

January 2018 Newsletter

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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any questions or concerns
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President's Corner by Peg O'Donoghue

The holiday season is here and I wish you and yours a joyous new year filled with peace and fond memories. My New Year's resolutions are pretty simple- as my travel allows I am going to put renewed energy into engaging more fully in WNIM activities and to cut down on my consumption of social media. I figure that should improve my mood on most days. I feel fortunate to be part of a group that recognizes the need to be involved with other people with the goal of having fun together. I hope you have found an interest group(s) that aligns with your interests and if not, keep trying or form a new group.

December is the month to appoint the Nominating Committee. The following members have graciously agreed to serve: Pat Eaton, Nancy Gunder, Kathy Nelson, Cindy Strohm, Debbie Wise and me serving in an ex officio capacity. Please contact me if you are willing to serve. Please reach out to these members and consider nominating yourself and/or others to serve on the board. I fear that too often service on a board is stated in the negative. I can say that my service on this board has been personally fulfilling and assisted me in my assimilation into the greater Madison area. I've met many fine women, learned more about the history of the organization and the current roster of activities we offer, and feel like I am paying back somewhat for the good I have received.

We continue our effort to identify an outside vendor for the website project. We now have a better idea of the direction we are headed but value feedback and questions from you. After the January and February luncheons, Kathy Nelson and I will stay and receive input on the project. Additionally, interest group chairs will be given an opportunity to let us know what they need for the smooth functioning of their groups. The goals of the project are to improve communications and administration of the organization for the benefit of our members. Stay tuned.

In the spirit of the season, give generously, be playful, and extend yourself through friendship.

Program and Luncheon Committee News and Information

Come join the fun at our January luncheon. The January 11th event begins at 11 a.m. We will be at Liliana's, a New Orleans style restaurant that focuses on local, organic foods.

Our speaker this month is Winnie Karanja. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Maydm, an organization focused on equipping girls and students of color with the technical skills and experiences to become innovators and technology leaders. Maydm("made by them") provides workshops and after school and summer programs for students in grades 3-12. With a background in education, technology and workforce development, Winnie has worked on national data projects, led economic development initiatives and is committed to equipping youth in utilizing and understanding the power of technology to fuel their dreams. To learn more about Maydm, go to <https://maydm.org>



January Luncheon

Thursday, January 11, 2018

11:00 AM Cocktails

12:00 Noon Luncheon

Liliana's

2951 Triverton Pike Drive

Fitchburg, WI 53711

First Course-CHOOSE ONE

House salad: field greens, carrots, radish with creole dressing

OR

Tomato bisque: roasted tomato, mirepoix and cream, puréed and topped with creme fraiche and olive oil

Main course - CHOOSE ONE

Chicken salad Po'boy: (gluten free option). Chicken, bacon, Dijon aioli, lettuce, tomato, red onion on a grilled baguette

OR

Shrimp Po'boy: (gluten free option available) fried shrimp, greens, tomato, mayo, crystal hot sauce on grilled baguette

OR

Vegan Po'boy: (gluten free option) blackened sriram, caramelized onion, lettuce, tomato on a baguette

Dessert:

Beignets: deep fried brioche dough topped with powder sugar
Hot tea, coffee and water

Price: \$25.00

January Luncheon Reservation Form **Liliana's**
Thursday, January 11, 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: \$25.00

House Salad **OR** _____
Tomato Bisque _____

AND CHOOSE

Chicken Salad Po'boy _____
Shrimp Po'boy _____
Vegan Po'boy _____

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.

January Luncheon
Thursday, January 11th, 2018
11:00 AM Cocktails
12 Noon Luncheon

Keep for Your Records

Paid Date: _____

Check Number: _____

Luncheon Choice: _____

**We need to receive
your reservation by
Wednesday, December 27th**

Please make check payable to WNIM

Belinda Wilson
5240 Bishops Bay Parkway, Apt 307
Middleton, WI 53597

**We must receive your reservation form by
December 27th.** Remember mail moves through Milwaukee so allow extra time. If will be late, please contact Belinda, listed above, at bindybwilson@gmail.com or 507-327-3207.

Feeding the Children of the U.W. Odyssey Project

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.

Diane Wiersema has put together a chart of the items we need (see page). Here is how you can help:

1. Sign up at the January 11th luncheon.

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



You will be given instructions on where and when to drop off your donations at the time you sign up to help. Plus, you will receive an email reminder one week before the dinner. Thank you for helping us feed these hungry children!
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Dear Who's New in Madison,

We want to thank you for your incredible generosity and support this year! The donated snacks help make sure that adult students and their children are ready to work during weekly tutoring sessions. Paper goods and napkins help us to feed over 90 people every Wednesday night, and the plastic containers make it easy for leftover food to be taken home and enjoyed by families the next day. Thank you to all who were able to contribute financially as part of Who's New's Fall Hike as well! Our students benefit so much from Odyssey. For example, Dominique Christian, Odyssey Class of '09, earned her Associate's Degree from Madison College earlier this year and is now pursuing her bachelor's degree at UW-Whitewater. Each week she brings her children to Odyssey Junior so that she can work on her course assignments, and she also attends weekly tutoring sessions as well. Dominique shares: "Odyssey has taught me to think strong even when I feel weak, prepare for the worst but also be ready for achievement. It is the trials that we go through in life that makes the tribulations worth living through." Who's New is making a real difference in the lives of families like Dominique's—thank you! To be added to the Odyssey Project's e-mail list, please contact Colleen Johnson at colleen.johnson@wisc.edu.

