

November 2017 Newsletter

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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President's Corner by Peg O'Donoghue

As of this writing, we have 530 women who chose to renew or join. It says something very positive for the vitality of the group. It also says the interest groups are doing their job of engaging members and finding activities or topics of mutual interest. We currently have over 55 interest groups with five ready to start.

I want to focus on service throughout this year and encourage more members to get involved. Please make sure to read the profile of Debbie Wise included in this newsletter and prepare to be inspired. It was my distinct honor to bestow an Outstanding Service Award on Debbie at the September luncheon. Debbie exemplifies all that is good with WNIM. Her commitment to meeting others and including new and old members in interesting and fun activities is remarkable. We all can't be Debbie Wise, but we can try.

Kudos to Martha Abrams for conceiving the Artists Showcase as part of the September Not Just Wine and Cheese hosted by Paula Primm and Lydia Weber. We are fortunate to have so many talented WNIM members. The following artists exhibited their creations: Joan Bachhuber, Sally Falk, Lu Greig, Doris Henke, Debbie Kaufman, Madge MacFarlane, Karen Watson-Newlin, and Lydia Weber. Thanks to all who supported this special evening.

Within the next month we will engage in a full review of the bylaws. Although this does not excite one's passions, it is important that we review these on an annual basis. In particular, we will review the limitations on terms for board members and decide whether a change is advisable. Let me offer one small example to illustrate the point. I was recently visiting with a potential member who said she was aware of Who's New for a while but because of the former amnesty provisions that only allowed applications twice a year she never got around to applying. She felt that removing those requirements was very positive and she is enthusiastically anticipating joining. Because we changed the bylaws last year, this good outcome was possible.

I am writing this note on another glorious weather day. Mother Nature is the original fall artist. I hope you get a chance to get out and walk and enjoy the fall colors.

November Luncheon

Thursday, November 9, 2017

11:00 AM Cocktails

12:00 Noon Luncheon

Fleming's Steakhouse
750 North Midvale Blvd.
Madison, WI 53705

Entrée:

Prime Burger (Medium)

Side Salad

*Pasta with Vegetable
(Vegetarian)*

Dessert/Beverages:

Cookies, hot tea, coffee and
water

Price: \$25.00

**There is a reservation
limit of 100.**

**Reservations due by
Monday, October 30th
Luncheon reservation
form on page 4**



Program and Luncheon Committee News and Information

Our luncheon speaker is Mallory Shotwell, artist and founder of Madison Community Discourse. Did you receive a prepaid cup of coffee in February or complete a "Happy To Be Here" postcard at a local business or community space? If so, you were part of MCD's 2017 exploration of the spectrum of Happiness. Mallory will inform us about Madison Community Discourse, its explorations, and its findings. To learn more about MCD, check out <http://madisoncommunitydiscourse.com/>.

Madison Community Discourse began in October 2013. Artist and founder Mallory Shotwell began with an emphasis on community engagement. Calling it "A Discourse on Love," she began interviewing people on love, gathering wisdom from all backgrounds and ages. Asking philosophical questions on love, it created a community discourse where it allowed the participant to explore their own answer.

From the start, it was run by volunteers, led by artists, and supported by the community. Programming was developed and included storytelling events, music, and many community building experiences in the first year.

In June of 2014, an exhibition brought together 45 artists from all over the city of Madison. This immersive experience encouraged the community to connect and engage with love: its expressions, and its spectrum of experiences. There were many interactive elements available. The art was displayed throughout the month of June at Absolutely Art. Over 700 viewers and participants came to the reception.

It continued the following year in a second community study. This year MCD studied Courage as it reached out further in the community with more partnerships, events, artist collaborations, and opportunities. There was a second annual art exhibition held at Art In. Featuring 40 artists, this exhibition explored "What Courage Looks Like" in the city of Madison.



Mallory Shotwell

In 2017, Madison Community Discourse is exploring "Happiness, with activities such as a Pay It Forward coffee chain over well over 1000 people visiting at least 10 different coffee shops on one day in February.

