

March 2018 Newsletter

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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Have trouble with member
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President's Corner by Peg O'Donoghue

It's a busy time for the board. We have a few initiatives in process and we are making progress. We are actively working on the website redesign, identifying interested members to fill officer and committee chair positions for next year, and reviewing the bylaws. I feel fortunate to work with such an enthusiastic, talented, and forward-thinking group.

We are getting closer to contracting with a vendor for the website redesign and maintenance project. We hope to be meeting with the likely vendor within the next two weeks.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for its work on producing a slate of officers to be presented to the board at the February meeting and the general membership in March. At this point it looks like we will have all committee chairs identified for next year. Hard to believe we are really at this point in the year talking about next year!

We are about halfway through the bylaws review and expect to bring changes to the board in March. The review has been an effort to look at every line in the bylaws and match the provisions with current practice or where we think we are headed. Part of positioning the club for the future is making sure the bylaws aid the management of the organization and are kept current.

Finally, I want to give special recognition to the work performed by the Service Project Committee. The committee has proposed new ways of engaging with our chosen service project this year and succeeded in aligning our actions with the needs of the UW Odyssey Project. As a result, Who's New has been chosen by the UW Odyssey Project to receive the 2018 "Friend of the Odyssey Project" Award at the May 2 graduation ceremony. The committee has shown initiative in trying new ways for our organization to do good, e.g., proposing new fundraising opportunities, cooking a meal for the participants, collecting ink cartridges at the luncheons, etc. I appreciate the committee's efforts and its leadership in combining philanthropy with fun and purpose.

Wherever you are at this time of year, I hope you are soaking up the sunshine. Be well!

Progam and Luncheon

We will be heading to Buck and Honey's in Sun Prairie for the March luncheon. Not only can we expect to enjoy a delicious meal, our speaker for that day will be former Gov. Martin Schreiber. He served our state as Lieutenant Governor from 1971 until 1977, when he succeeded Gov. Patrick Lucey who resigned to become the U.S. ambassador to Mexico. After leaving public office, Gov. Schreiber became vice president of Sentry Insurance, and later opened his own public affairs consulting firm and became a successful lobbyist. Despite all his many accomplishments, his greatest challenge was yet to come.



Our event will be part of Gov. Schreiber's new campaign to support Alzheimer's caregivers. He will share lessons from his decade-plus journey as a caregiver for his wife, Elaine, who lives with the disease. Gov. Schreiber will candidly describe his challenges and missteps, and highlight how compassion and humor provide comfort to both caregiver and the person with dementia. His raw honesty and practical advice will inspire other caregivers to find patience, courage and love as they climb the Alzheimer's mountain. Gov. Schreiber's acclaimed book, *My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping, and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver*, will be available for purchase for \$15. Net proceeds will be used to promote Alzheimer's caregiver support programs.

To learn more, visit his website www.mytwoelaines.com and follow him on Facebook and Twitter @MyTwoElaines.

March Luncheon

Note: This luncheon is limited to 70 members.

Thursday, March 8th, *Buck and Honey's*, 804 Liberty Blvd, Sun Prairie, WI

11:00 AM Cocktails

12:00 Noon Luncheon

Italian side salad served prior to the entree

Florentine Quiche (vegetarian)

Homemade quiche with spinach, provolone cheese and mushrooms served with fresh fruit

Spanky's Meatloaf

Homemade meatloaf drizzled with a veal glaze, served over a bed of garlic mashed potatoes and grilled vegetables. Topped with grilled onion strings.

Smothered Chicken (gluten free)

BBQ sauce, provolone cheese, mushrooms, onions and garlic served over a grilled chicken breast. Served with roasted red potatoes

Each guest will receive a homemade brownie and ice cream

Hot tea, coffee and water

Price: \$21.00

March Luncheon Reservation Form

Buck & Honey's Restaurant

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Note: This luncheon is limited to 70 members.

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

Florentine Quiche _____

Spanky's Meatloaf _____

Smothered Chicken _____

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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12 Noon Luncheon

Keep for Your Records

Paid Date: _____

Check Number: _____

**We need to receive
your reservation by
Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

Please make check payable to WNIM

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

**We must receive your reservation form
by February 28th.** This luncheon is limited to 70 members. Remember mail moves through Milwaukee so allow extra time. If will be late, please contact Belinda, listed above, at bindywilson@gmail.com or at 507-327-3207.

Service Committee News

Congratulations Who's New!

Please read the letter below that was written to the Service Committee co-chair Diane Wiersema from Emily Auerbach of the U.W. Odyssey Project:

Dear Diane,

I am writing to let you know that we have selected Who's New in Madison to receive the 2018 "Friend of the UW Odyssey Project" Award. Each year we select an individual or organization to recognize for exceptional contributions to our program, and Who's New definitely jumped out as the right choice this year! Your organization has warmly embraced our program and has already in one semester found such meaningful ways each month to support us, whether bringing non-perishable snacks or shopping for over 80 children from newborn to 18. It has been remarkable!