Colleen Johnson, AICP, Director of Development and Community Partnerships
Overcoming adversity and achieving dreams through higher education

Wednesday, January 24th, 2018 Dinner for UW Odyssey Project

Be sure to include the following so we can contact you as needed.

Name

Email address

Phone #

Main dish - sloppy joes 3# each

(Use your own recipe - we'll combine them!)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Relish trays w/ ranch dip - carrots, celery, cauliflower, cucumbers, & tomatoes

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Potato chips - 8 bags (2 bags per donator, please)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

2% white milk - 5 gallons

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Sandwich buns - 6 dozen (2 dozen per donator, please)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Desserts: cookies & bars - 8 dozen (2½ dozen per donator, please)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Fresh fruit - apples, bananas, or mandarin/cuties (like oranges)

(Sign up only if all the other slots are filled-this is an extra for evening snack or to take home for the next day)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Please contact Diane Wiersema to sign up or if you have any questions:
dutch5@charter.net, 608/837-3080 (home) or 608/235-6321 (cell)

TRIVIA CONTEST

Making a Difference with The U.W. Odyssey Project

How much “trivia” do you have stored away?
Test your trivia knowledge and challenge your friends and fellow WNIM members to a friendly team competition at our first “TeamTrivia” fundraiser.



WNIM ‘s Service Committee is arranging a fun and challenging fundraiser to assist the efforts of the “UW Odyssey Project”. We all enjoy a little team competition especially if it tests our memory, so let’s get together and have some fun! We will arrange for teams of no more than 6 people when you arrive, or you can bring your own team. Think of a clever team name and bring your spouse, partner, or friend for an entertaining Sunday afternoon.



When: Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Where: The Nitty Gritty in Middleton - 1021 N. Gammon Rd. 833-6489
Event fee: \$25.00 per person. Appetizers will be provided,
you can purchase drinks at the bar.



America’s Pub Quiz deejay will be our emcee and score keeper. They are a professional organization that provides trivia team events and fundraisers throughout Madison. There will be 20 questions from a variety of categories, with a halfway question and a final challenge question to keep everyone guessing and in the game. Each question is separated by a song during which time you deliberate your answer. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams!

Registration is due by the January 11th, our luncheon date, to help us determine the interest level. We would like at least 50 people to make the event a success, more are welcome.

As one lovable TV beatnik might have said “Be there or be square”! Who was this? ***



(Keep top form for your records.) Check #: _____ Paid date: _____

WNIM Team Trivia Registration Form

Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 2 -5 pm

The Nitty Gritty in Middleton

Your name: _____

Phone: _____

Guest name: _____

Guest name: _____

Please mail the registration form and your check made out to “Who’s New in Madison” (WNIM) to the following service committee member:

Patti Bavlnka, 640 Eddington Drive, Sun Prairie, Wi 53590
(608) 825-2292 pbavlnka@gmail.com

Meet Member Gail Green

From Action to Words

by Pat Eaton

Except for a brief stint in California, Gail Green has spent most of her life here in the Midwest. Born in Elmhurst, Illinois, she grew up in Rolling Meadows, now a bedroom community of Chicago but quite rural then. She occupied the “power position” among her siblings, the oldest of four with three younger brothers. She was the first of her family to attend college, Washington University in St. Louis with a major in Computer Science and a minor in Art History.

She was recruited by the School of Engineering and worked at the university’s biomedical computer lab. She applied to Varian Associates in Palo Alto CA (Silicon Valley) and was hired, programming one of the first whole body CAT scanners.

But the Midwest called and soon she was back with a science related job at Digital Equipment Corporation consulting for them at Abbott Labs among others. Gail met her husband Bob while consulting at Abbott. Three months later they were married. When the first of their



two children was born, Gail started making career choices based on their compatibility with parenthood. This included part-time work during the toddler years and eventually going back to school to get a masters in Teaching. Weekends and evenings were busy with soccer - both children played.

On their 10th wedding anniversary the children’s grandparents offered to have the children for the weekend at their home in Lake Bluff. Two hours door to door brought them to Madison. They enjoyed that weekend so much that they returned frequently. Madison was their getaway. “We could live here” they decided and bought a condo which eventually became their retirement home in 2015.

Prior to retirement Gail taught Junior HS for 17 years. She taught science for most of those years, but then became a STEM teacher three years before retirement. She worked with robots as an introduction to engineering and computer modeling. She says she “had come full circle” and that it “was a nice way to go out”.

Bob and Gail retired here in 2015. They are bikers and really enjoy live music, both very popular in Madison. They take advantage of bike trails and music venues. Since their pre-retirement times in Madison were primarily “date nights,” they really didn’t know anyone.

