

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

April 2018 Newsletter

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President's Corner by Peg O'Donoghue

I write this in the afterglow of Valentine's Day. I think of this article as my belated love letter to Who's New. Recent activities involving Who's New reinforce what I already know- Who's New members are active, engaging, and welcoming. The day before Valentine's Day I attended a New Member's Coffee and heard the stories of how people found their way to Who's New, e.g., they met a current member in the neighborhood, socializing at a beer garden, walking a dog, riding a bike, and on a kayaking trip. On those occasions, those who had not yet joined heard something about Who's New that encouraged them to try us out. I am glad they did.

On Valentine's Day, I go snowshoeing on a glorious day on Lake Monona with about twenty other Who's New members. The reasons to be together are to have fun, meet other members, and get a great workout. That same afternoon, I attend a lecture with a Who's New friend and immediately recognize at least three other women from Who's New who are interested in learning something new and different.

Throughout this activity year I get to work on a website project that I hope will position the club for the future and minimize the current load on our volunteers. The project team has come together to make an existing tool even better and has agreed to continue to work on the project through its development. I want to publicly thank, Sue Borel, Kathy Condit, Sally Falk, Barb Foster, Liz Freitick, Sondra Jackson, Kathy Nelson, and Judy Walahoski for the work they have done on the website redesign and that they will continue to do.

I want to thank the Nominating Committee for presenting a slate of officers to be voted on in April. The following members have agreed to serve: Kathy Nelson as president, Paula Primm as vice president, Betty Cohen as secretary, and Ann Crabb as treasurer. This slate must be voted on and there are three ways to vote. Please attend the April 13th lunch and vote or vote by proxy before April 13 via email to paulaprimm@gmail.com or U.S. mail by sending your ballot to Paula. Look for the ballot in this newsletter. Your vote counts!

April Luncheon

*April 12
Olbrich Gardens
Evjue Commons Room*

*11-12 Cocktail hour
followed by Buffet*

Soups

Minestrone
Chicken/Wild Rice

Salad

Spinach, Blueberry Pear
Mesclun

Sandwiches

Chicken Salad
Italian Caprese

Dessert

Cookies and bars

Price: \$24.00

***Reservations due by
Friday, April 6***

***Luncheon reservation
form on page 3***



Luncheon Program

Since April showers bring May flowers, it is perfectly fitting that the April luncheon will take place at Olbrich Gardens and our program will feature a lively presentation by Mark Dwyer from Rotary Gardens in Janesville, WI.

Mark has been the Director of Horticulture at Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville, WI for the past 19 years. He directs the continued maintenance and improvement of this 20 acre botanical resource with a talented grounds staff and many dedicated volunteers. Mark previously worked at Fernwood Botanical Garden (Niles, MI) and as a landscape designer in Appleton, WI. Mark has degrees in landscape architecture (University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana) and urban forestry (UW-Stevens Point). Mark's true passion is obtaining, growing, observing and photographing all types of plants. Mark also blogs daily from the gardens at www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org.



The theme of his presentation will be Garden Inspiration. He will discuss the seasonal transitions that occur at Rotary Botanical Gardens and will explore the use of color and texture with a wide range of plants that engage the senses. Some history of the gardens as well as 2018 plans will also be revealed.

January Luncheon Followup

After Winnie Karanja's talk about Maydm, Inc, several WNIM members wanted to know the dates when donations to Maydm would be matched. This year, on Maydm will have The Amazing Maydm Race on April 28th, a fundraiser and competition in style of the so-named popular TV show. Teams of 2-4 individuals will trek around downtown Madison, completing a series of challenges to advance to the next local businesses or landmark destination. There will be a Who Wants To Go message to coordinate WNIM members who want to participate. If you are not on The Who Wants To Go list, and want to participate in this event, contact Gail Green at gailk-green@gmail.com More information is available on the events [FaceBook](#) page.

April Luncheon Reservation Form

Olbrich Gardens

Thursday, April 12, 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: \$24.00

No Selection required. Buffet is offered with soups, salad and sandwiches (see menu on page 2).

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.

