



## President's Corner

Welcome to the 2021-22 season of Who's New. It's a genuine privilege to serve this term's President. You can count on me to do all I can to further WNIM's mission of building friendships. By way of background, I grew up in a family of four children, the only girl in a household with three wild brothers. Then I spent my working career in a field that at the time was dominated by about 90% men. So, if you would have told me at any point in my life that when I was older and grayer that I would be AS involved in a women's social group of 560 plus women, I wouldn't have believed you and promptly asked, "how do I sign up?" It's an embarrassment of riches! Having such an opportunity to be part of this group and get to know women of different backgrounds, accomplishments and life experiences is a constant source of joy and wonder for me. I feel a bit like someone who has been invited to sit at the "cool girls" table for lunch.



It's my pleasure to announce that our WNIM community is planning on meeting for our first in-person, inside luncheon in nearly a year and a half. Join us September 9th at The Goodman Community Center. Our program will focus on our many  
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This is **Membership Renewal** time which is open until **September 1, 2021**. Renewal and payment must be made on the [whosnew.org](http://whosnew.org) website. Your membership will continue for next year if you pay your \$20 dues by September 1st. Payment is non-refundable.

You will receive email reminders during the renewal period. Please log into the [whosnew.org](http://whosnew.org) website and verify that your profile email address is accurate.

## Please Take Note

Visit our member website at:  
[whosnew.org](http://whosnew.org)

Our public website is:  
[whosnew.org](http://whosnew.org)

Find us on Facebook at:  
Who's New in Madison



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Interest Groups as well as introducing our new Service Partner for the year, Girls on The Run (see <https://whosnew.org/luncheons-programs>). Attendees will be asked to comply with the current Madison and Dane County COVID-19 health recommendations. At the time this article was written the local guidelines were as follows: people should remain home if they do not feel well; vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals should wear a mask when indoors (exceptions for eating or drinking). For full details on these guidelines, visit this link: <https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/recommendations-and-guidance>

WNIM membership continues to grow rapidly. Please renew your membership by September 1st if you haven't already. This past year due to the pandemic we were all forced to stay apart from one another; exactly the opposite of what this group is about. I've always loved our WNIM motto, "Where New Faces Become Old Friends". Let's collectively resolve to extend our friendships beyond those people we already know and make a concerted effort to reach out to the newer members looking to make new friends.

Throughout the summer your Board has been in full swing planning for a very exciting year. Committees have been planning luncheons and locations, programs, our Service Partnership, Not Just Wine and Cheese, New Member Coffees, newsletter, etc. So much happens behind the scenes to make our group an amazing catalyst for social connection. We all need to be sure we do not take for granted the people who step up to volunteer their time on our behalf. Many of our board members have served on committees for multiple years. Their dedication and commitment are to be commended. Please offer them your thanks when you see them. For a complete list of Board members visit our 2021-22 WN Board Members link - <https://whosnew.org/board-members>

Finally, a reminder to all that our amazing club and our activities are run solely by our member volunteers. Watch for opportunities we have to serve WNIM by attending our luncheons, reading our newsletter, visiting our website and participating in our Interest Groups. Stepping up to volunteer is the perfect way to quickly make new friends and have input to our club's agenda and offerings!

*In friendship, Annie* ■

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## *New Member Coffee*

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On June 30th we held our first New Member Coffee in over a year. Our purpose was to give new members an opportunity to meet some WNIM members including our president and vice president as well as to learn about the WNIM history and Interest Groups. They were encouraged to explore the website and sign up for IGs.

If you became a new member anytime from January 2020 onward and haven't already attended this event, you will receive an invitation via SignUpGenius. The next event is being planned and likely will occur sometime in mid to late September or early October. Be sure to regularly check your Spam folder to see if your emailed invitation lands there.

## September 9th Luncheon

Goodman Center Brassworks Building, 214 Waubesa Street, Madison

Register at [whosnew.org](http://whosnew.org)

Deadline is midnight August 31st

Christine Benedict will be the speaker at our September luncheon. She is the Executive Director of our service project, **Girls on the Run**. Learn more about GOTR on page 4. She and her staff are so excited with our collaboration.

