

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

President's Corner *by Kathy Nelson*

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On behalf of our new WNIM Board, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing officers, committee leads and committee members from 2017/2018. Special thanks goes out to Peg O'Donoghue and Laurel Mineard who, upon Kim Lund's (incoming President) relocation, took on new roles as President and Treasurer, respectively, for our club. Both did an outstanding job of jumping into their roles, leading us to a very successful year with new ideas and strategic direction. And, thanks to Nancy Gunder, outgoing Past President, for her insightful leadership during the year. Peg will transition to Past President, continuing to serve on the 2018/2019 Board of Directors. The Executive Board will include Ann Crabb (transitioning from Hostess committee lead to Treasurer), Paula Primm (transitioning from Secretary to Vice President), Betty Cohen elected to Secretary and myself, transitioning from VP to President. We are so happy to have leadership continuation from the past year for all of our committee leads, with Deb Snyder added as Hostess committee lead. Thank you to all of these wonderful ladies for volunteering their time, leadership and dedication, again for 2018/2019.

Your Board spent the morning of May 15 on-boarding new committee members and beginning to plan out our 2018/2019 year. There will be plenty of opportunities for our general membership to get involved in our events, so I encourage you to raise your hand and/or say yes as we solicit for help throughout the year. It's never too early or too late to get involved with WNIM.

Please take the time to read this newsletter as it contains pertinent information on summer events as well as changes to our renewal process that we anticipate happening in August. Our club is 572 members strong with 59 Interest Groups for you to participate in. I've learned how much it takes to keep this club running...insurance, financials, scheduling, websites, monthly luncheon planning and execution, newsletter publication, program coordination, service project fund-raising,

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Interest Groups at a Glance

We have over 55 active 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 Paula Primm and she can help you get started!

Non Fiction Book Group: 3rd Tuesday, has openings for new members. Contact Jan Blakeslee at janhb39@gmail.com for the booklist (8 month) and to sign up!!

Not Just Wine and Cheese is seeking a leader/co-leaders/tri-leaders for the 2018/2019 year. Responsible for finding a volunteer host house and getting the supply of paper products and glasses to that house for the evening, as well as getting the notice in the newsletter. Contact Debbie Wise dwise52@charter.net for more info. Debbie will also “guide” the new leaders.

NOTE: If we do not identify a new leader, our last Not Just Wine and Cheese event will be May 18, 2018.

Golf Subs Needed For This Season. We play Thursday mornings at Glenway in Madison, May-August. Subs are needed most weeks with no long term commitments. Play if you are available when called. Please contact Kelly-Anne Robert karobert@charter.net to sign up to sub.

A listing of all of our Interest Groups with more information can be found on our website, in your directory or in the Interest Group listing that is sent out 2x a year (most recent in February). Questions? Contact the Interest Group Chair(s) or VP Paula Primm at See [Interest Groups](#) to access website.

Thank You from WNIM Service Project Committee

Who's New hosted a Mahjong Tournament on a very snowy April 18th at the Eastside Business Club. This was a social and fundraiser for The UW Odyssey Project. Thanks to the tournament participants, we were able to raise \$1400.

Who's New was selected to receive the 2018 'Friend of the UW Odyssey Project' Award presented at their Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, May 2nd at the Memorial Union's Great Hall. Each year they select an individual or organization to recognize for exceptional contributions to their program.

As Emily Auerbach, English professor and Director of the Odyssey Project stated, "Who's New definitely jumped out as the right choice this year! Your organization has warmly embraced our program and has found such meaningful ways each month to support us." Our organization donated non-perishable snacks, food storage and paper products, shopped for over 80 children from newborns to 18 as part of The Giving Tree, served dinner to 75+ students and their children, purchased school supplies for graduation gift bags, and raised cash donations through the Fall Hike, Holiday Bazaar, Mahjong Tournament, and the campaign, May Plant the Future, that helped support Odyssey Project's programs.



WNIM President, Peg O'Donoghue, and attending members receive Friends of UW Odessey Project award.

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welcoming our new members, administration of our membership directory data, keeping our archives, coordinating each of our 59 interest groups and the list goes on. All of this happens through VOLUNTEERISM!!

