

December 2018 Newsletter

# Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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## *President's Corner*

by Kathy Nelson

One of the responsibilities as President of WNIM is writing an article every month for the newsletter. I find I need the “right mindset” to write something relevant for the membership. I jot down ideas throughout the month and take inspiration from what I read, from the people I’ve talked with, and from my experiences. Aside from my focus on content, I have to also consider that my submission to Liz Freitick for the newsletter is about 2-3 weeks before actual publication. It’s an interesting twist to remember what I write and submit at the end of October is actually read in the December newsletter.

This month’s “stimulation” has come from all of the political ads that we all have been subjected to for the past months. (Remember I am writing this before the Nov 6 elections). No matter where I was in the month of October...visiting my Mom in Georgia, my son in New York, sitting at home in Madison, the ads all were NEGATIVE! It didn’t matter the “party” of the candidate. Whether incumbent or challenger. I was always being told of all the things wrong in my life/district/state/nation. And it began to wear on me, at times consuming hours of my day. And granted, yes, there is so much to be fixed, no matter which way you lean politically... beginning with the divisiveness that seems to have overtaken us in our circles of community.

So I began to think of things we can all be THANKFUL for this Thanksgiving...no matter what the outcome of the Nov 6 elections, things that I could safely talk about at the dinner table, at coffee’s with friends, on hikes. I began making my own list to share, trying to add at least 2 things everyday. And now, in a day, post election, that I am bombarded with disturbing newsfeeds (no matter who/what wins), I am going to turn to my list, which will continue to grow, and reflect upon all that I am grateful for (see some of my list on page 3).

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## *Program and Luncheon Committee News and Information*

This month we will continue the WNIM tradition of music at the December luncheon. Get ready to hear a mix of folk, Americana, jazz, pop, and holiday tunes from Jodi Jean Amble and Doug Brown. Doug and Jodi Jean are part of the local trio called The Honey Pies. The Honey Pies website says it best - "heart-felt harmonies, virtuoso instrumentals and the best of traditional and original American music."

Doug and Jodi Jean also perform separately. Jodi Jean's performance groups have featured jazz, bossa nova, and blues-country-folk-doo-wop-rock. Doug often performs locally in Madison, has recorded two jazz CDs, composed and recorded music for WPR and APT, and has performed at international music fests.

For a sneak peek of our December music, check out the following links:

<https://www.honeypiesmusic.com/>

<https://jodijean.com/>

<http://www.dougbrownmusic.com/>



**Reservation deadline is  
Midnight Monday, December 3rd  
Go to <https://whosnew.org>  
to register**

### *December Luncheon*

**December 13, 2018**

11:00 AM Cocktails, 12:00 Noon Luncheon

**Nakoma Golf Club**

4145 Country Club Rd, Madison, WI 53711  
(608) 238-3141

**Entrée – choose from 3 options:**

#### *Quinoa, Spinach & Salmon Salad*

4 oz Salmon, quinoa and spinach with chickpeas, tomatoes, hard boiled eggs, feta cheese, artichokes, kalamata olives with balsamic dressing – \$25.00

#### *Grilled Portabella Salad*

Grilled portabella mushrooms, mixed greens, toasted walnuts, sun-dried tomatoes, bleu cheese, with orange dijon vinaigrette  
\$21.00

#### *Chicken Marsala*

4oz Sauteed chicken breast, mushrooms, garlic, and spring onions with roasted root vegetables and white & wild rice – \$25.00

Included with lunch: Rolls, Butter,

#### **Beverages:**

Complimentary Coffee and Tea

#### **Dessert:**

Turtle Brownie from Just Bakery

***Valet parking will be available.***

I challenge all of you to do the same. Have gratitude. Give Thanks. Unite in happiness.

- Health, even when it's not perfect
- Pinterest Boards
- Friendships, old and new
- Fireplaces
- Books that let you escape
- Quirky family traditions
- Belly laughs



- Coffee/coffee/coffee (decaf please)
- The right to vote for whomever I want
- Baby giggles
- The healing power of music
- Green lights when I'm running late
- A scenic hiking/biking route
- Pickleball

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## Announcements

### THE SKWALKERS

Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing  
Debbie Wise  
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The Cross Country Skiing group (also known as the Skwalkers since, if there is no snow, we will walk!) meets on Friday mornings December through March snow or no snow!!!

There is an opportunity to snowshoe if you would prefer that to skiing. The kick-off meeting for the group will take place on Friday, November 30 at 10am at the Middleton Public Library, 7425 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton. We invite all levels of skiers and snowshoers to attend - some of us never even skied or snowshoed until we joined the Skwalkers!!

