

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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President's Corner

by Kathy Nelson

Reasons to Fall in Love with Fall

Call it what you want..."The Harvest", "Autumn", or "Fall"... when the calendar flips to October, there is no doubt that the season has "changed". And for me, fall is all about change. Maybe it's because as a kid, school started year after year as fall started. And I got used to the idea that things would be new in September...from new crayons, pencils, books, school clothes and shoes in elementary/middle and high school to new dorm rooms, classes and groups of friends at University. I've gotten used to the idea that fall was a time for a new beginning.

We "began" our new year in Who's New with our annual meeting last month, with 135 in attendance. And what a great program introducing our 2018/2019 Service Project with Madison Urban Ministry. Our committee has so many great plans for our membership to contribute to the continued success and growth of their programs. Please continue to refer to our monthly newsletter and our Website to stay up to date.

We'll welcome our new members with a coffee on October 30th. Invitations will be sent to ??? women who have joined since May. Our new Website makes it so easy to join for a new member...on-line registration and payment takes just a few minutes. And it makes it so much easier for our membership and hostess committees and treasurer too!!

And October has traditionally been our Who's New in Madison "Style Show" at our monthly luncheon. This year we enjoyed partnering with Land's End, from Dodgeville, Wisconsin, coordinated by our Program Committee, with Marge Kostichka leading this amazing event. Five of our own members were models, showing off three outfits, from sporty, to casual to dress up. How great it was to support a Wisconsin based business, work with amazing Land's End interns (who got some great business experiences) and see a great variety of fashions!

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Program and Luncheon Committee News and Information

The subject of the program for the November luncheon will be the Restorative Justice Project. The Restorative Justice Project (RJP) was created in 1987 to serve victims and survivors in the aftermath of serious crimes. Through its victim-offender dialogue program, RJP offers the opportunity for victim survivors and their relatives to meet with and have questions answered by the individual who committed a crime against them.



Our speaker, Jonathan Scharrer, is the Director of the Restorative Justice Project at the University of Wisconsin Law School's Frank J. Remington Center.

He has extensive experience as a facilitator of victim-offender dialogues in sensitive and serious crimes and as a trainer in a variety of restorative justice practices. Jonathan is active in examining criminal justice policy—with a focus on victim-empowerment and addressing racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

Please join us for an interesting and informative look at an important program for our community. The luncheon will take place at the Porta Bella restaurant, 425 N Frances St, Madison.



**Reservations due by
Midnight Monday, October 22nd
Go to <https://whosnew.org>
to register**

November Luncheon

November 8, 2018

11:00 AM Cocktails, 12:00 Noon Luncheon

Portabella Restaurant

425 North Frances Street, Madison WI
6080 256-3186

Entrée – choose from 3 options:

Manicotti stuffed with spinach, Mozzarella, Ricotta and Parmesan cheeses; topped with cheese and tomato sauce
Mediterranean salad, Bread and butter
Price: \$24

Pasta Siciliano Fettuccine with tomato sauce of sausage, mushrooms, green peppers, and onions
Mediterranean salad, Bread and butter
Price: \$24

Garibaldi Sandwich
Layers of ham, salami, spicy cheese, tomatoes and peppers
Mediterranean salad, Bread and butter
Price: \$23

Beverages:
Complimentary Coffee, Tea, Sodas

Dessert:
Petite chocolate chip
stuffed cannoli
(gluten free alternative available)

Parking available on the street or in Francis Street Parking Ramp across the street.

CARPOOLING IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

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There is so much to participate in during our fall months...check out our Interest Group tabs on-line and sign up for whatever your calendar permits. Or, start a new Interest Group...I assure you that there are members who will join in. What a great time of year to maybe "change it up" a bit and explore new opportunities that our club and members offer.

I'll close with my personal reasons to "fall in love with fall"...something I thought about on a hike with my husband on the first day of fall on the Ice Age Trail:



Announcements

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:
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Please watch your USPS mailbox for the delivery of the 2018-19 **Membership Directory**. There will be a box for recycling of old directories at the November luncheon. It will be located at the luncheon check-in desk. If you are not attending the luncheon, please remember to shred your old directory in order to protect every member's personal data.