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November Luncheon Reservation Form Fleming's Steakhouse

Thursday, November 9th, 2017

Please use this form to make your reservation, including any guests or other Who's New members. If your guest is not a Who's New member, please include their name(s) and phone number(s) in case we need to contact them. If you are making a reservation for another Who's New member, please list their name(s) in the appropriate line below. If you have food allergies or dietary preferences, please let us know.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies/Dietary Preferences: _____

Guest Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Add'l WN Member(s): _____ Phone: _____

Is this your first luncheon since becoming a member? YES

Would you like to have a luncheon mentor sit with you*? YES

* Walking into a roomful of people you don't know can be intimidating. A luncheon mentor will be happy to meet you at the entrance and join you for lunch.

Luncheon Price: \$25.00

Prime Burger _____

Pasta/Vegetables _____

Would you like to be a luncheon mentor for this luncheon*? YES

*A luncheon mentor will sit with a newer member. You are only a mentor for the month you sign up; this is not a monthly commitment.

Donations for November Luncheon:

Please bring paper products for meals, including: plastic bags, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic containers for leftovers, plates, cups, plastic ware, etc.

Be sure to pickup a heart tag from The Giving Tree.

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12 Noon Luncheon

Keep for Your Records

Paid Date: _____

Check Number: _____

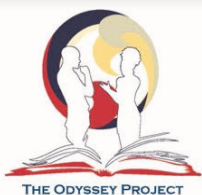
Luncheon Choice: _____

***We need to receive
your reservation by
Monday, October 30th***

Anna Abbott
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Verona, WI 53593

Note: There is a reservation limit of 100.

Must receive your reservation form by October 30th, remember mail moves through Milwaukee so allow extra time. If will be late, please contact Anna, listed above, at wayneanna114@gmail.com or at 803-608-0038.



The UW Odyssey Project WNIM Service Project

**“The Odyssey Project proves the humanities
can change destinies.” Elisa Wiseman**

At the November 9 luncheon we will be collecting paper products for meals including plates, cups, plastic ware, plastic bags, plastic wrap, to go containers, aluminum foil and so forth.

The UW Odyssey Project serves a meal to their students and their children every Wednesday during the school year. Who's New will be preparing one of these meals on January 24. The paper products you donate will be appreciated!



**ALSO at the November luncheon pick up a heart for the Giving Tree!
You will bring your gifts to the December luncheon.**

Hike Around the Lake Fundraiser is OCTOBER 18!

Support our first fundraiser of the year even if you are not going to hike on October 18th. Send your donation check written out to The U. W. Odyssey Project to Marge Kostichka, 1157 Liberty Blvd., Sun Prairie WI 53590.

Coming in December: Fundraiser Bazaar featuring handmade crafts, art, and home-made foods! Details will be in the next newsletter!

Dear Who's New Members:

Thank you so much for graciously welcoming Emily and me at your luncheon last week. We are so excited about this partnership with Who's New in Madison! We shared a clip of a film about the Odyssey Project in our presentation. We would encourage you to view the full 22 minute documentary, which aired on the Big 10 Network. The film gives you more of a peek inside of the classroom and a chance to hear more students' stories.

We would also like to invite you to attend our Halloween-themed benefit for the Odyssey Project, Night of the Living Humanities. This year, the event proceeds will benefit Onward Odyssey which supports more than 400 graduates of our two-semester program as they pursue college degrees and other dreams. Learn more and RSVP here.

Thanks again for your support and commitment to adults pursuing their dreams through higher education!

Warmly,
Colleen, Odyssey Project Coordinator

Recycle

Save the Environment

Bring your used, empty ink cartridges to the lunchons. One of the many deserving organizations the service committee researched this year was Mindset, Inc. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to building healthier minds and more fulfilled lives. They offer free mental wellness education, tools and resources to all Dane County residents.

One source of funding for them is recycling old ink cartridges. They accept any brands and sizes of empty inkjet or toner cartridges. Questions? Contact the Service Project committee members -Diane Wiersema, Marge Kostichka, Patti Bavluka, Sue Ciurczak, Genevieve Murtaugh.