Using MeetUp, Gail attended a Bakery Hop, where a WN member alerted her to the biking group in WN. She signed up just as the bike group was organizing for its annual outing and the rest is history. Like so many members Gail has found much to enjoy and many friends in WN. Aside from biking and occasional hikes, she is the co-chair of the Lunch Bunch, (Continued on page 8)

(Gail Green, continued from page 7)

plays Couples Euchre, attends Diversity in Madison and is on the Board as the Programs Chair.

And Gail is very active outside of WN. 2017 is her “year of the yes” and for starters she and Bob traveled to Bavaria to bike and spent 3 weeks in New Zealand hiking. This on top of smaller 2017 trips, when she went to Washington DC for the Women’s March and Boca Raton Nature Center to observe the turtle hatchlings journey to the sea. She has been back to

DC and to Memphis and Texas. Back in Madison Gail maintains a very busy schedule.

She is very active in PLATO and her neighborhood development committee and volunteers at the Literacy Network and Science Fest. She had a volunteer job at the Boys and Girls Club while taking a PLATO class on Racial Injustice. She was assigned to their first STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program. There she worked on the Maydm Program with Winnie Karajana, who will be our January luncheon speaker.

While serving on her neighborhood development committee, Gail learned about the BEACON, the day shelter for the homeless. Her involvement there led her to bring Judith Metzger and Caitilin Kyle, operations managers, to be our February luncheon speakers.

Gail’s activities turned into words for WN luncheons, bringing awareness of her beloved Madison community to all of us.

Thanks Gail!

Welcome All



Friday, January 19th, 7:00 PM
Not Just Wine & Cheese

**The Oaks Common Room at
Oakwood Village University Woods
6225 Mineral Point Road
Madison, WI**

**Hosted by Helen and Chuck Read hosting
RSVP - helen.f.read@gmail.com
or phone: 238-6137**

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!

Ladies of the Garden

The Ladies have had busy fall. In September we met and decided our events and programs for the year and it is one our must diverse and exciting. In October we had wonderful program from Master Gardener Art De Smet on "Putting Your Garden to Bed for the Winter". Our November/December meeting is our 9th Annual Holiday Workshop (see picture). A fun to time to meet members and enjoy creating a holiday centerpiece, front door arrangement, or wreath. We always enjoy a pot luck with everyone bringing something to share. Eugenia creates a centerpiece for the December luncheon and they have been well received in the past.



If you are interested in gardening, going to gardens, and meeting wonderful people contact Eugenia, egbeecher@gmail.com to get more information. We do generally meet on the 3rd. Tuesday of the month at 10 am. Some programs up coming, January making a Valentine lavender candle in a porcelain tea cup, May our annual Greenhouse trip (new ones every year) and August will find us on a road trip to the Paine Art Gallery and Gardens in Oshkosh, WI just to give you some highlights.

New Interest Groups "Trying to Form"

Singles: (Last Call) For a co-leader for the "Singles" Interest Group. There are 18 signed up but we need another co-leader to start this group. Contact katnels59@gmail.com to volunteer with another "single"!

Members Wanted

Pickleball: Contact Debbie Wise (dwise52@charter.net) if you are interested. Newbies and experienced welcome! Once interest is assessed, group will meet to define places/dates/times/costs.

Subs Needed for Mah Jongg: Meets Tuesday at 12:30pm. Contact Marilyn Schumacher at mmms-s1st@aol.com.

Make New Friends: Meets 1st Monday and 3rd Thursday mornings at 9am at area coffee shops for fellowship. Contact Kathy Nelson at katnels59@gmail.com or Debbie Wallace at deborah_wallace@bellsouth.net to get on the distribution list.

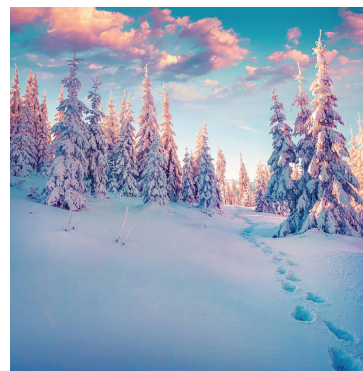
Travel Adventures: Thanks Judy Ranney, Kathy Millard, Suzanne Beauchamp for starting this new IG!! Contact one of these ladies to learn more and get on the distribution list for activities!

Film Discussion II: Open to all, meets 2nd Friday nat Great Dane in Hilddale for lunch and discussion. Works like a book club, Watch the monthly film independently and then meet to discuss. Next session January 12 to discuss "Breaker Morant" (rentable at libraries). Contact AnnMarie Preece at lastgiffin@att.net to get on the distribution list.

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.

Board Meeting Summary

The WNIM Board met on November 7 and spent considerable time discussing two proposals from vendors for website redesign and maintenance. The board voted to approve earmarking up to \$5000 for this purpose from reserves and budget savings to allow further negotiations with Accent Graphix, a local, woman-owned business. A project team will be appointed. A bylaws review subcommittee was formed and participation on the Nominating Committee was requested. Women in attendance at the luncheons will be reminded to be courteous to speakers by refraining from talking while being addressed.



Who's New Board Members 2017 - 2018

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