Meeting Highlights

Board of Directors Meeting Update – October 2nd

- A document retention committee, headed by Carol Carnine, has begun the task of collecting, cataloging, and saving WNIM historical documents. With 83 years of history, this group will be paring down boxes of paper items, pictures, etc that are scattered into one repository. Watch for more about this project and thanks to the committee!!
- The 2018 financial audit was completed and the audit passed.
- We will maintain a WNIM 'GoogleDrive' folder for all business documents from our meetings, including financials, minutes and agendas. This will eliminate paper and be an easily transferable file for future officers/committee leads.
- We have 534 members.
- Our membership directory will be published and mailed in mid October.
- Our new member coffee will be held on Oct 30 with invitations going out to 60.
- Updates received on special events and projects to support Madison Urban Ministry. Watch the newsletter for events!
- Three new Interest Groups have been activated: Men's Bridge, Pokeno and Pickleball 2.

To see the full board meeting minutes, click:
<https://whosnew.org/board-minutes>



Madison-Area Urban Ministry

Just Bakery – About Us!

Just Bakery is an employment training program of Madison-Area Urban Ministry. We were founded in 2013 and have been growing ever since.

Just Bakery utilizes a curriculum developed in collaboration with faculty from Madison College's Baking and Culinary Arts programs. In addition to their coursework, students also receive case management and assistance with job placement and retention, and job coaching. This three month program emphasizes three main component of service training: academic learning, hands-on practice, and customer service.

In the classroom:

- Students take intensive courses in Food Safety, Baker's Math and Science, and Life & Employment Skills. Besides working towards their ServSafe certification (and the Food Manager Certificate included in that), students are taking courses in Nutrition, Restaurant and Hospitality Management, and Controlling Foodservice Costs through the Manage First curriculum.

In the kitchen:

- Students get their hands in the dough and use commercial equipment to produce high quality cookies, breads, pastries, muffins, and much more. They also learn how to take inventory, plan production, package product, and work as a team.

Customer service:

- Just Bakery's products are sold on weekends at local congregations and farmer's markets across the Madison area. Here students have the opportunity to interact directly with customers and proudly represent the Just Bakery program. Our product can also be ordered for individuals and catering events.



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 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
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.

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

- call at (608) 843-9975
- email at justbakery@emum.org

You may also contact Diane Wiersema at dutch5@charter.net or call 608/837-3080.

Kitchen Shower for The Healing House

Donations for November luncheon!



**Suggested items (all items should be new),
but not limited to:**



- Towels, dish clothes, oven mitts, scrubbies, sponges
- Any cooking utensils
- Hand or electric can opener
- Baking pans, mixing bowls, Pyrex dishes
- Measuring cups, teaspoons/tablespoons, spatulas
- Serving/mixing spoons, tongs, ice cream scoop, etc.
- Matching sets of dishes
- Matching glassware sets
- Silverware (sets)
- Paper/plastic plates, bowls, etc.
- Small appliances - new
- Plastic storage containers, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic storage bags, wax paper, paper towels, handi-wipes



Ca\$h donations welcome – we'll shop for you!



Plans are in the works for us to sponsor **The Giving Tree** for our 4th year! Children will be from The Mentoring Connection, a MUM program that supports youth impacted by parental incarceration. Tags will be available for choosing at the November 8th luncheon, or you can contact Diane Wiersema at 608/837-3080 or dutch5@charter.net for more information.

Your Service Project Committee,

Diane Wiersema, Sue Ciurczak, Patti Bavlka, Nicola Davis, & Genevieve Murtaugh

What's New in Interest Groups

Paula Primm, Interest Group Chair

Online Enrollment in Your Existing Interest Groups

We've all figured out how to renew our Who's New memberships for 2018-2019, and those of us who are regular attendees of the monthly luncheons have figured out how to sign up and pay online. Piece of cake! Now that you are comfortable with the new website, I encourage you to take a minute and "sign up" for your regular interest groups online, if you haven't done that already. This isn't mandatory, but your board would really like to use this function to take a snapshot of what's happening on a regular basis within Who's New so that we can make good decisions for the group on your behalf. It can help your group leaders keep their rosters current, too.

Signing Up for New Interest Groups

Are you looking for a new activity or a new interest group? Each interest group within Who's New has its own mini-page listing important information, such as the group leader and her contact information, meeting times

and places, and whether the group is open to new members. When you are looking for a new interest group, you can look at the groups by category, but you can't search for groups that are open. To make it easier for members to find a new group or activity, I have compiled a list of groups that are open to new members or taking names for substitutes. The list has been posted to the website and will be updated regularly.

Another thing to remember when you are looking for a new group is that you need to pay attention to the remarks on the mini-page regarding the status of the group. Right now, the website will let you "sign up" for a closed group. If you accidentally click that button for a closed group, you will get an email from the group leader letting you know that the group is actually full. So please check the list and check the status before you click!

Both of these items - being able to sort the groups by open/closed status and removing the sign-up button from the pages of closed groups - are on our wish list for future website enhancements. So stay tuned!