For Your Attention

Board Meeting Summary

The WNIM Board met on September 5 and received reports from committees. A legal opinion was obtained regarding whether WNIM, as a nonprofit organization, was subject to any regulation relative to reserve accumulation. The answer is no, though prudence would suggest a reserve should cover 3-6 months of operating expenses.

The Long-term Financial Planning Committee will use this information as it develops a strategy for reserves. As of this date, 466 members had renewed. Demonstrations of how vendors would approach redesigning the website are being scheduled.

Mark your calendars for the kick-off meeting for the Friday "Skwalkers" (Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing - or if no snow, we walk) on December 1, 2017 at 10:00am. Details will follow in the December newsletter. Questions beforehand, contact Debbie Wise, dwise52@charter.net, 608-

*Look for your
2017-2018 Membership Directory
in the mail late October*

New Member Coffee

New members are invited to attend a New Member Coffee on Thursday, November 2. The purpose of this gathering is to give new members an opportunity to learn about the organization and about the over 60 Interest Groups available in Who's New in Madison. It is also an opportunity to meet some board members and other new members and ask questions.

The Coffee will be held at the Fitchburg Community Center from 10:00 AM until noon on November 2 in the 2nd floor conference room.

New members will be mailed invitations a few weeks prior to the date. If we miss anyone who would like to attend, please contact Kathy Condit at 241-2666. Non-members who would like to find out about WNIM are also welcome to attend.

Welcome All



*Friday
November 17th
7:00 PM*

Not Just Wine & Cheese

Hosted by Doris and Russ Henke
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Not Just Wine & Cheese is a monthly social event for all members. Singles, couples, everyone is welcome. Bring a treat to share and a drink of choice.

Interest Groups at a Glance

We have over 55 Interest Groups (IG). If you would like to join a group, contact the IG chair to get on their email distribution list for current updates and plans for activities!! If you want to start a new IG, contact Kathy Nelson and she can help you get started!

Diversity in Madison Interest Group

Three years ago following conversations about why Who's New had no members "of color", I put out a sheet of paper at the WN annual Interest Group luncheon that September. It read simply Diversity in Madison. To my surprise 15 names appeared on that first list. Today that list numbers more than 50.

We meet once a month and examine a variety of issues around social justice and try to gain a firmer understanding of the various cultures within Madison. One could say that we have our consciousness raised by the various guest speakers and workshops at our meetings.

This year we will look at the refugee and immigrant situation in Madison as well as homelessness and Native American and Hmong cultures. And, "back by popular demand" Karen Reece of Justified Anger; Tami Fleming, founder of The Friends of State Street Family; more on Islam and Selena Fox, the High Priestess of Paganism in Dane County.

Those on the distribution list receive notice of the issue/speaker each month and a suggestion of a food contribution for the food pantry at the Lussier Community Education Center where we meet.

Join us on the last Tuesday of each month to learn about and contemplate the diversity of people in our community, their cultures and concerns.

Pat Eaton

Check Out the New Interest Groups

One and Done Hiking

Chair: Peg O'Donoghue, godonoghue@gmail.com

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and hike out 30 minutes and return to the start.

Make New Friends Morning Coffee

Chair: Kathy Nelson, katnells59@gmail.com

Always open. Morning coffee/breakfasts at coffee shops around Madison.



Cribbage

Chair: Kathy Nelson, katnells59@gmail.com

Play a few rounds at a local pub on a late afternoon. Spouses/partners welcome too.

New Interest Groups "Trying to Form"

Chairs/co-chairs needed, as well as members. Contact Kathy Newlson, katnells59@gmail.com in order to establish these groups.

Singles: Group activities for single women. Another co-chair needed. There are 13 signed up.

Travel Adventures: Share your travel stories with others. Group travel possible, needs chair, 8 interested members at present.

Beginning Bridge: Learn bridge, needs chair, 11 interested members so far.

Film Discussion II: Singles/couples watch movies at home and get together for lively discussions. Betty Cohen, bettycohen3@gmail.com, will help get this started.

Please Note: A list of Interest Groups, IG chairs, meeting dates and places as well as status are updated and emailed to all members twice a year (September and February). All new members are emailed the current listing upon membership completion. Any member wishing an updated listing can contact katnells59@gmail.com for an email copy. The listing can also be found in your membership directory and on the member website. Interest Group chairs can send updates/status changes to the WNIM Vice President (Kathy Nelson) for inclusion in these updates.

