

February 2022

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

President's Corner



2021 was a strange and wonderful year! It was a year when the things we may have taken for granted in the past felt extra special. Like the flash of a friend's smile not seen in person for a long while, meeting for coffee, dining out, and small family/friends' gatherings. We are grateful, more grateful than we ever thought possible for a glimpse of normal life.

Though we are battle-worn and most of us have gotten a shot, and then another, and then another, in the current environment some of us may still need to take a step back to feel safe. Some Interest Groups are going back to using our Who's New Zoom account. Feel free to contact Anne Brasier or me if you would like to use ZOOM for your Interest Group. As always, WNIM will continue to follow the Dane County "stay safe guidelines" for all in person Luncheons and NJW&C events in addition to requesting that only fully vaccinated members attend these gatherings. [Recommendations and Guidance](#)

What an amazing success and outpouring of generosity from our Who's New members at our December Luncheon at the Nakoma Country Club, one of the most beautiful venues in town. The total contribution to GOTR for the holiday Bazaar and Giving Tree was \$5,707. I for one am proud to say that our collective support is providing a space where young girls' voices can be heard; where girls can celebrate their accomplishments; where they can make friends; where they can reach their goals; and where each girl can develop her own unique gifts. A special thanks to all who brought and bought things to sell and to the Service Committee and volunteers for their work on this magical event.

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Please Take Note

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whosnew.org

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A reminder that our Not Just Wine & Cheese event will be on ZOOM Friday, January 21, with social chat rooms starting at 6:30 PM then a presentation at 7 PM from the Metcalfe's Cheese Mongers. They will be sharing info on the "Top Tier Wisconsin Cheeses" where we will be sampling award winning cheeses from the best of Wisconsin cheesemakers. Full details: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4daeeaa2ea0f58-notjust4>

I want to extend a huge thanks to our current Board members, committee chairs and committee members, as well as Interest Group leaders who are doing such a great job in these difficult times! These women are literally giving hours of free time for the smooth functioning of the organization. On behalf of all our Who's New members, many thanks to each one of you!

If you would like to become more involved directly with the board or committees, please contact Anne Brasier or Kathy Nelson. They will be heading up the nominating committee for Who's New 2022-23 term. Who's New relies on volunteers to remain a dynamic organization and we can use your talents! If you would like to sneak a peak at what any of the particular committees or offices entail, click on the title of the position at this link <https://whosnew.org/board-members>. It will bring up more details about the position. I can't think of a better way to make new friends than to get more involved with this amazing group.

*Good health, lasting friendship and peace,
Annie Cooper*

Not Just Wine and Cheese Friday, February 18th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4daeeaa2ea0f58-notjust4>

6:30 to 9:00 PM

**Hostess: Ann-Marie Preece
4599 Sunburst Dr
DeForest, Wisconsin, 53532**

Ample street parking

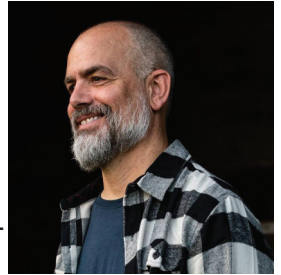
Not Just Wine and Cheese is a monthly social event for all members. Singles, couples, everyone is welcome. It happens on the 3rd Friday of every month. Times may vary.



Please bring an appetizer/dessert to share and your own beverages. ***We ask that vaccinated AND BOOSTED members only attend this event. Do not attend if you feel ill.*** We look forward to seeing you.

February 10th Luncheon and Program

Join us for the February program with Michael Perry. If you read the Wisconsin State Journal, you are probably well acquainted with our February speaker. His column, Roughneck Grace, appears every Sunday and offers perspectives on everything from cleaning the chicken coup to sharing an elevator with supermodels. Michael Perry is a New York Times bestselling author, humorist, playwright, and radio show host from New Auburn, Wisconsin. Perry's bestselling memoirs include Population: 485 (recently adapted for the stage), Truck: A Love Story, Coop, Visiting Tom, and Montaigne in Barn Boots, An Amateur Ambles Through Philosophy.



Raised on a small Midwestern dairy farm, Perry put himself through nursing school while working on a ranch in Wyoming, then detoured into writing. He lives with his wife and two daughters in rural Wisconsin, where he serves on the local volunteer fire and rescue service and has a few chickens. He hosts the nationally-syndicated "Tent Show Radio," performs widely as a humorist, and tours with his band the Long Beds.

Michael will entertain us with some stories of life in Wisconsin, not only the things that make us unique, but also stories of what binds us together.

