



December 2019 Newsletter

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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President's Corner

Paula Primm

When I move to a new place, or when I travel, I play a little mental game I call "What's Different Here." I'm not talking about the obvious, like winter in Madison is really different than winter in New Orleans and Atlanta where I lived most of my adult life. I'm talking about the small things. For example, if you show up on time for a party in New Orleans, your hostess will be in her robe. You should arrive about 15 minutes late. In Atlanta, you show up right on time (and drive around the block or sit in your car for a bit if you are early). In Madison, if you aren't fifteen minutes early, you are late.

Holiday traditions are especially fun to compare as part of my little game. In New Orleans, most people leave their Christmas decorations up (and continue to turn on the lights) through New Year's Day, at least. Old school New Orleanians don't take down their decorations until after King's Day (twelve days after Christmas Day.) And since King's Day is the official kick-off for the Carnival Season, some New Orleanians take the red and green off the tree and the wreath and replace it with purple, green, and gold. Really! New Orleanians are nothing if not festive! On the other side of this spectrum, my friends around Atlanta often took their decorations immediately after the big day and looked at me funny for leaving mine up until New Year's Day.

I have always loved holiday lights, especially masses of little white lights, so imagine how delighted I was to discover that in Madison, it is perfectly okay to leave your outdoor lights up and lit all winter long! I understand the practical reason for leaving them up all winter. It would be a cold, slippery business trying to get them down before the spring thaw. But I leave mine on until spring to lift my spirits in the dark of winter. I have a tiny balcony in my condo that I will be wrapping in white lights any day now. I set them on a timer so I don't have to go out in the cold, and they come on at dusk. They welcome me home as I turn the corner onto West Wilson, and they shine in the darkness to remind me that the days will get long. There is hope shining in the darkness, even on a cold night in February.

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My Who's New friends come and go all winter long. Even those of us who like playing in the snow need a break or two to get through until April. When you are here, you light up my spirit and my life, just like those white holiday lights. Thank you, friends!

The October luncheon at Blackhawk Country Club was fantastic, good food and good fun! Blackhawk is a beautiful venue at any time of year, and the fall color was a perfect backdrop for our annual style show featuring fashions from two local boutiques, Change Fair Trade Boutique and Z Boutique. Many thanks to our Fashion Show Coordinator Marge Kostichka and our elegant models, Kathy Condit, Diane Wiersema, Sue Hunt, Erin Wery, Janet Reschke, and Donna Weihofen. Don't forget to sign up for our December luncheon at Nakoma Country Club. In keeping with our Who's New tradition, the program will be music from local musicians. This year we are excited to have Harmonious Wail, a unique group that describes themselves as "purveyors of Americana-infused Gypsy Jazz." I checked them out on YouTube and can't wait to see "The Wail" in person. The Service Project Committee has planned a Holiday Bazaar to support Maydm (our "Made By Me" service project) and need donations of Made by You items of all kinds. Check out the committee's article in this newsletter for more details. Sign up for the luncheon and come ready to shop!

In January, the Nominating Committee will begin its search for volunteers to serve as officers, committee chairs, and committee members for our 2019/2020 club year. Anne Brasier and I invite you to step forward as a volunteer. To help you figure out where your personal talents might fit, check out our overview of the Who's New committees in this month's newsletter. Please email Anne or myself if you would like to volunteer. If you are contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee, please say "Yes, I'll help!" I have made many good friends through my service on your board and suspect that you would, too!

Whatever your holiday tradition, I wish you and your family peace and joy. I hope you, too, are warmed through and through by the lights that surround us during this season.

Happy Holidays! **Paula Prim**



Not Just Wine and Cheese

Friday, December 20, 2019 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Hosted by: Stephanie and Bill Kissel

17 Highgate Circle Madison, Wisconsin, 53717

Please RSVP: shkiss46@gmail.com (608) 395-4939

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

Reservation deadline is midnight, December 1, 2019
Go to whosnew.org to register

Luncheon Program

Expect a triple treat when Harmonious Wail performs at our Dec. 12 pre-holiday luncheon at Nakoma Country Club.

Harmonious Wail was formed in 1987, and the group's 10 recordings include "Holiday Spirits," the 2019 Jazz CD of the Year, as awarded by the Madison Area Music Association (MAMA).

Other 2019 MAMA awards went to Maggie Delaney-Potthoff for best percussionist, and the entire trio for best cover song ("What the World Needs Now").

In 2017, Harmonious Wail received the Musicnotes Outstanding Musical Career Achievement Award. The musicians have performed at Cork Jazz Fest in Ireland, Belfast Folk Fest in Northern Ireland, Barbican Centre in London, Zelt Musik Fest in Germany and Taipei's National Concert Hall in Taiwan.

