

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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President's Corner *by Peg O'Donoghue*

If you have been in Madison, you understand “bitter” and “wind chill” as terms that have consumed every conversation. If you have escaped to a warmer climate- please don’t tell me. Truly, I am happy for you, but a tad envious.

A member submitted a comment card after the December luncheon that raised really good questions. The comments concerned too much talking before lunch and questioned why board members need to be introduced at each lunch? The luncheons have two purposes: the first is to promote social activity for the general membership and the second is to serve as a business meeting. A full hour is scheduled before lunch is served for socializing. We use the opening comments as an opportunity to make announcements and introductions to the membership, in addition to including information in the newsletter. Experience indicates that not everyone reads the newsletter or the website. Announcements at the lunch may be the only opportunity to inform that large a group.

I also think it is crucial that members know the women who are literally giving hours of free time for the smooth functioning of the organization. I make introductions at each luncheon because we have new people attending at every luncheon; either because they are new to the organization, have never attended a luncheon, or they attend the luncheons only intermittently.

Recently, my husband and I went to a local coffee shop and noticed a large group of people sitting at a table with a sign saying “Friends Wanted.” A little bit of sleuthing on my part found that this is a meet-up group and all are welcome. We have a new interest group, Make New Friends, co-chaired by Kathy Nelson and Debbie Wallace that serves the same purpose. Twice a month the group goes to local coffee shops for fellowship. You should check it out.

So I end this note with a challenge. Have you met anyone new lately during a WNIM activity? If not, why not? At the next event you attend, resolve to meet someone new. No matter how long you’ve been a member of WNIM, there is always an opportunity to meet someone new and interesting. Extend yourself through friendship.

February Luncheon

Thursday, February 8, 2018

11:00 AM Cocktails

12:00 Noon Luncheon

VIP Asian Cuisine
6722 Odana Road
Madison, WI 53719

Buffet:

Shrimp with Broccoli
General Tso's Chicken
Mongolian Beef
Chicken & Vegetable Fried Rice
Vegetable Lo Mein
Sesame Tofu

Hot tea, coffee and water

Price: \$21.00

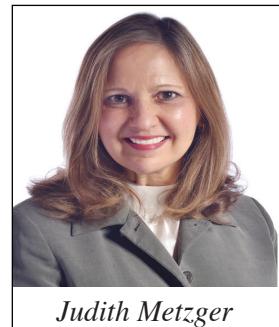
Reservations due by
Friday, January 26th
Luncheon reservation
form on page 3

Program and Luncheon

Join us for the January luncheon and learn about, the Beacon, Dane County's day shelter and comprehensive service center for the homeless from Director, Judith Metzger.

The new facility opened at 615 East Washington Avenue in mid October 2017. It is operated by Catholic Charities with funding and other resources provided by United Way of Dane County, the City of Madison and Dane County government.

Judith Metzger spent the last 22 years as outreach coordinator at the Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel and Student Center at UW-Madison. Prior to that, she was a case manager and therapist. Metzger earned a master's degree from UW-Madison in counseling and guidance and is a longtime volunteer at The River Food Pantry on the city's North Side.



Judith Metzger

The Beacon currently serves over 150 men, women, and children each day, 365 days a year. Guests can receive free preventive healthcare. Staff and volunteers provide assistance in obtaining stable housing. They help connect guests to a comprehensive array of social services to help them become self-sufficient. The Beacon also provides access to computers and training on how to use them. The Beacon provides a place for guests to receive mail, laundry facilities, lunch and snacks, and a private, safe space to shower. In the coming months, the facility hopes to add more services such as haircuts and GED classes.

New Member Coffee....You're Invited

New members to WNIM are invited to attend a New Member Coffee on Tuesday, February 13. The purpose of this gathering is to give new members an opportunity to learn about the organization and about the 55 Interest Groups available in Who's New in Madison. It is also an opportunity to meet some board members and other new members and to ask questions.

The Coffee is held at the Fitchburg Community Center at 5510 Lacy Rd. from 10:30 AM until noon.

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.

February Luncheon Reservation Form VIP Asian Cuisine
6722 Odana Road, Madison, WI 53719
Thursday, February 8, 2018

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.

Luncheon Price: \$21.00

Buffet includes Shrimp with Broccoli, General Tso's Chicken, Mongolian Beef, Chicken & Vegetable Fried Rice, Vegetable Lo Mein and Sesame Tofu.