At the meeting we will discuss our schedule for the year, equipment needs, a possible snowtubing trip to Cascade Mountain and an overnight trip up North. If you wish to be included in this group and have not yet received an invitation via SignupGenius for this meeting, please contact Debbie to be added to the distribution list.

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## Meeting Highlights

### Board of Directors Meeting (Nov.6)

- Our member directory was mailed. Many thanks to Judy Walahowski for her hours of work to ready this for printing.
- New Interest Groups (IG) are forming. Check out the IG tab on our website.
- We have a total of 545 members.
- A nominating committee being formed for 2019/2020 ballot: if you are ready for a Board or committee role, contact Paula Primm or Kathy Nelson.

*To see minutes of past board meetings, go to the Who's New website and use the Quick Menu to find "Board Minutes."*

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### November Luncheon

- There were 81 in attendance; 5 new members and 1 guest
- Our speaker on "Restorative Justice Program" was very informative
- The Giving Tree had 40 "children/group" present requests

If you'd like to submit a sentence, a paragraph(s) or an article on "What WNIM means to you" for publishing in future WNIM newsletter, please send them to:  
Liz Freitick - [efreitick@gmail.com](mailto:efreitick@gmail.com) or  
Kathy Nelson - [katnells59@gmail.com](mailto:katnells59@gmail.com)



## *Madison–Area Urban Ministry*

### **Just Bakery**

Last month, Just Bakery, was featured as we learn more about Madison - area Urban Ministry (MUM), our service project for 2018-19. This month, we'd like to introduce Carmella Glenn, Program Coordinator for Just Bakery.

Carmella is from Madison, Wisconsin. She is married with two children. Carmella has worked in the criminal justice field for over 15 years. She has degrees in Culinary Arts and Criminal Justice. Her early career was working with domestic violence, and she quickly realized that her passion was helping those that are caught in the system.



She has worked for ASHA Family Services, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, and twice worked for MUM. Carmella is now the Coordinator for the Just Bakery program, where both of her passions are fulfilled - food and criminal justice!

Just Bakery is a three month job training program that teaches large scale production baking. This program is more than that though! She teaches people they are not their crime; that the system is broken, not them. Carmella and her students will be at Nakoma Country Club at our December 13th luncheon with their Just Bakery products! See information below.

### **Something New AND Delicious at our December Luncheon!**

Now YOU can support AND enjoy Just Bakery products! At our December 13th luncheon, their amazing bakery items will be for sale! You can purchase all kinds of deliciousness for your holiday entertaining and giving! Just Bakery will accept cash, check, or credit card. You can also preorder on-line and pick up your order at Nakoma.



**If you want to preorder, follow these steps:**

1. Go to this website: **[www.emum.org/what-we-do/justbakery](http://www.emum.org/what-we-do/justbakery)**
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page to the **CLICK HERE**. Then go to CATALOG.
3. Touch the photo of the product you wish to order (there may be more photos to look at after that). This is where you may put bakery products in your cart.
4. Complete the order form; you may pay on-line or when you pick up your order at Nakoma.
5. If you pay on-line, put **Nakoma** in the second address line, 'Apartment, suite, etc. optional' so Just Bakery knows you are a Who's New member and will pick up your order on Thursday, December 13th.

If you have any questions, or would like to contact Just Bakery please:

- call at (608) 843-9975
- email at [justbakery@emum.org](mailto:justbakery@emum.org)

You may also contact Diane Wiersema at [dutch5@charter.net](mailto:dutch5@charter.net) or call 608/837-3080.



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***In addition to Just Bakery products being sold in December, we will also feature:***

- Jennifer Allen's beautiful note cards that will be available for purchase!
- A lovely holiday quilt that has been donated by an anonymous Who's New member to bid on!

**Any monies earned from these items will be donated to MUM!**



## Healing House News

On November 12, 2018, friends and supporters of Healing House welcomed the Graduate Crew from Operation Fresh Start as they arrived to begin their renovation work at Healing House. Dane County Executive Joe Parisi addressed the crew, as well as other supporters of Healing House. A project six years in the making, Healing House

will be the first 24/7 recuperative facility in Wisconsin for children or parents who are homeless and being discharged from area hospitals.

Who's New held two 'showers' in October and November to help Healing House and its future patients. Thanks to our many generous members that have 'gifted' Healing House! We'll continue our donations for them again in February.

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## January Luncheon Donations

Another one of MUM's umbrella charities is The Beacon, which is a day shelter that opened one year ago. The Beacon is where homeless people can spend time indoors from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days a week. They provide showers, laundry, lunch, and other services. They also work at moving homeless clients to housing. Since it's opening, The Beacon has averaged about 200 people per day at the shelter.