The group has entertained on National Public Radio, donated songs for annual NPR fundraisers and worked on behalf of other charitable efforts. The annual Midwest Gypsy Swing Fest exists because Harmonious Wail established it more than one decade ago.

The group's music infuses Americana and humor into jazz. Harmonious Wail albums will be available to purchase.

Learn more about the musical genre and people who established it at <https://wail.com/>



December Luncheon

December 12, 2019

11:00 AM Cocktails

12:00 Noon Luncheon

**Nakoma Country Club
4145 Country Club Road
Madison, WI**

Quinoa, Spinach & Salmon Salad

Quinoa, chickpeas, tomatoes, hard boiled eggs, feta cheese, artichokes, kalamata olives. balsamic dressing \$24.75

Pesto Crusted Chicken

White and wild rice, roasted root vegetables \$24.75

Dessert/Beverages

*Complimentary coffee and tea
Assorted brownie bites from
Just Bakery*

(gluten free alternatives available)

Valet parking will be available

December Holiday Bazaar!

Join us at the December luncheon for a Holiday Bazaar featuring the talents of WN members! Proceeds to support scholarships for our Service Project - Maydm!

Calling all artists, crafters, and bakers! Please consider sharing your special talents to make this fundraiser a success!



What are we looking for? Here's a list of suggestions:

- “Made by you” art, pottery, needlework, photography.
- Unique hand crafted sewing and knitting, jewelry, stained glass, homemade soaps and lotions, gifts for kids and pets.
- Yummy homemade baked goods and specialty foods.
- If you would like to participate, contact Susan Cambria at susancambria@gmail.com with what you will bring.
- **This is not a silent auction. Determine a price and put a price sticker on each item. Please arrive with your items by 10:30 to allow time for set up.**

Thank you from the Service Project Committee: Sue Ciurczak, Patti Bavlka, Genevieve Murtaugh, Susan Cambria, Jill Westberg

Fall Walk Update

The Fall Walk raised \$2,758 for our Service Project, Maydm. Twenty-seven hardy members enjoyed a chilly but beautiful day for a walk around Lake Monona. A big thank you to all who walked and/or donated to our first fundraiser. A total of 45 WN members made donations. Thanks to Debbie Wise and Jean Koehl who helped organize and plan the walk!



Service Committee News

Updates

The October monthly collection for our Service Project was very successful! The folks at Maydm were excited about and appreciative of our donations. Maydm provides girls and youth of color in grades 6-12 with skill-based training and opportunities to learn, challenge and revolutionize the tech industry.



Calley Mannion, Operations Lead at Maydm, is seen here accepting the items from Service Committee members Genevieve Murtaugh and Patti Bavlnka.



Notebooks, folders, Sharpies, batteries, Kleenex, and Micro:bit kits are a great way to help Maydm's students off to a successful year exploring and learning about the technology field.

The Service Committee thanks you for your generosity.

Reminder

The WN annual **Giving Tree** was offered at our November luncheon. Bring your gifts and scholarship donation envelopes to the December luncheon. If you missed the November meeting, and/or will not be at the December meeting, here's how you can participate in our "Scholarships for Maydm" fundraiser. Mail your check, made out to **Maydm**, to:

*Patti Bavlnka
pbavlnka@gmail.com 608-825-2292
640 Eddington Dr.
Sun Prairie, WI 53590*

Please Note

Who's New will *no longer* collect used printer cartridges at luncheons.





Who's New Wants You!

Help wanted: passionate, enthusiastic volunteers to serve on Who's New committees for 2020/2021. Must be a Who's New member in good standing, willing to pitch in and play a role in the continued success of Who's New in Madison. The Nominating Committee will begin meeting in January 2020 to fill vacancies on the Executive Board and our various committees for the next club year. Please consider using your special talents to keep our organization vibrant and strong. Here's a brief description of our committees:

Technology Skills: Many committees need members to support interactions with the Who's New website. If you are comfortable with basic computer usage and learning new software tools, please volunteer in this category, and we will match you to a specific committee

Hostess Committee: This committee contacts new members and makes them feel welcome when they join Who's New. They answer questions from new members and help them get connected within the organization. They serve as hostesses at our luncheons.

Luncheon Committee: The Luncheon Committee selects the venues and menus for our monthly luncheons (September through May). They coordinate with other Who's New Committees to insure that the venues are suitable for the programs. They oversee online luncheon reservations and report numbers.

Membership: The Membership Committee responds to emails from current and potential members, maintains the Who's New membership database, coordinates the membership renewal process with the Website Administrator, and provides up-to-date membership numbers to the board.

New Member Coffee: The New Member Coffee Committee holds three gatherings a year (a fall coffee, a spring coffee, and a summer cocktail party) to encourage new members to learn about the Who's New organization.