RECYCLE Your Ink Cartridges Please bring your empty ink cartridges to any luncheon. These will help raise money for MINDSET, Inc. Mindset is a non-profit dedicated to mental wellness.

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Keep for Your Records

Paid Date: _____

Check Number: _____

**We need to receive
your reservation by
Friday, January 26th**

Please make check payable to WNIM

Debbie Wallace
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**We must receive your reservation form by
January 26th.** Remember mail moves through
Milwaukee so allow extra time. If will be late,
please contact Debbie, listed above, at
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3540.

The U. W. Odyssey Project

“Humanities make life more colorful.” Emily Auerbach

If you haven't already read the history of how The Odyssey Project got started, you should. The story is inspirational. “Emily Auerbach didn't want to teach another humdrum workshop of life skills or resume-building. She wanted her students to learn about history. They'd learn creative writing and they'd learn about different styles of music. They'd discuss Plato along with their own philosophies, their own poetry.” In essence she wanted to add color to their lives.

Thank you all for your generous support of The U.W. Odyssey Project so far. The bazaar and the Giving Tree were a wonderful success. The look on the faces of the Odyssey Project staff when they came to collect the Giving Tree gifts was full of awe. They thanked us over and over. Plus we were able to give them a check for over \$1,800 (proceeds from the bazaar). Amazing! Thank you again.

Coming Up

January 24: Every Wednesday evening from September to May dinner is served to the students and faculty of the U.W. Odyssey Project. This also includes the children in the Odyssey Junior program. On January 24 the Who's New Service Committee needs your help in preparing a meal for the 50 children in the Odyssey Junior program.

The menu includes sloppy joes, relish trays, chips, desserts and milk. You will be able to use your own sloppy joe recipe and we will simply combine them. If you decide to donate a dessert, please do not use coconut or nuts due to food allergies. Here is how you can help:

1. Contact Diane at 608-837-3080 or dutch5@charter.net to sign up.
2. Donate money and we will shop for the items needed. (I hear that Costco has nice relish trays for a great price!)

February 8: The monthly donation for The Odyssey Project at our February luncheon is snack foods. Snacks that they use the most include:

Juice boxes	Fig Newtons	Fruit snacks and fruit strips
Peanut butter crackers	Cheese crackers	Apple/other fruit squeeze pouches
Chewy granola bars	Raisin boxes	

April 18: Mah Jong Tournament!! Details will be forthcoming.



Thank you SO much to Who's New in Madison for making the holidays bright for 83 children from the UW Odyssey Project!



"RJ absolutely loved the Christmas gifts: Hat and gloves, pajamas and in particular the dinosaur puzzles. When he unwrapped it, he said loudly 'YES' and gave two thumbs up! He was so excited to share his completed puzzle he told me 'let's take it in the hallway' with other completed puzzles the residents in my apartment building work on and leave for everyone's enjoyment."



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!

New Interest Groups

Single Women: Thanks Marilyn Schumacher, Cathy River and Sean Wellman for volunteering to “tri-lead” the new Single Women IG!! Contact any of them by email to get on the distribution list and/or to help with ideas for activities and events.

Pickleball: It's getting started! Contact Debbie Wise at dwise52@charter.net for more information.

Make New Friends: Meets the 1st Monday and 3rd Thursday from 9-10:30 at various Madison area coffee shops. Fun to chat and get to know others in a small/informal group setting. Contact Kathy Nelson (katnels59@gmail.com) to get on the distribution list for the next place we meet (Jan 18).

Travel Adventures: Will meet January 25 at 10am at Truvalu Coffee, 300 S Main in Verona. Contact Judy Ranney (jranney@tds.net) to get on the distribution list or for more info. This group will share destination ideas, hear about each others trips, share travel tips and connect new travel companions.

Learning Bridge: Starting late January, led by Sue Ciurezak. Contact Sue at sjvaciurczak@gmail.com to get on the distribution list for dates/time/place. Let her know if you've ever played or are a “true beginner”.

Subs Wanted

Mah Jongg: Meets Tuesday at 12:30pm. Contact Marilyn Schumacher at mmmss1st@aol.com.

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 katnels59@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.

Welcome All



*Friday, February 16th, 7:00 PM
Not Just Wine & Cheese*

14 Saint Andrews Circle
Madison, WI 53717

Hosted by Debbie and Steve Wise
RSVP - Dwise52@charter.net
or phone: 662-0483

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.

Who's New Board Members 2017 - 2018

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