I wish all of you a happy and safe summer doing what Wisconsinites do during the summer. Stay involved in our Interest Groups and activities which truly are the heart and soul of our organization. I look forward to seeing you at our September 13 luncheon, where we will highlight our Interest Groups.

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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.

Who's New in Madison has experienced substantial growth over the past few years. That's wonderful for any organization, however, now that we have over 560 members, we are increasingly finding it difficult for our volunteers to handle some of the tasks involved to keep everything running smoothly. A special subcommittee of the board has been researching how we can use online tools for payments and the registration of members, as well as a more interactive website for our members. Your Board of Directors' goals are to make our website user-friendly, informative, safe, and to decrease the burden on our volunteers and has approved some changes to achieve these goals through a new redesigned website.



Announcing....

The 5 “W’s” of Who’s New Website Redesign

What you will have to do:

- Each member will have to register one time with a self-created user id and password. Your user id and password will be how you access the website.

What changes will mean for you:

- Membership renewal and luncheon reservations will only be done through the website and payments can be made only by debit or credit cards. You will not incur any additional fees nor will we store your payment information.

What won’t change:

- Our website will provide easy access to events, interest groups & chairs, photos, newsletters, and service project information.
- Interest groups will communicate with their members as they do now (ie: group emails, phone calls, sign up genius), but will have the option to reach out through the web site.

What help you can count on:

- The board is committed to helping with registering & using the website and will send communications with detailed information about how to do so.
- We will set up group demonstration sessions.
- We will make sure there are members from the special interest groups able to help.
- We will have ‘tech buddies’ ready to provide extra personal assistance.

What the time line will be:

- We expect to start using the new website this August for membership renewals and the September luncheon reservation.

Current Bulletins

Not Just Wine and Cheese

We need a leader/co-leader/tri-leaders for the 2018-2019 year. We need one or two members to be responsible for finding a volunteer host house and getting supplies (plastic and paper provided by WNIM) to that house for the evening.

NOTE: If we do not identify a new leader, our last *Not Just Wine and Cheese* event will be May 18, 2018. Contact Debbie dwise52@charter.net for more info. Debbie will also help "guide" you as leader.

Weekend Biking

The Weekend Biking group is getting geared up for the 2018 season. Our goal is to bike once a month, every third Sunday, starting May 20th - as long as weather permits. We had to cancel our April ride because of nasty weather - so we are off to a late start this year.

This group is open to all Who's New members and spouses/partners. You can bike as a single or bring a partner. We welcome people of all biking skill levels.

If you wish to join, please email either Debbie Wise (dwise52@charter.net) or Kathy Dannemiller (kdannemiller@tds.net); and we will add you to the mailing list.

Details of the May 20th bike ride will be emailed to Weekend Biking members soon. So, get those bikes tuned up and ready to go!

Legacy Committee

Who's New is forming a Legacy Committee. It will a temporary group that will meet a few times to cull through the club's 80+ years of photos, records, etc. and determine what should be saved and how it should be retained.

If you are interested in lending a hand, contact WNIM Archivist, Carol Carnine at carolcar9@yahoo.com.

New Member Cocktail Party

We are having a New Member Cocktail Party Wednesday, June 20 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at Kathy Condit's home at 4101 Monona Dr., Unit 301.

It's an opportunity to meet other new members and some board members. A chance to learn about the organization, the many and varied Interest Groups and other activities available in Who's New in Madison.

We will be sending out an email invitation to the new members soon. Please contact Kathy Condit at 241-2666 if we missed you and you are interested in attending.

HELP WANTED - To ensure the privacy of members' personal data

Who's New will collect and shred old directories. We are looking for a volunteer to do the following:

- Put out a box to collect old WNIM directories at the September, October, and November luncheons.
- Store them until you or a board member can bring them to a community shredding event.

Contact Gail Green, gailkgreen@gmail.com, 608-509-6214.

Meet a Member

Sue Spitz

Sees Madison as a Platform for Change

Sue Spitz grew up in the North Shore communities of Chicago. She attended UW Madison majoring in English and Spanish. She met her husband, Mike, who worked as a waiter in her dorm. Following graduation they joined the Peace Corps and spent two years in Turkey.