### Interest Group Showcase

If you want to learn more about the many group activities available to Who's New In Madison members, talk with Interest Group leaders, sign up for one or several, and learn how to start your own interest group, browse with us pre-luncheon on September 9. Tables will be set up and staffed by IG chairs. Several new Interest Groups have recently started



up or will in September, including a New York Times Best Sellers Book Club, a Writers' Accountability Group, an International Travel Discussion Group, a Wisconsin Camping Group and a Flow Yoga in the Park Group. We currently have more than 65 Interest Groups, with more than 50 of them accepting new members or with waiting lists. If you can't find one that matches your interests or schedule please consider starting a new one. Contact WNIM Vice President Joy Cardin at [cardinjoy@gmail.com](mailto:cardinjoy@gmail.com) for more information.

Cocktails, visiting and Special Interest Group browsing 11:00 am. Lunch at Noon.

Entree 1 **Raspberry Chicken Salad:** Breast of chicken marinated in a raspberry vinaigrette, served over a bed of greens and topped with fresh raspberries, blueberries, mango and feta cheese. \$25.00

Entree 2 **Vegetable Strudel:** Puff pastry filled with asparagus, roasted carrots, butternut squash, parsnips & creamy garlic cauliflower topped with roasted red pepper coulis. \$25.00

Rolls and butter provided. Coffee, hot tea and iced tea are complimentary. Assorted bars offered for dessert.

**Masks are required** upon entry and for leaving the building. They may be removed once you enter the Bea and Lau Christian Rooms.

### Parking

Please carpool. Parking spaces are limited. There are 32 parking spaces behind the Brassworks building (from the entry door to the Corry Street Driveway) and 45 parking spaces in the St. Bernards Church lot. Street parking is limited due to road construction.





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## Service Committee News

The Board and the Service Committee are pleased to announce that our Service Partner for 2021-22 is Girls on the Run. The Service Committee was astounded to learn that *research shows that confidence levels peak for girls at age 9 and activity levels peak at age 10. GOTR curriculum is designed to support girls during this critical time in their lives.* We fully support GOTR's Mission Statement:

**We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.**

Christine Benedict, GOTR's Executive Director, will be the speaker at our luncheon in September. She and her staff are so excited by our collaboration.

Girls on the Run uses running and other physical activities as a platform for teaching life skills and promoting positive health outcomes for girls in grades 3-5. There are 60 teams across the greater Madison area at schools, two community centers and The Boys and Girls Club. Girls meet with trained GOTR coaches two times each week for 8-10 weeks in the Fall and Spring. Each season concludes with a 5K run.



There is a set curriculum for these meetings with lessons that specifically target helping 8-10-year-old girls improve in **Competence, Confidence, Caring, Character, Connection, and Contribution.**



Teams at Goodman Community Center, Bayview Community Center and Boys and Girls Club locations are fully funded by the organization, meaning there are no fees from families for girls to participate at those locations. This year GOTR will add three schools to those that are fully funded. All three of these Madison schools have 90% of students on the free and reduced lunch program. **Our fund raising will go toward supporting these fully funded programs.**

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### **This is how you can help today:**

- Donate right on the WNIM Members Home page with the click of a button!
- Volunteer during the week of August 23 to help prepare supplies for the fall season. Click on this Sign-Up Genius link to volunteer that week.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAB28A2FDC70-supply1>
- Shop at Amazon Smile and send a portion of the cost of your purchase to GOTR by clicking on this link <https://smile.amazon.com/> and enter Girls on the Run of South Central WI Inc or their Tax ID number: 11-3732108.

