

September 2017 Newsletter

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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www.whosnewmembers.org

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wnim75

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Who's New in Madison



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President's Corner *by Peg O'Donoghue*

Perhaps you noticed that I am not Kim Lund who you elected to be president in the spring. Kim and Eric Lund have left Madison for new employment possibilities, a warmer climate, and funkier music. Kim and Eric's great adventure is taking place in Memphis, TN.

It is my privilege to serve as president for the remainder of the 2017-2018 term. Although Kim is physically removed from the day-to-day workings of Who's New, we will continue to benefit from the course she set for her presidency. I am sure glad she preceded me. Her diligence and agenda will inform my work with the Board.

I asked Board members at our meeting in June why they were willing to serve and the responses included recurring themes that resonate with me. They were willing to serve out of a sense of gratitude for what they receive from their membership. They felt it was time for them to pay back what they received. They hoped their service would contribute to the strength of the organization for the enjoyment of future members.

I am willing to serve because I believe it's what you do when you join an organization. Who's New has played an important role in my introduction and assimilation to Madison as my chosen retirement community. I plan to challenge those members not currently serving on the Board, a committee, or coordinating an interest group to imagine ways that they can contribute to the lifeblood of the organization.

In my time as president I want to focus on Who's New as a community. Who do we say we are and why do we exist? To paraphrase the "Object" section of the by-laws, Who's New exists to assist newcomers and longer-term residents of the Madison area to get better acquainted with the community and forge new relationships through shared social activities. It's my job working with the Board to make certain everything thing we do and decisions we make are consistent with these objectives.

In closing, one of the joys of being a part of a group of this size (570 members as of June) is the opportunity to meet and get to know women of different backgrounds and life experiences. A former boss used a quote that has stuck with me: "The shortest distance between two people is a story." (Author unknown) If you are renewing your membership, resolve to extend your personal network beyond those people you already know and share or solicit a story. If you are new to Who's New, I can't wait to hear your story and share mine. Let's continue to build our Who's New community through shared story telling.

September Luncheon

Thursday, September 14, 2017
11:00 AM Cocktails
12:00 Noon Luncheon

Lake Windsor Country Club
4628 Golf Road
Windsor, WI 53598
608-846-4711

Entrée:

Hand-cut Top Sirloin
Sandwich on Kaiser Roll
with Pasta Salad

Raspberry Pecan Spinach
Salad with
Grilled Chicken Breast
and Bread Stick

Bruschetta Grilled
Chicken Sandwich
with Pasta Salad

Dessert/Beverages:
Cookies, hot tea, coffee and
water

Price: \$22.30

Reservations due by
Saturday, September 2 nd
Luncheon reservation
form on page 4



Program and Luncheon Committees News and Information

Our kick-off luncheon for the 2017-18 season will be on September 14th at Lake Windsor Country Club in Windsor. It will feature our Interest Groups. It's an opportunity to learn about them, sign up for your favorites, and meet new friends.

If you don't find any groups that fit your interests, skill level, and/or schedule, consider starting your own! It's easy to do. Contact Kathy Nelson, Vice President, at katnels59@gmail.com to let her know you would like to start a new interest group. There are only two rules to follow for your interest group: soliciting is not permitted at your meetings and all your members must be current members of Who's New.

The September luncheon is also an opportunity to learn about the organization that we will support for our Service Project, the UW-Odyssey Project. Contributing to our community is an important part of Who's New. Last year we raised \$8,000 for The Literacy Network. We also provided flash drives, highlighters, notebooks and pens. Additionally, we also provided gifts for over 80 children through The Giving Tree during the holidays.

Save these Luncheon Dates

October 12	Black Hawk Country Club
November 9	Fleming's Prime Steakhouse (100 limit)
December 14	Nakoma Country Club
January 11	Lilianas (85 limit)
February 8	VIP (100 limit)
March 8	Buck & Honey's (80 limit)
April 12	Olbrich Gardens
May 10	Maple Bluff Country Club

Reservation Information

Please do your part in remembering our luncheons are always the second Thursday of each month and it is very important to get your reservation in to the hostess by the due date posted (remembering also the slow mail route through Milwaukee for Madison mail). Our counts to the venues vary according to their requirements and can be as early as 10 to 14 days in advance of the date. ***We will not always be able to take late reservations, so please be aware of this change.***

Cost

Our committee works hard to choose interesting venues that can accommodate our size, space requirements, provide a nice meal and dessert (with the opportunity for a cocktail). We do our best to keep the cost of a luncheon \$25 or less, with 5.5% tax and 18% to 20+% service charge included in that price.

September Luncheon Reservation Form Lake Windsor Country Club Thursday, September 14th, 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.

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.