That whetted Sue's desire to travel. She combined her trips and the family's moves with learning and volunteer work. They traveled to Africa to observe wildlife on safaris, Guatemala, Mexico, Australia and Tasmania. Mike bought a car in Germany and they spent weeks traveling throughout Europe.

They lived in Glencoe, Northbrook and Evanston, Illinois, where they started their family, three sons and a daughter. They moved to the Verona area in 1994. Mike started a printing business in Mazomanie. Sue spent their years there as Personnel Manager. After 14 years they moved to Chicago for a year and on to Door County. From 2007 to 2016 Sue was involved in a variety of jobs and volunteer work in Door County. She was a teacher's aide in Sturgeon

Bay teaching ELL. And she taught English through group conversation with Spanish speaking partners. She volunteered at Ridges Sanctuary, a wildlife area, and baked pies at Sweetie Pies in Fish Creek where.

Sue moved to Madison in 2016 and was introduced to Who's New by Dottie Schoenke. Her membership created a host of new friends and opportunities in the Madison area. She hiked, joined the Memoir Writing Group, Diversity in Madison and plays Pickleball.

It was at a Diversity in Madison meeting that she heard Tami Fleming speak. Tami is now the Director of Volunteers at the Beacon Homeless Day Shelter. Sue responded to a call for volunteers at the shelter and on the following Sunday she and Mike showed up to offer their help. Sue says it was a revelation to observe so many in need of the very basic necessities of life. The first day she was assigned to the showers where she handed out towels, soaps and personal care items, sent clothes to the laundry and had a chance to converse with the neediest of our city.

Sue and Mike were hooked. She now serves as a Volunteer Coach and Mike drives the Beacon Van and is "the kitchen's classiest dish washer". Sue's enthusiasm has sparked interest among her WN friends. Many of whom are now volunteers at Beacon. Sue says volunteers are needed for all jobs, especially those that work with families where she sees mothers overwhelmed by life and children who spend nights at shelters. At the same time that Sue sees desperation she also experiences hope due to the Beacon's services. If you are interested in more information, Sue asks that you contact her directly at suespitz43@gmail.com.



In addition to her work at the Beacon, Sue also shares a passion for reading, cooking and learning Spanish. But most of all she sees Madison as a platform for change.



Overture
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Who's New members and their guests are invited to purchase tickets for a variety of Overture Center performances at reduced Group Ticket prices. By purchasing as a group we have priority seating before tickets go on sale to the general public.

Notice: The Overture Center has indicated that group tickets will not be available for Hamilton in the 2019-2020 season. If you want guaranteed seats for Hamilton you should purchase the Broadway Series tickets yourself to assure that you will get Hamilton tickets.

Ticket purchases must be received by June 28, 2018. Checks should be payable to **Debbie Wise and sent to 14 Saint Andrews Circle, Madison, WI 53717**. Include a self-addressed stamped envelop with your order. Only one envelope is needed for your entire order. Tickets will be mailed to you in late July or early August. Feel free to pass this along to any Who's New members you feel would be interested. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Debbie

Broadway Shows

All tickets, \$70.50, which is about a 30% discount.
All shows, Sundays - 6:30pm - Seats will be in the Circle Level

Something Rotten - October 14
School of Rock - November 25
Finding Neverland - January 13
King and I - March 3

Miss Saigon - April 7
A Bronx Tale - May 19
Anastasia - August 4

Overture Presents Shows

All seats on the main level or upper orchestra -These tickets are at a 10% discount.

Whitney Houston - Friday, August 10th - 7:30 pm - Overture Hall \$49.50
Who's Live Anyway - Thursday, October 4th - 7:30pm - Overture Hall \$ 49.50
Simon and Garfunkel - Saturday, November 3rd - 2:00 pm - Capital Theater \$54.50
Wild Kratts Live - Saturday, November 10th - 4:30 pm - Capital Theater \$43.50
Second City - Saturday, December 1st - 8:00 pm - Capital Theater \$40.50
Abba Mania - Saturday, February 2nd - 8:00 pm - Overture Hall \$49.50
Rock of Ages - Thursday, February 7th - 7:30 pm - Overture Hall \$76.50
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