April Luncheon at Olbrich Gardens
Thursday, April 12th, 2018
11:00 AM Cocktails
12 Noon Luncheon

Keep for Your Records

Paid Date: _____

Check Number: _____

**We need to receive
your reservation by
Friday, April 6th 2018**

Please make check payable to WNIM

**Barb Foster
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Madison, WI 53705**

**We must receive your reservation form
by April 6th.** Remember mail moves through Milwaukee so allow extra time. If will be late, please contact Barb, listed above, at foster8434@prodigy.net.



UW ODYSSEY PROJECT *You Have Made a Difference*

The service committee thanks all of you who donated to the UW Odyssey Project (UWOP) this year. We did make a difference. Here is an excerpt from an email we received from them:

"When the students of Odyssey began classes this fall, part of the excitement included going to the UW-Madison campus and getting student IDs, something one of our students always dreamed of."

"As a teenager in the 1970s, I would visit the University of Wisconsin campus and dream about going to school there. When I was 17, I accepted the fact that I was not college material. It hurt a lot and in many different ways was kind of like this hole that I could never fill no matter how hard I tried. I will be 57 in a few weeks, and now I have a UW student ID and the privilege of being able to take a course and use the library as a student. It feels like sweet redemption after forty years!"

We are so grateful to Who's New for helping students like this fulfill their dreams of enrolling in college. With graduation just around the corner, we would like to make one more \$ donation to the UW Odyssey Project in honor of this year's graduates. We are not collecting any items in April so we encourage you to save that money and make your cash/check donation in May. The biggest need the UWOP has now is money:

"Odyssey has been growing now that we serve 50 children each week in Odyssey Junior and are working with a growing number of our 400+ alumni to help them continue in higher education. So financial support is especially helpful now with the expanded number of adults and children that we are working with."

Coming Up

May 2 Please plan to attend the UW Odyssey Project graduation ceremony to see how your support has made a difference in people's lives. There will be members of the WNIM service committee there to accept the award on behalf of all of us. The letter below was written to the Service Committee 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

Coming Up (cont'd)

May 10 Luncheon Plans are in the works to have some lovely annuals for our donators at the May luncheon in lieu of the silent auction. This gives you the opportunity to make a last donation to the UW Odyssey Project. Checks should be made payable to UWOP. We will also have a fun summer-themed basket to raffle off! We hope you know how much you have helped this graduating class "blossom!" If you are unable to attend the May luncheon, your \$ donation is always welcome and can be mailed to:



Marge Kostichka, 1157 Liberty Blvd., Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Friday, April 20th, 7:00 PM
Not Just Wine & Cheese

**317 S. Owen Dr.
Madison, WI 53705**

Hosted by Peg O'Donoghue and Steve Veazie
RSVP - pegodonoghue@gmail.com
or phone: - 217-649-7210

Welcome All



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.

For Your Attention

Board Meeting Board Meeting Summary from February 6

The WNIM Board met on February 6 and received an update on the website redesign and maintenance project. Final selection of a vendor should occur after meetings with the two finalists by the end of February. A slate of officers was presented to the board: Kathy Nelson as president, Paula Primm as vice president, Betty Cohen as secretary, and Ann Crabb as treasurer. Nominations from the floor will be requested at the March luncheon and a vote on the slate taken in April. The board provided input on how members of the board and committees should be introduced at the luncheons. There are currently 554 members. The Trivia Night fundraiser has been cancelled due to lack of members signing up. The Mah Jongg tournament will occur on April 18.

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!

Get Involved in the “heart and soul” of WNIM

- Book Groups
- Bridge groups
- Games
- Mah Jong groups
- Healthy Living/Outdoor activities
- Tennis and Golf
- Lunch and Coffee Groups
- Singles/Couples outings around town
- Miscellaneous Groups that will peak your interest



New Interest Groups

Scottish Country Dancing/Folk Dancing: This is more similar to square dancing. Learn from experienced dancers who will help out in the beginning. Contact Jean Hill at hill.duanev49@gmail.com or 920-885-9114 if you are interested or to learn more.

