clothing and shoes. It's a magical day: [Volunteer sign-up](#) (set-up Nov 7, event Nov 8) and [Food donation sign-up](#) (easy grocery store items such as muffins, deli meat, buns, and a \$10 donation for pizza).

[Sign up](#) for Luke's Closet quarterly email newsletter.

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: Linda Stokes ~Isms



1. Member of WN: 27 years
2. Interest Groups: *Thursday Night Book Club, Women's Tee Cups Golf Group, Bunco, & Walkie Talkies*
3. Favorite parts of WN: *The women & how open, smart, & fun they are!*
4. WN leadership/volunteer position(s): *In the past, the minute you joined someone would call & offer/encourage/persuade you to take a position on the board, so I was Secretary for a couple of years. I ran Not Just Wine & Cheese, & now I lead the Thursday Night Book Club.*
5. Family: *Daughter, Kathleen & husband Taylor, with my beautiful 7-month granddaughter in Verona, & son, Charlie in Madison*
6. Career or work experience: *American Girl, starting in Customer Service, moving to the Training Department and then worked with a team on 'how to' be a customer service representative.*
7. Hobbies/collections: *I recently learned how to play bridge & now play 2x/week, gardening, & I'm an avid reader.*
8. Favorite exercise/sport to play/watch: *Playing golf, & watching competitive ice skating, tennis, golf, & Badger men's basketball*
9. Favorite local place: *Lakeside Coffee House for its coffee, food, atmosphere, friendly staff, and proximity to the Monona Bay, where I like to walk around, have breakfast, and sometimes play a board game with friends.*
10. Favorite restaurants: *Tornado Steak House, Sardines, R.P. Adler's, Eno Vino downtown, Villa Dolce, & Coopers Hawk Winery; So many great restaurants in the Madison area!*
11. Favorite musician: *Sting*
12. Favorite actor: *Harrison Ford*
13. Favorite shows: *Murder in the Building, Wednesday, Ted Lasso, & The Diplomat*
14. Favorite place to travel: *Newtown, PA where I'm from*
15. Dinner with anyone (dead or alive): *Mel Brooks - he directed some of my favorite films, & I think he is a good guy.*

### Get to Know a Member

### Who's New ~Isms

### Introducing: Jennifer Allen ~Isms



1. Member of WN: 29 years
2. Interest Groups: *Books & Bites I, pickleball, hiking groups, and One & Done*
3. Favorite part of WN: *Meeting interesting women; finding things & places in common, but also different*
4. WN leadership/volunteer position(s): *Service & Welcome committees, and participated in fundraisers & bazaars by selling blank notecards using my photos*
5. Family: *In a happy 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage to Pete; one son, one daughter, 4 grandchildren; youngest of three siblings, that includes one brother & one sister both living with dementia*
6. Career or work experience: *Studied to be an art teacher; practiced & taught calligraphy; substitute taught at Edgewood College; worked as a gardener for friends, & had a part time job as an order processor at American Girl*
7. Favorite foods: *Coffee ice cream, with chocolate*
8. Hobbies/collections: *Gardening, reading, bird watching, photography, going to new places*
9. Favorite exercise/sport to play: *Pickleball & hiking*
10. Favorite local places: *Parks & any green spaces in the city*
11. Favorite restaurants: *Saigon Noodles, Oliva, & The Cheesecake Factory*
12. Favorite music/musicians: *Folk & classical, particularly Russian composers*
13. Favorite actors: *Meryl Streep, Paul Rudd, & Bill Nighy*
14. Favorite movie: *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*
15. Favorite TV/streaming shows: *Ted Lasso, The Good Place, & Resident Alien*
16. Favorite color: *Periwinkle*
17. Favorite places to travel: *Glacier, Zion, & Olympic National Parks; Cascade Mountains, & Columbia River Gorge*
18. Special childhood memory: *A 3-week family camping trip out west in a pop-up camper when I was 14.*
19. A perfect day for me: *Big dramatic clouds, a stiff breeze, times when nature is putting on a good show*
20. Dinner with anyone (dead or alive): *Meryl Streep or Whoopi Goldberg-people whose lives are very interesting & different*
21. Something you might not know about me, but now do: *Skydiving with my daughter over Oahu, HI; mountain climbing class in the Grand Tetons when I was the youngest & my mom was the oldest*
22. Favorite quote/words of wisdom/advice: *Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused.*

## Member Photo Gallery



Quilt  
Raffle  
Get your  
ticket at a  
luncheon



September Luncheon &  
Interest Group  
Showcase

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Biking Group's  
Annual Trip



Pig Roast Fundraiser



Walkie  
Talkies



Odana Golf

Outdoor Pickleball