Announcement of this award will take place at our May 2 graduation ceremony (Memorial Union, Great Hall; 6:30-8 PM) and will be mentioned in the program for that event, which gets mailed to over 1,000 donors. We hope members of Who's New will attend on May 2 to receive the award (a framed certificate) and be recognized.

Thanks much! Emily

Please come to the graduation on **May 2**! It will provide a wonderful opportunity to see how your support of the UW Odyssey Project has made a difference in people's lives. There will be members of the service committee there to accept the award on behalf of all of us.

Coming Up

March 8: May 2 is Graduation Day for the UW-Odyssey Project students! In March, we are collecting items for the children in Odyssey Junior. These items will be included in 50 gift bags for the Odyssey Junior graduation. Any extras will be used for program supplies. These items below can be purchased anywhere, but in addition to those items, a wish list has been created at Amazon Wish List.

10- count Crayola washable markers	Glue sticks
12-count Crayola colored pencils	Child-safe scissors (pointed or blunt)
24-count Crayola crayons	Construction paper
Journals (no spiral: composition or journal style)	Any kind of UW stickers

April 18: The Mah Jongg tournament will be held from 1PM to 4PM at the East Side Club. See registration form on page

Trivia Contest Canceled: Unfortunately not enough people signed up for us to make a go of this event. Please contact Patti Bavlnka if you have any questions regarding the re-funding of your registration fee.

Who's New Mah Jongg Tournament



Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Sign-in: 12:00

Tournament Play: 12:30 - 4:30 pm

(Three one-hour playing sessions)

\$25 per person registration fee

Foursomes are not required

We play at:

The East Side Club
3735 Monona Drive
Madison WI 53714

All Proceeds Benefit the Odyssey Project

- Prizes awarded to first, second, and last place finishers.
- Must bring your 2018 Mah Jongg card (**be sure to order your 2018 card early**); we will follow the national league rules which will be emailed to you upon registration.
- Door prizes, snacks, and fun, fun, fun!

Mah Jongg Tournament Registration Form

Contact Name _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

Seating options (check one):

____ Please assign me a table ____ I will be playing with:

Name _____ Email _____ Member _____ Guest _____

Name _____ Email _____ Member _____ Guest _____

Name _____ Email _____ Member _____ Guest _____

Name _____ Email _____ Member _____ Guest _____

Please make **checks payable to Who's New** and mail to:

Carole Schaffer
206 Merryturn Road
Madison WI 53714
608-241-8043

All checks must be included with
the Registration Form (s) and received
by April 1, 2018.



For Your Attention

Board Meeting Summary, December 5, 2017

The board met on December 5 and the following members have agreed to serve as a project team for the website redesign: Sue Borel, Kathy Condit, Sally Falk, Barb Foster, Liz Freitick, Sondra Jackson, Kathy Nelson, Peg O'Donoghue and Judy Walahoski. The Nominating Committee has begun its work and the bylaws review will begin in January. Password security remains an issue and will be dealt with when the new website gets launched. For now, the password will not be published in the newsletter and Sue Borel will be the contact for any questions. The board reviewed the goals established at the beginning of the year and felt that we have accomplished them or are making progress.

From the Service Project Committee

Dear WN friends,
Thank you for your contributions for the January 24th dinner we served to the Odyssey Junior Program. Members made or bought food, or donated money for Sloppy Joes & buns, vegetable trays, chips, milk, and cookies & brownies. In addition, fresh fruit and other healthy snacks were purchased for students and their children to take home. We have so many kind and generous members!

Appreciatively,
The Service Project Committee

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!

Look for the updated Interest Group Matrix that lists all of our Interest Groups that will be emailed to all members in February. It has been updated to reflect new groups, changes in dates/times, etc. This matrix is updated and published 2x a year and can also be accessed on the WNIM website.

New Interest Groups

Pickleball: Mondays 12-2pm at Hitters in Middleton. Beginners welcome! Contact Debbie Wise at dwise52@charter.net

Travel Discussion Group: Meeting for casual travel related conversation. 4th Thursday 10am at a local coffee shop. Contact Judy Ranney to get on the distribution list jranney@tds.net

Beginning Bridge: Meets on Fridays with initial meeting, February 9 at 9:00 am to 11 am. Contact chair, Sue Ciurczak, sjvaciuurczak@gmail.com or at 467-2267.

Subs Wanted

Mah Jongg IV: Needs more subs. We meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1pm. Contact Carol Schaefer at [cdscaef@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:cdschaefer@sbcglobal.net)

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 kat-nels59@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, March 16th, 7:00 PM
Not Just Wine & Cheese

2591 Oak View Ct.
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Hosted by Sue and Richard Ciurczak
RSVP - sjvacurczak@gmail.com
or phone: 608-467-2267

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

Who's New Board Members 2017 - 2018

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