Kayaking/Summer: If you are interested in summer kayaking (rent or bring your own kayak), attend the organizational meeting on Monday, April 16 from 10-11:30 at the Middleton Library/ Marion Archer Room. We'll decide where and when to kayak as well as look for “weekly captains”. Contact Kathy Nelson katnels59@gmail.com with questions.

Who's New Women's Bicycling: 16th season kick-off meeting - April 6, 2018 It's time to get those bikes tuned up and ready to go!! The kick-off meeting for the 16th season of Who's New Women's bicycling will be Friday, April 6, 10:00 am at the Verona Public Library, 500 Silent St, Verona, WI 53593. Please bring one cup of fruit with you, cut into bite sized pieces. We will discuss the upcoming bike season and the fall trip to Root River Trail in Lanesboro, MN. The bicycling group is open to all levels of cyclists, beginning to advanced riders. We always welcome new members!! Our weekly rides explore the bike trails and routes (and restaurants!) around the city of Madison and surrounding areas. The rides are scheduled for Friday mornings throughout the spring, summer and fall. Please reply to Debbie Wise, dwise52@charter.net, to get on the distribution list.

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 April 15th - as long as weather permits. Mark your calendars! The 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. 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 April 15th bike ride will be emailed to Weekend Biking members soon. So, get those bikes tuned up and ready to go!

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 Kathy Nelson at katnels59@gmail.com. See [Interest Groups](#) to access website.



Election of Officers for the WNIM 2018-2019 Board

The Who's New by-laws require us to nominate and vote for new officers every spring. The quorum required is 20% of our membership. You need only to vote YES or NO for the entire slate. **There are 3 ways to vote.** If you have any questions, please email or call Paula Primm at paulalprimm@gmail.com or 404-229-7455.

1. **ATTEND** the April 13th luncheon and vote at the luncheon.
2. **EMAIL** your vote before April 13th to: paulalprimm@gmail.com. To email your vote, click on the above email. In the body of email type YES or NO and print your name
3. **MAIL** this proxy ballot before April 13th to: Paula Primm, 350 Hamilton Street #306, Madison 53703

Slate of Officers

President - Kathy Nelson. Member since 2016 from St Joseph, MI. Active in biking, walking/hiking, shoesnowing, non-fiction book club, couples euchre, Politics, coffee and conversation, lunch bunch. Worked for Whirlpool Corporation in various managerial capacities for 27 years. Married to Randy with 2 children.

Vice President - Paula Primm. Member since 2014 from Newnan, GA. Served as WNIM Secretary for the past two years. Retired from a career with US Customs and Border Protection. Currently serves on the Church Council of FUMC Madison. Enjoys the Wednesday Hikers, Women's Bicycling, Women's Snowshoeing, Lunch Adventures, and One and Done.

Secretary - Betty Cohen. Member since 2014, from Boston. My WN interest groups include Wednesday hiking, Friday snowshoe/ski, weekend hiking, couples film discussion, and non-fiction book group 2. Outside of WN, I serve on boards of two early music organizations and coordinate a voter outreach project for the League of Women Voters--Dane Country.

Treasurer - Ann Crabb. Member since 2010, from Marathon City, WI. Currently serving on WNIM Board as a Hostess and, in the past, as a member of the Service Project Committee. Enjoys Bunco, Hook, Needle and Stitch, Rambling Women, Ladies of the Garden, Coffee, Conversation, and Current Events and Diversity groups. Worked as a teacher for 38 years, retired in 2009. Married to Larry. One daughter and son-in-law, and one grandson.

Proxy Ballot for Who's New In Madison Election of Officers -2018-2019

I vote **YES** for the slate of officers below _____ I vote **NO** for the slate of officers below _____

President – Kathy Nelson
Secretary – Betty Cohen

Vice President – Paula Primm
Treasurer – Ann Crabb

Voting will take place at the April 13th Luncheon. Please vote by
PROXY BALLOT BEFORE APRIL 13TH if you are not attending the April luncheon.

I will not be in attendance at the April 13th luncheon:

Signed: _____ Please print your name: _____

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
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608-241-8043



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*Be sure to
vote for
2018-2019
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see page 7*

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