Recycle

Bring your used, empty ink cartridges to the luncheons. 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 any of the the Service Project committee members -Diane Wiersema, Patti Bavlka, Nicola Davis, Sue Ciurczak, Genevieve Murtaugh.

Forming a New Interest Group

If you would like to start a new group or have an idea for a new group, please let me know (paulalprimm@gmail.com or 404 229-7455). We have over 60 current groups, but there is always room for more. Chances are very good that if you have an interest, other members will, too!

Who's New in Madison Open Interest Groups

Who's New in Madison has over sixty active interest groups (IG's). This is a list of the groups currently taking new members or substitutes, including the name(s) of the leader(s). You can find more information about these groups, including meeting times and places and leader contact information, by logging into your account on our website (whosnew.org), clicking on the Quick Menu button and then Interest Groups.

The information page for each group will tell you if it is open to new members or substitutes. Sign up for a group by clicking the "Sign Up For Group" radio button. The IG leader will get an automated email from you and will respond to you. (A little warning: the system will let you "sign up" for a group that is actually closed, so it is important to pay attention to the status of the group found in the remarks. We're working on a fix for that in the next phase of website 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 or wnim.interest.groups@gmail.com.

Book Groups

Open to New Members

No Guilt Book Club - Kathy Gifford
Evening Book Group - Michelle O'Meara
Nonfiction Book Club 2 - Anne Spurgeon

Bridge Groups

Open to New Members

Women's Marathon Bridge - Cindy Strohm/Nancy Royal
Men's Social Bridge - Steve Cohen

Looking for Substitutes

3rd Monday Afternoon Bridge - Barb Fahey/Claire Levine
Women's Daytime Bridge - Carol Nilles
Couples Marathon Bridge - Carolyn Hager

Games/Cards Groups

Open to New Members

Bunco - Judy Florey
Evening Canasta for Couples - Dee Seyfarth
Pokeno - Judy Robertson

Looking for Substitutes

Couples Euchre - Pam Benish
Couples Euchre II- Barb Foster

Healthy Living Groups *Open to New Members*

Thursday Pickle Ball - Debbie Wise
Women's Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe - Debbie Wise
Women's Bicycling - Debbie Wise
Weekend Biking (Partners too) - Debbie Wise/Kathy Dannemiller
Weekend Hiking (Partners welcome) - Betty Cohen
Superagers Hiking (Partners welcome) - Sally Falk
Rambling Women- Judith Hutchinson
One and Done Walking - Peg O'Donoghue/Barb Foster

Summer Kayaking - Kathy Nelson
Men's Outdoor - Steve Cohen
Ladies Golf - Kelly-Anne Robert
Men's Golf - Steve Nockerts
Wednesday Hikers - Debbie Wise

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Mah Jongg Groups

Open to New Members

Jongg IV - Carole Schaefer

Mah Jongg VIII - Susanne Policano (teaches beginners)

Looking for Substitutes

Mah Jongg II - Judy Konisky

Mah Jongg III - Susan McCoy

Mah Jongg VI - Sandy Schwartz

Mah Jongg IX - Marilyn Schumacher

Other Groups Open to New Members

Who Wants to Go - Sally Falk

Singles Group - Cathy Rivers

Movie Goers - Sharon Neustadt

Make New Friends Morning Coffee - Debbie Wallace & Kathy Nelson

Lunch Bunch - Gail Green

Ladies of the Garden - Eugenia Beecher

Hook, Needle, and Stitch - Judy Florey

Diversity in Madison - Pat Eaton

Couples Night Out - Donna Weihofen, Jan Miller, and Monica Sentoff

Film Group - Ann Marie Preece

Current Issues, Conversation, and Coffee - Judy Konisky

Memoir Writing - Marcia Bradley

Dividend Divas - Susan Passmore



Who's New In Madison

Not Just Wine & Cheese

Friday, November 16, 7:00 PM -9:30 PM

Hosted by Ida Wrenn with Patti and Rob Sander
6422 Keelson Street
Madison, WI 53705

Please RSVP

Ida - irwjune56@gmail.com

608-238-1656

Patti - patti.sander@gmail.com

608-422-5564

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

Cynthia Gramm
Julie Allen
Dee Relyea
Yoko Riesen
Ann Niemeier

Candice Lutz
Laura Stalder
Linda McKamey
Lori Stricker
Roslyn Dwyer

Terry Payne
Mary Bauhs
Susan Rodzak
Marty Slager

✓ Check website directory for more details on new members.

