



Who's New in Madison

November 14, 2025



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President's Message

Greetings, Members!

I woke up this morning to our first dusting of snow for the season. Some of you (the skiers and snowshoers among us) are cheering, while others may already be dreaming of spring. Fortunately, WNIM has plenty of interest groups to keep us all busy, connected, and engaged throughout the winter months.

Our membership total has now topped 700—what a milestone! It would be wonderful to see even more interest groups form. Please consider stepping up as a leader. And if you currently lead a group with a waiting list, perhaps someone from your group (or that list) might be inspired to start a second one. There's no need to invent something brand-new—we can always use more book clubs and Mah Jongg groups! Please reach out to Judy White, VP, with your ideas.



There's a great new feature on the WNIM website. On the right-hand side of your member profile, you'll now see a list of all the interest groups you belong to. Click on any group name to go directly to its page. From there, you can download a roster of members or send an email to the group.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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Luncheons and Programs

🎄 Holiday Luncheon & Bazaar 🎄

Date: Thursday, December 11

Location: Nakoma Country Club, 4145 Country Club Rd, Madison

Time: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Deadline to register: Wednesday, November 26

[**Click here to register**](#) (Three lunch options plus salad and dessert)

Come experience the best of the holidays - friendship, food, music and shopping! Wonderful bazaar offerings from your talented fellow club members for your gift-giving

All of the proceeds benefit Luke's Closet.

Doors open at 10:30 am for shopping, visiting, cocktails, and lunch at noon

We are honored to have Rhonda Chalone provide background piano music for the Bazaar. Rhonda also performs with "Ladies Must Swing" and the "Dalton Gang" both of which specialize in jazz and standards of the 1920s, 30s and 40s. Visit her [Website](#) and [YouTube](#) to hear her music and learn more about her.

Not Just Wine and Cheese



Hostess: Lucy Lasseter

Location: 107 Sutherland Ct (Party Room), Madison

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Date: Friday, November 21 [**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

WNIM is excited to announce two new Interest Groups. Sign up if you're interested!
Hand and Foot and Cross Country Skiing

- Your Interest Groups memberships are listed on the website homepage under your profile. You can hover over the Interest Group name and click directly into the Interest Group page. This feature offers quick and easy access to information about your Interest Groups. Please check it out!
- You can view and update your groups at any time under *My Account* (WNIM website).
- To remove yourself from a group that no longer fits your schedule. Click below.
👉 <https://whosnew.org/membership-account?tab=interestgroup>
- Thank you for keeping your WNIM profile up to date!

WNIM has stick-on name tags available for your groups. If you'd like some, please email Judy White (vp@whosnew.org) to arrange delivery.

WNIM proudly presents our 2025-2026 Service Partner Luke's Closet**Holiday Bazaar Special Appeal - December 11**

Each year, Who's New showcases members' talents and generosity at the December luncheon and Holiday Bazaar. This is a joyous celebration of ourselves, our talents, and the festive season! Join the community of creative, generous members by donating something you make, bake, buy, or can offer as a service. Some Interest Groups are donating themed baskets that will be offered via Silent Auction! A committee is at work soliciting fabulous corporate donations. Not sure if your items might work? Please contact the Service Committee at service@whosnew.org to ask questions or reserve your spot. November is not too late to begin!

Results - 2026 Fall Walk Fundraiser - \$11,644.56 Raised!

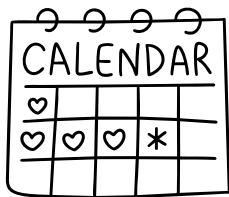
Thanks to an astonishingly generous membership, the October Fall walk was again a fantastic success, more than 40 members and volunteers walked around Monona Lake. Many more contributed to Luke's Closet without walking. Thank you Members!

Upcoming Events Benefiting Luke's Closet**Giving Tree - December 11**

- Members are invited to bring gift cards for Kohl's or Amazon for Luke's Closet, to hang on the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree will be available at our luncheon December 11. Please be sure to indicate gift amount on the card.

Quilt Raffle - now through December 11

- Member Stephanie Kissel made and donated a beautiful 54" x 54" quilt entitled "A Trip Around the World." The quilt can be viewed [online](#). Raffle tickets (\$10 each or 3 for \$25) can be purchased at the December luncheon. The drawing will occur at the December 11 luncheon. Members need not be present to win. If you can't attend the luncheon, but want to buy a chance, please contact service@whosnew.org.

Items of Interest**Mark Your Calendar**

The next New Member event will be a Happy Hour on March 11, 2026 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Waunakee Library. Sign Up Genius will be sent in February.

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 26 available questions to answer. Have fun learning more about your peers! Created by Diane Wiersema.