Meet Member Debbie Wise

Receives Outstanding Service Award from WN by Pat Eaton

Who's New in Madison welcomed Debbie Wise 17 years ago and has never been the same. She is the best of what Who's New is all about. At the September luncheon president, Peg O'Donohue, presented Debbie with the first OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD to honor her for all that she has brought to this organization.



In September of 2000 Debbie and Steve came to Madison on a biking trip. They returned in November to look at homes and moved here the following January. Debbie claims "we were meant to be here". A blurb in the newspaper brought her to a WN new member coffee.

What hasn't Debbie done? As a very active member of WN, she has bowled, golfed, danced, skied, cooked, tried bridge, knitted and joined a book club

among other activities. She has served on the Board off and on, four years on the Luncheon Committee and as Membership Chair as well as chair of a number of special interest groups including Not Just Wine and Cheese. Thanks to her effusive nature, many have been made to feel at home in Who's New. Early on she met a few bikers and started a biking group. She joined the Cross Country Ski group that hiked when there was no snow and established the hiking group (Wednesday Wanderers). With Debbie's foresight these groups grew rapidly and many members have made friends and explored new places while hiking or biking. Debbie says this really represents the WN mission of exploring and learning about Madison and its area in the company of like-minded women. She scouts out trails and parks in advance ensuring great experiences for all who participate. Since food always seems to figure in these outings, places to eat rank high in the exploring and learning!

She has been responsible for many special events in WN.



Along with a few helpers she has organized outings to APT, Mallard's games, ice cream socials, canoe trips, couples hikes and bike outings and has staked out a Who's New spot at Concerts on the Square. All of this to "meet new people". Thanks to her many feel very much at home in Madison.

Debbie's energy is remarkable. She took a job at a bike shop to learn to be able to handle any event on bike outings guaranteeing safe rides for all. Most events begin with introductions with Debbie asking "what's your favorite place, ice cream flavor, restaurant etc. in Madison? She has a unique way of making all feel welcomed. "I like people" Debbie says. She is a friend to all. And, Debbie, Who's New in Madison really likes you.

A Night of Art

On a beautiful September evening, eight artists who belong to Who's New exhibited some of their work for the participants of *Not Just Wine and Cheese*. The members delighted in the variety and quality of the works shown. Below (and on page 9) is a peek at the artists and their work.



Doris Henke, an interior designer with a hobby of jewelry making for the past 20 years, displayed select pieces of natural stones with sterling silver.



Joan Bachhuber displayed a sketch of her daughter inspired by her daughter's determination through a long illness.



Sally Falk discovered drawing in a Zentangle class in Mineral Point a few years ago and displayed a series of individually-drawn writing cards.



Dvorah (Debbie) Kaufman, who has been working with fiber and thread since 1975, displayed two works of Thread Paintings, plus an example of Personal Story Art.



Karen Watson-Newlin, a retired art teacher, displayed an acrylic paintings of bicycles. Her current emphasis is Prairie Plants of the Midwest viewed through seasonal changes of the year.

A Night of Art (continued)



Lu Greig has nurtured her lifelong interest in watercolor since moving to Madison in 2012. She displayed two works that she has done as a member of the Madison Watercolor Society.



Madge McFarlane is a nationally and internationally known watercolorist who works out of her home studio in Madison. She displayed two contrasting pieces.



Lydia Weber's passion for photography dates back to 1997 and includes years of professional portraiture and art photography. She displayed a series of photographs of the Union chairs.



Autumn

By Bev Davis

*Bursts forth with cascades of color
Chrysanthemums at the beginning and end of their lives.
Air, crisp and cool, inviting and foreboding.*

I am past autumn and living in the winter of life.

*Yet I still resonate with Autumn's burst of color and energy,
Still hunker down with fire and blanket for snows of winter,
Still joyfully anticipate the earth's rebirth.*

*How fortunate that we, who are tuned to the earth,
Remember the pleasure of what comes next.*

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