A Startling Start To Diversity In Madison

By Pat Eaton

Four years ago a few WN women were discussing the fact that WN had no members of people of color. We wondered how we could go about recruiting a more diverse membership. At the September luncheon a sign-up sheet headed DIVERSITY IN MADISON was displayed and 15 women signed up. Today that list numbers more than 50.

The last Tuesday of each month was chosen as a meeting date. The Lussier Community Education Center on Gammon Road had meeting rooms and was a central location. At the first meeting we discussed how to reach out to the African American community to invite membership in WN. We discussed mailing letters to be posted in churches with African American members and to contact organizations such as the Urban League.

One of our first guest speakers changed all of that! Tamara Grisby, a young African American woman, newly elected to the Wisconsin Legislature, stood before our group and told us that black women had their own social clubs, church groups and sororities and wouldn't be interested in joining a white women's social club. She pointed out that she had numerous white friends,

worked with, dined with and enjoyed the company of many white women but when she went home.....she went home to her own. Then she told how when she was first voted to the Legislature, she went to the office next to hers to introduce herself to the occupant who said "come on in, don't worry, I'm colorblind". She said if he was truly colorblind he wouldn't have noticed I was black and found no reason to say so.

We looked at one another and the thought in each of our minds was how often have I described myself as colorblind?

Tamara went on to describe what it was like growing up black in Madison, attending Memorial High School and being forbidden to add Martin Luther King's birthday celebration to the daily announcements because it would be offensive. As she continued to speak we were all startled to realize that we had started out wrong. We didn't need to recruit members who were different from us. No, we needed to educate ourselves about the others in our community about whose culture we were unaware.

Thus began our monthly meetings with guests who told of their histories and stories about living in Madison and

opened our eyes to the varieties of lives different than our own. Among those who have generously shared their experiences have been Karen Reece of Justified Anger; a Muslim woman and an Imam; Tami Fleming who started Friends of the State Street Family and, now is volunteer coordinator of the Beacon homeless day shelter; Fabu, past poet laureate of Madison who gave us the history of African Americans in Madison; Axex Shabaz of Black Lives Matter, Mai Zong Vue of the Hmong community, Linda Ketchem of Madison Area Urban Ministries; Selena Fox, High Priestess of Paganism; Centro Hispano (twice); Jewish Social Services; LGBTQ group of the spectrum of gender identity and so many others who have opened our minds and hearts. We must want the same rights and privileges we seek for ourselves to be extended to everyone based on our shared humanity.

Madison is truly a diverse community and we have so much to learn from one another.

PS: Tamara Grisby died from cancer that year but her legacy continues at the Tamara D. Grisby Office for Equality and Inclusion.

Please join us for a New Member Coffee
Tuesday, October 30 **9:30 to 11:30 AM**
Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Rd., Prairie View Room



It is an opportunity to learn more about Who's New in Madison and to meet other new members and board members. We will have presentations about the organization and about the many and varied Interest Groups available to our members. Please contact Janet Pawelski at mjpawelski@aol.com or ph at 273-8400 if you would like to attend.

Using our Who's New In Madison Website

We had an incredibly successful Website launch in July and have had over 500 renewals and 80 plus new members join!! We know there were some issues as we transitioned and many of those issues have been resolved as well as making the Website easier to navigate. We're already in the planning stages of Phase 2, based on some great input from our Board and members. **Please note that all Luncheon reservations, renewals and new membership sign-ups must be done on-line.** If you are still encountering problems with technology issues with the website, please inform Kathy Condit (kathycondit@yahoo.com) or (608) 576-9442 or Mary Lindstrom (mary.jth@gmail.com) and they will resolve the issue.

With other personal issues with the Website, including reluctance to use it, unfamiliarity with computers, not having a credit card/not wanting to use a credit card, we are suggesting the following to address those issues:

1. WNIM is a group of supportive women, many of whom will take the time to teach/coach friends. Reach out to a fellow IG member and "ask" for help.
2. Write down your login and password and keep it in a secure place for your reference. It will need to be used each time you access the website (for newsletters/IG info/Wine and Cheese, etc).
3. Buy an American Express/Visa/MasterCard/Discover or Debit gift card at many locations such as Walgreens/Kohls/Target. These can be used as normal debit/credit cards by following the instructions. Our WNIM Website does not store credit card numbers, so there should be no issues with security.
4. Madison area libraries have free computers for patrons to use. Our Website is secure for your purchases so you can feel comfortable registering from there if a home computer is not available. Remember to log out if you are using a public computer, once you are finished.

In order to make this transition successful, we must have all of our members support and help. Thank you — ***Your WNIM Board of Directors***

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 under the “Board Info” tab in the Member Access 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!

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