Introducing: Kathy Battaglia ~Isms

1. Member of WN: 26 years!
2. Interest Groups: Books & Bites, Walkie Talkies; recently learned how to play American & Chinese Mah Jongg
3. Favorite parts of WN: Newcomers are welcomed & friendships are encouraged with interesting activities
4. WN past leadership/volunteer position(s): Book club leader, luncheon photographer, & publicity board member
5. Family: Moved to WI because of husband, Bob's, career; All three kids attended UW-Madison as undergrads; I have seven siblings & eight grandchildren.
6. Career or work experience: Taught high school English in NJ, community college administrator in PA, & a realtor in WI
7. Favorite beverage: Wine! Husband, Bob, has been making wine for 25 years with Prairie Home Vintners
8. Favorite foods: French food & recipes from the WN Couples Gourmet dinners
9. Hobbies: In retirement, I joined an art group & learned to paint with watercolors.
10. Favorite exercises: Pilates & walking outdoors
11. Favorite places: Overture Center, Sun Prairie Library, Olbrich Gardens, & the Milwaukee Art Museum
12. Favorite restaurants: Sardine in Madison & Lake Park Bistro in Milwaukee
13. Favorite musician: Bruce Springsteen always brings out my Jersey Girl!
14. Favorite actors: Meryl Streep & Diane Keaton
15. Favorite movie: Moonstruck! So many quotable lines.
16. Favorite streaming show: Ted Lasso
17. Favorite podcaster: Rachel Maddow
18. Favorite colors: Jewel tones
19. Favorite teams: Middleton HS swimming & Germantown baseball
20. Favorite places to travel: Hilton Head Island, France, Italy, Alaska, National Parks; Japan is on my wish list!
21. Favorite author: Amor Towles
22. Special childhood memory: In 1st grade, my answer to what I wanted to be when I grew up was a 'grandmother!' My eight grandchildren range in age from 5-15, and they bring me great joy!
23. Something you might not know about me, but now do: I lived in England for a year when I was 20.
24. Words of wisdom: See the world! You can never be in too many book clubs! Never stop learning!



Get to Know a Member

Who's New ~Isms

Introducing: Caitilin Williams Stolle ~Isms

1. Member of WN: 28 years
2. Interest Groups: Walking, Bicycling, Recipe Exchange Group, NJWC, Antique Study, Couples Gourmet, Books & Bites 1, Mah Jongg, & Oregon Mah Jongg
3. Favorite parts of WN: Comradery & friendships that began in the Interest Groups
4. WN leadership/volunteer position(s): Board - Programs, New Member Coffees, Membership, & President; Interest Groups - Chaired Couples Gourmet, Afternoon Bridge, and Books & Bites
5. Family: Husband, John
6. Career or work experience: Retired chiropractor, practiced in New York; watercolor artist
7. Favorite beverages: Can there only be one???
8. Hobbies/collections: Traveling, Thunderbird Club road rallies, making wine from our small vineyard, member of Prairie Home Vintners, attending watercolor workshops, & member of the Madison Watercolor Society and several other art societies; collects X-mas ornaments & paintings
9. Favorite exercise/sport to watch: Works out with a trainer; season ticket holder to Badger Men's Hockey
10. Favorite restaurants: North South in Verona, Hop Garden in Belleville, Vintage Brewery in Sauk City, and Buck & Honey's in Mt. Horeb
11. Favorite music: I just enjoy music.
12. Favorite movie genre & screen time: During the pandemic, attending movies fell by the wayside; I replaced that by engaging in virtual events - Watercolor Live, Digital Live, & Gouache Live and online artist demonstrations & workshops in several art societies I'm a member of in WI, MN, WA, & TX
13. Favorite TV genre/streaming show: Mysteries & Star Trek Spinoffs
14. Favorite podcasts: Heather Cox Richardson
15. Favorite colors: All colors!!!!
16. Favorite sport/team: Not my thing
17. Favorite places to travel: Northern Florida & Cape Cod
18. Favorite authors: There are so many great authors out there. One of the blessings of being in a book group is that I read books I've not heard of. However, I've read many books by Louise Erdrich, Lisa See, & Amy Tan.
19. Special childhood memory: Walking in the woodlands in Fall, listening to the Northwest winds rustling the leaves in the trees, & seeing all the maples in their Fall glory
20. A perfect day for me: Sunny, 70 degrees, windows open, all while painting in my studio; or enjoying a long drive in the country
21. Dinner with anyone (dead or alive): My friend, mentor, & fellow artist, Madge MacFarlane. Her wry humor, stories, and critiques are very much missed.
22. Something you might not know about me, but now do: I'm having a few paintings in the Beloit Art Center show November 5 - 28
23. Favorite words of wisdom/advice: When should you have stopped? Half hour before you did.



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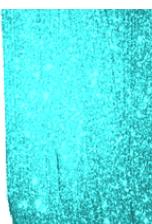
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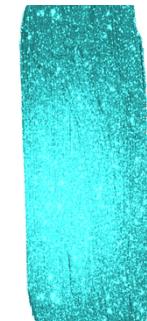
Euchre Event for Luke's Closet



Luke's Closet Shopping Hosts



Luke's
Closet
Coordinator
Room Hosts



Mah Jongg Social Day



Music Lover's Group

Walkie Talkies Group

Mah Jongg Social Day