Our request for January's donation is for men's and women's underwear. If you're familiar at all with clothing available at charitable distribution centers, underwear is always in short supply. The Beacon does distribute clothing when it's available.



We're looking for men's boxer briefs, all sizes and women's underwear, all sizes. Any donation is greatly appreciated by The Beacon and especially by the people at the shelter!

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## Recycle

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. Questions? Contact Service Project chair/committee members.

## Interest Groups News

Paula Primm, Interest Group Chair

Who's New in Madison is indeed the place where new faces become old friends. Anyone who has been a member for any length of time can think of an unexpected friendship that started when she chatted with a new face at a Who's New event.

This is the story of one of those unexpected friendships that echoed across the Atlantic Ocean. I'm calling this one the Second Generation Swiss Connection.

Debbie Kaufman and Karen Watson-Newlin first met at a "Not Just Wine and Cheese" party in the home of Debbie Wise. Debbie and Karen were delighted to find that they had a lot in common. They are both retired educators and talented local artists. They were delighted to dis-

cover that both had married children living in Switzerland.

So...the Mom's encouraged their children to exchange contact information. Zak and Elise invited Meredith and Joachim to their home in Switzerland for dinner. The couples found that they also had a lot in common. Since that day the two couples have shared meals, drinks, celebrated a housewarming at Meredith and Joachim's new

home, gone wine tasting. and attended the Swiss Desalpe Festival of the Cows.

Who's New in Madison sparked a new unexpected friendship all the way across the Atlantic! What is your unexpected Who's New friendship story?

If you would like to share it in the newsletter, please send the details to Paula Primm at paulalprimm@gmail.com. We can't wait to hear your stories!



### *Who's New In Madison* *Not Just Wine & Cheese*

*Friday, December 21, 7:00 PM -9:30 PM*

Hosted at the home of Karen and Rob Watson-Newlin  
7699 Almor Dr., Verona, WI 53593

**Please RSVP** – kwatsonnewlin@tds.net or 827-6180

Not Just Wine & Cheese is a monthly social event for all members. Singles, couples, everyone is welcome. Please bring an appetizer to share and your own beverages. We look forward to seeing you.

### *Welcome New Members to WNIM*

Jacqueline White  
Mary Knight  
Linda Thompson

Sherry Belcher  
Donna Cangelosi  
Kathe Kuna

Joy Cardin  
Linda Ridders

✓ Check website directory for more details on new members.



## The Giving Tree

At our November 8th luncheon, tags were available to purchase gifts for children from MUM's Mentoring Connection. Some tags were for specific children, but other tags were for more general gift ideas. If you were unable to attend the November luncheon to pick a star tag, but would like to help make the holidays a bit brighter for our MUM children, contact Diane Wiersema. We will also accept monetary donations and will be happy to do the shopping for you!

Please follow the guidelines below:

1. The spending limit is \$40 per child.
2. DO NOT wrap your gift(s), but paper, ribbon, gift bag(s), & tag(s) are welcome. Include it with your gift(s).
3. Put your gift(s) in another bag and attach your star tag with the child's name to the bag.
4. Bring your gift(s) back to the December 13th luncheon.
5. If you need to drop off your gifts before the luncheon, please contact one of the service committee members.

?? Contact Diane Wiersema @ 608/837-3080, 608/235-6321 (cell), or [dutch5@charter.net](mailto:dutch5@charter.net)

**Please bring your gift(s) to the December 13th luncheon!**

Your Service Project Committee,

Diane Wiersema, Sue Ciurczak, Patti Bavluka, Nicola Davis, and Genevieve Murtaugh

## Fall Hike Fundraiser



The day of the Fall Hike Fundraiser surprised us all by actually being a beautiful, sunny day. Thirty three ladies participated in the hike and according to our leader, Deb Wise, we walked a total of 297 miles! We had a total of 54 pledges that added up to \$3,241.00. What a great way to kick off this year's service project fundraising for MUM, and in particular, The Healing House. THANK YOU to all who pledged, who walked, and to Deb Wise for leading us once again. development!)

Members are encouraged to form new groups. For more information on how to get started, you may email Paula Primm at [paulalprimm@gmail.com](mailto:paulalprimm@gmail.com) or [wnim.interest.groups@gmail.com](mailto:wnim.interest.groups@gmail.com).

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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.

### Who's New Board Members 2018 - 2019

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If you have a change of address or email or phone number, please contact Membership and Directory. For a copy of the Who's New Board Minutes, contact the Secretary.