Luncheon Price: \$22.30

Hand-cut Top Sirloin Sandwich _____

Raspberry Pecan Spinach Salad _____

Bruschetta Grilled Chicken Sand _____

Be sure to make a pledge to raise \$\$ for this year's Service Project
the ***UW Odyssey Project*** (see complete information on pages 4 and 5).

Signup sheets are available at the luncheon.

September Luncheon
Thursday, September 14, 2017
11:00 AM Cocktails
12 Noon Luncheon

Keep for Your Records

Paid Date: _____

Check Number: _____

Luncheon Choice: _____

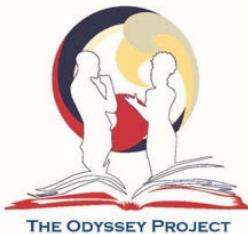
**We need to receive
your reservation by
Saturday, September 2nd**

Please mail reservation forms and checks
made payable to Who's New to:

Barb Foster
6506 Old Sauk Rd
Madison, WI 53705
608-203-8010

Must receive your reservation form by September 2nd, remember mail moves through Milwaukee so allow extra time. If will be late, please contact Barb, listed above.

Introducing The U. W. Odyssey Project



“Education is everything. It can’t be taken away,” said a recent graduate of The U.W. Odyssey Project.

The U. W. Odyssey Project is a program of the U. W. Madison’s Division of Continuing Studies and is in its 15th year. It offers a two-semester humanities class to 30 nontraditional adult students who are facing financial obstacles. The students receive free tuition, textbooks, childcare and a weekly dinner. They gain six credits in English, skills in critical thinking, a sense of empowerment and a voice. There are three components to this program:

The Odyssey Project - empowers adults through higher education
Odyssey Junior - extends literacy and enrichment to the next generation
Onward Odyssey - supports Odyssey alumni on their continued journey

Following completion of this program, approximately 80% take at least one more college course. Some of the students struggle financially and the need for help is great. To quote Emily Auerbach, “If we had more funding, we could do a better job of helping more of those students finish degrees rather than only take more coursework.”

Money is their biggest need but they also need volunteers who can provide legal, medical, dental, and social work services pro bono or host fundraising receptions. They would welcome food donations as they serve 90 people dinner each week. Along with that they could use paper goods for serving those meals. Also needed are classroom supplies, children’s toys, puzzles, art supplies, iPads and tablets, UW apparel, gift cards for groceries and gas. It is a long list.

The service committee is planning several fundraisers throughout the year as well as the opportunity to host one (or more) of their weekly dinners. We will keep you posted! We will also have monthly donations to help with some of their needs. The Giving Tree will continue with the Odyssey Junior program, which is open to children and grandchildren of Odyssey students and alumni. Information on our first fundraiser can be found on the next page.

What is The Odyssey Project?

www.odyssey.wisc.edu

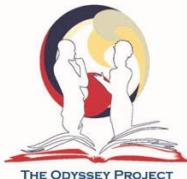
“A gateway out of poverty”
“A life changing educational journey”
“A catalyst for transforming lives”

Join us in helping the U.W. Odyssey Project.

Sue Ciurczak, Diane Wiersema, Marge Kostichka, Patti Bavlka, Genevieve Murtaugh

Who's New in Madison 2017 Fall Walk

(hike around the lake)



Proceeds benefit The UW Odyssey Project

Make a Pledge and sign up below

Make a Difference and help a deserving young adult

Day of Event: Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Rain Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Three Walk Options

12 miles -- Meet at Olbrich Gardens at 9:15 AM

7 miles - Meet at Olin-Turville Park at 10:30 AM

3.5 miles - Meet at Winnequah Park Shelter at 11:40 AM

You can support the Odessey Project without walking
by checking Pledging But Not Walking below

— — — — — **cut and mail registration form** — — — — —

WNIM Fall Walk Pledge & Registration Form

Please mail registration form and payment by October 11, 2017 to:

Marge Kostichka, Service Project Committee

1157 Liberty Blvd

Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I plan to walk 12 7 3.5 miles (circle one)

PLEDGING BUT NOT WALKING

My pledge amount: \$ _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (make checks payable to the UW Odyssey Project)





WNIM Interest Group Highlights



Look for a separate email notice coming your way by the end of September that provides details about our Interest Groups. Please contact Kathy Nelson, Vice President, at katnels59@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns. The September luncheon will also feature Interest Group displays. Please stop by and find out more information on all the wonderful activities available.

Welcome All

Friday, September 15, 7:00 PM

Not Just Wine & Cheese

Hosted by Paula Primm and Lydia Weber



Nolen Shore Condominiums, 2nd Floor Community Room

350 S Hamilton St, Madison, WI 53703

Please RSVP to Paula Primm

paulalprimm@gmail.com or 404 229-7455

Not Just Wine & Cheese is a monthly social event for all members. Singles, couples, everyone is welcome. Bring a treat and your drink of choice.