### **Coming Soon:**

- Link to GOTR Amazon Wish List specifically for Who's New members
- List of supplies to bring to luncheons or give to Service Committee members.
- Mark your calendars for our annual October Walk on October 13! Registration and donation information coming. ■

## *Luncheon Committee News*

### ***Something New This Season:***



We are trying something new to help us identify new members who attend luncheons this 2021-2022 season. We will ask new members to clip a flower on their name tag every time they attend a luncheon this season. It will remind us to introduce ourselves to new members and share our WN activities. We want new members to feel welcome and included.

### ***Reservation Information:***

Please remember our luncheons are the second Thursday of each month and your online reservation needs to be submitted by the reservation date listed for each month. Each venue differs as to when they need their counts by so our due dates reflect that. Some venues have max numbers due to space limitations, but thankfully we have been over in size!

### ***Cost:***

Our committee works hard to choose interesting venues that can accommodate our size, space requirements, parking, provide a nice meal and dessert (with the opportunity for a cocktail). In addition, we often pay a room charge and extra costs such as linens, bar tender, etc. We do our best to keep the cost of a luncheon at \$25 or less, which includes 20+% service charge and 5.5% tax. We welcome your suggestions for venue options and feedback.

## *Not Just Wine and Cheese*

*Friday, September 17*

Hostess:

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Not Just Wine & Cheese is a monthly social event for all members. Singles, couples, everyone is welcome. It happens on the **3rd Friday** of every month from 6:30 to 9PM. Please bring an appetizer/dessert to share and your own beverages. We look forward to seeing you.

### ***Would you like to Hostess a NJWC gathering?***

NJWC Committee is looking for members willing to open their homes to NJWC gatherings. Homes should accommodate 30 to 50 guests with parking available. Wine glasses, paper products and utensils provided by WNIM. We are currently in need of hosts for January, March and April.

## *Welcome Our New Members to WNIM*

Susan Holiday  
Jo Musser  
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Jacalyn Lins  
Patricia Bodden  
Sondra Jordan  
Marese Moynihan  
Bryn Webb

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## Book Club Takes Action

Nine years ago [Books and Bites II](#) read *Half the Sky*, a book by Nicholas Kristof. It is a passionate cry to arms about all of women's rights that are being violated all around the world but especially in third world countries. The various stories concerned education, health, poverty and the terrible treatment of women due to long standing abuses in a variety of cultures.

The discussion elicited a great deal of frustration that there is little one can do to affect these situations. But unlike many books that describe worldwide problems this book ended with a variety of ideas which could assist many of the issues. After much consideration it was decided to take advantage of micro loans to assist women whose economic restrictions have left them unable to develop or continue businesses to feed and educate their children.

Over the past years Books and Bites II has made a number of micro loans through Kiva. Loans are for borrowers who are often financially excluded and can't access other fair and affordable sources of credit. The initial loan of \$25.00 has been repaid and reinvested over and over again to assist women in need. The book club continues to make small loans that have been 97% repaid. Kiva provides details of each loan and a few minutes of each monthly book club meeting is given to reports of individuals who are the recipients of the loans.

Rosette is a 42 year old woman dealing in secondhand clothes. She is a widow and a mother of four children. The secondhand clothes business is her sole source of income. Lack of enough capital is what challenges her most but it will cease to be a challenge when this loan is granted. She will buy bales of clothes which she will sell at a profit. Loan granted and 100% repaid.



Another loan granted to Yazgul in Azerbaijani allowed her to buy a new cookware and a new stove, She does cooking at her home and sells cooked dishes. Her husband left her and her two small children and he did not help them.



So little can help so much. The club continues to contribute to women's financial needs through Kiva. ■



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## What does the Who's New Board of Directors talk about each month?

You can find out by reading the minutes of our board meetings which are available on our website. Use the Quick Menu to find the "Board Minutes" tab; or from the Members Homepage, scroll down to Board Meeting Minutes in the Club Information section. Your WN Board members welcome your input and ideas on any of the matters that we discuss. Contact any of us to let us know your thoughts.

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#### **Note for members:**

If you have a change of address, email or phone number, please update your information on the website.

Go to—

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- click on *My Account* box
- then go to *Account Details* to edit.