Maple Bluff Country Club, 500 Kensington Drive, Madison

Register at [whosnew.org](https://www.whosnew.org)

Deadline is midnight January 30th, 11:59 pm

Seating is limited to [80 people](#)

To attend a luncheon [you must be vaccinated](#).

Cocktails & Visiting from 11:30 am - Noon. Lunch Seating at Noon.

All entrees are \$25

Beef Tenderloin Tips Mushroom Stroganoff: Seared Beef Tenderloin Tips, Buttered Egg Noodles, Garlic Mushroom Cream Sauce. Served with a Side Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing.

Chicken Pesto: Marinated Free Range Chicken Breast, Pesto Cream, Herb Linguine, Blistered Cherry Tomatoes. Served with a Side Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing.

Cauliflower Steak (V): Roasted Cauliflower "Steak", Herbed Quinoa Pilaf, Balsamic Tomato Reduction, Micro Greens. Served with a cup garden vegetable soup.

Service Committee

Girls On The Run News

We are happy to report that the Giving Tree and Holiday Bazaar were both a tremendous success!! The funds raised from these two events will fund two teams in high need schools in Madison! GOTR will provide their program to girls in these two schools with no fees collected from parents.

Thank you to all members who contributed items to the Bazaar, those that purchased items, those that brought one hundred gifts for the girls to the December luncheon and those that donated cash and gift cards.

Upcoming Events

- Volunteer to prepare GOTR for their Spring season. Look for an email and Sign-Up Genius with dates and times.
- Look for news about the annual Mah Jong tournament in April. Funds raised from the tournament will be donated to GOTR.
- The Service Committee will close the year in May with a final fund-raising undertaking.

We are so proud to be part of such a generous group of women. With deep appreciation from your Service Committee:

*Genevieve Murtaugh
Judy Thorpe
Martha Main
Nancy Daly
Nan Youngerman
Susan Cambria*

Total Holiday Contribution to GOTR

Holiday Bazaar Total - \$3,012
Giving Tree Total - \$2,695
Total Bazaar/Giving Tree Impact - \$5,707

From Christine Benedict, Executive Director of GOTR:

“Life comes at girls fast - you can help them find their pace! Girls on the Run is seeking new coaches for the Spring 2022 season. We are anticipating serving 1,000 girls at over 70 team sites throughout South Central Wisconsin. If you or someone you know might be interested, learn more at: <https://www.girlsontherunscwi.org/Coach> Training sessions will take place in March and the season will begin during the week of April 13th and run through the 5K on Saturday, June 4th.”

Welcome to our WNIM members

**Barb Burgenske
Sondra Docter
Tara Kadium**

**Michelle Crisanti
Sara Mistretta**

Special Luncheon Notices

March Luncheon and Program

Are you ready for a new adventure? Our March program is something we haven't tried before but think you will really enjoy. We are going to take a "field trip" to MMoCA, the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, where we will be treated to small-group docent tours of several of their galleries.

You will have three options for this luncheon:

- Lunch at Coopers and the MMoCA tour (11:30am to 1:45pm)
- Lunch only (11:30am to 12:45pm)
- Museum tour only (1:00pm to 1:45pm)

There will be room for 80 reservations at Coopers and the same number at MMoCA. We will ask you to sign up for the luncheon in the usual way through the Who's New website. You will receive a separate invitation via Signup Genius for the museum tour. Also, sign up time will be shorter than usual (Feb 11th-Feb 22nd) so be sure to sign up early at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4daeea2ea0f58-madison>

More details to follow in the March newsletter.

Luncheon Questions

Not sure you signed up for the next Luncheon or you signed up and could not go? Here are the answers to our two most asked questions:

How to View Luncheon Purchases: Log into the Who's New homepage and click "My Account" in the upper right of the screen. Click on "View Lunch Purchases" on the left. This will show you your current luncheon purchased, along with any past luncheons you have purchased. (Reminder...any time you sign up for a luncheon, you should receive a confirmation email within 2-5 mins).

How To Cancel: Log in and from The Who's New homepage, click on the "My Account" button in the upper right of the screen. Click on "View Lunch Purchases" on the left then click on the red "Cancel" button on the right side of the screen. (You will only receive a refund if your cancellation was made before the closing due date)

Cancellation Refund Policy: Refunds can be only be issued if a cancellation is made before the closing due date.

Any questions, please feel to reach out to Judy White, Co-Chair Luncheon Committee.

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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Go to—

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