Take Note -

WNIM Artist Showcase is planned as part of this event.

Be sure to view our talented artist's work on display.

See article below (*Artists Abound*) for further details.

////////// *Artists Abound* //////////

Artists of all media abound in the Who's New membership. Water colonists, oil painters, fiber artists, quilters, jewelry makers, glass artists, miniature book makers, photographers. The variety of talent is amazing. To begin celebrating our talents, the September Not Just Wine and Cheese event will highlight some of our artists' works.

If you have display quality art and a means of displaying it (wooden or metal easel), please let us know by contacting Martha Abrams at 278-2797 or MarthaAct2@gmail.com. We anticipate having room for up to 10 easels, plus 8 feet of counter space for smaller objects. We hope this will be the first of several events to showcase your work, so if you can't participate this time, we will keep your name for future events. Those displaying their art are asked to provide a short description of your work and how you got into it.

More details will be provided by contacting Martha. Let the membership in on your talent and artistic passion by participating in this special event.

Meet Member Peg O'Donoghue

Volunteer of Volunteers

by Pat Eaton

When the WN Executive Committee asked Peg O'Donoghue to step in to replace Kim Lund as President for 2017-18 she didn't hesitate. "Nancy Gunder and Kim Lund worked so hard to position the club for the future... they did the heavy lifting" says Peg. "Kim cast a long shadow of how things could be". She says that Kathy Nelson and the board have made the agenda very clear. As president, communication with members is her goal. "It's a privilege to be a member and to serve."

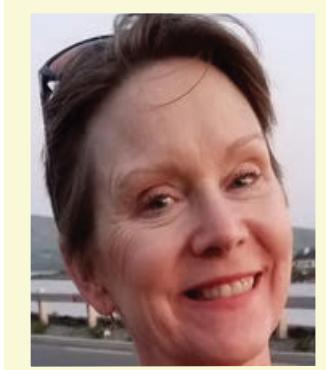
Peg grew up on the South side of Chicago in a large Irish family. She is the eighth of ten children. Her physician father had a large and busy practice. Her mother was always encouraging and emphasizing the importance of education. Peg is an Illini through and through having received three degrees from the University of Illinois in social work, law, and human resources and labor relations. As long as Wisconsin is not competing against the Illini, Peg has no problem cheering for the Badgers.

Peg held various legal positions with the City of Champaign, Champaign County, and the Uni-

versity of Illinois. She served as in-house counsel for the University for eleven years before staffing campus and university senior administrators. Her appointment prior to retirement was as chief of staff for the President of the University of Illinois.

Eight years ago Peg married Steve Veazie and they have a blended family of six adult children, a daughter- and two sons-in-law, five grandchildren, and a 99-year old mother-in-law. Her husband was Deputy University Counsel and Executive Director of Labor Relations at the University of Illinois. In anticipation of retirement, they bought a house that needed TLC which they doubled in size over ten months while still living in Illinois.

A former member of WN introduced Peg to our club which she (like so many others) terms "a godsend", allowing her to "build a social network". She shows a genuine interest in all whom she meets, "people are so interesting". In her three years in Madison, "a university town with an outdoor lifestyle, a very livable size" Peg has



found her bliss....."gardens are me!" Her goal to serve to others has been facilitated through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, particularly in the area of hunger. Peg is actively involved in the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens. And she has created a rain garden at their home describing herself as "a city girl lost in a farm field."

As a member of a large family, Peg says that she learned "it's not all about me. What's good for the group is also good for me". This has always influenced her work.

As a cyclist and gardener and attending to family near and far, Peg has her hands full but she is very committed to a call to service....to volunteer. Fortunately for WN she will bring her experience and dedication as our example of "volunteer".

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 comes from recycling old ink cartridges. They will accept any brands and sizes of empty inkjet or toner cartridges.

Although we did not select Mindset, Inc. as our dedicated project this year, the service committee thought it would be worthwhile for us to help them in this simple way.

Questions? Contact any of the the Service Project committee members -Diane Wiersema, Marge Kostichka, Patti Bavlka, Sue Ciurczak, Genevieve Murtaugh.

Participate in Financial Planning for Who's New

Are you a numbers person and/or interested in having input into financial planning for Who's New? If so, please join the Who's New Task Force on Long Term Financial Planning. The Task Force will convene in early September at a mutually convenient time. To join, please contact Nancy Gunder at nancyb@gunder.us or 847-902-2293.

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For a copy of the Who's New Board Minutes, contact the Secretary.

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