Newsletter Committee: This committee assembles, edits, and distributes the monthly electronic newsletter. The newsletter is our official means of internal communication and is issued monthly from September through June. They also send out monthly reminders to the general membership as needed.

Service Project: The Service Project Committee researches non-profit organizations in the Madison area and makes an annual recommendation to the board for service project approval. Once the project is selected and approved, the committee coordinates fundraising activities throughout the club year.

Website Committee: The Website Administrator and Committee maintain our website. Short description - big job!

Archivist: The Archivist is responsible for the preservation of our historical records.

If you want to find out more information about these volunteer opportunities, please contact one of us (Paula Primm or Anne Brasier), or one of current committee chairs listed on page 10. Help us maintain this supportive community of strong, interesting women, transforming new faces into old friends!

Anne Brasier Paula Primm Kerry Jewison
Kathy Nelson Candice Lutz Tracy Simonson

Interest Groups News and Events

To sign up for any of these interest groups please go to the website and register there. If you are interested in a full group, please consider starting a group of your own. There will be others that will want to join you or will help you co-lead. Please contact Anne Brasier, vice president at abrasier2@gmail.com or 409-771-5244 to get started.

New Groups

Second Tuesday Eastside Book Club

When: Monthly, 1st meeting, January 14, 1 pm

Where: 4021 Monona Dr, # B, Monona

Leader: Dawn Curatolo (dcurt18@hotmail.com)



Mah Jongg-Oregon Beginners welcome!

When: Every other Friday, 1-3 pm

Where: Firefly Coffeehouse

Leader: Patricia Bugalski (pjhb37@gmail.com) and Pam Offerman (pamela.offerma@gmail.com)

Exploring New Horizons - Traveling the World with Who's New

If you are interested in traveling with other Who's New members this is the group for you.

Travel "en group" with your friends and family of Who's New in Madison. We will explore iconic sights you've dreamed of seeing and the hidden treasures that capture daily life in all our chosen world journeys together.

Come join us for the inaugural meeting on **Sunday, December 1, at 3:00**. We will discuss the plans for our first trip, and what the future holds for the group. Tour leader, Jennifer Peters, has 20 years' experience organizing and escorting group tours. She and Debbie have planned a private Who's New trip to Austria, Germany and Switzerland for July 2020. All members are welcome to attend even if you are uncertain if you want to be part of the first trip.

Sign up on the Who's New website in the "interest group" section.

Or contact Jennifer(jenpeters53@gmail.com) or Debbie (dwise52@charter.net).

Leaders: Jennifer Peters (jenpeters53@gmail.com) & Debbie Wise (dwise52@charter.net)

Womens's Winter Pickleball Leagues will start again in early January. We hope to have two groups playing - one on Monday afternoons and the other on Thursday mornings, both at Hitters in Middleton. The session will run until the beginning of April. If you are interested in playing in the Winter League or joining as a sub, please contact Debbie Wise no later than November 21, 2019. **When and Where:** Mondays, Noon-2pm and/or Thursdays, 10am-Noon
Leader: Debbie Wise (dwise52@charter.net)

Interest Groups News and Events

Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe kick-off meeting, Friday, November 22, 2019, 10:30 AM

The “Skwalkers” (If there is no snow, we hike instead of skiing or snowshoeing) meet Friday mornings from December through March. We will have a kick-off meeting on Friday, November 22 to talk about the group, discuss our weekly outings and talk about our winter trip. The meeting will be at the Fitchburg Public Library (5530 Lacy Rd.) beginning at 10:30AM. Please contact Debbie (dwise52@charter.net) if you plan on attending the meeting. No need to bring anything with you. We will provide coffee, tea and Jean’s famous cookies!!

Rambling Women at Pheasant Branch

We had a nice turn out for the Ramble at Pheasant Branch Conservancy. The springs bubbled, a breeze kept us comfortable with sunny skies and we logged in 8200 steps according to a Fitbit. Yah! Coffee and selections at Prairie Cafe were tasty as was our conversations. Please let me know if you want to join our rambles Judith@fontanasports.com.



Women's Biking Annual Trip



This year's trip was to Cedar Falls, Iowa. The group enjoyed biking in shine and rain, great food, shopping, a museum, and the annual charades night and gift exchange.

Welcome New Members to WNIM

These new members have joined Who's New over the past month.

Roxann Hen
Elain McCorry
Brenda Hamel

Alina Castaneda
Sarah Haselschwardt
Cindy Rice

Mary Wichita
Jane Reynolds
Mary Prochniak

Carolyn Schueppel
Kim Oaks

Check website directory for more details on new members.

Overture Center Group Tickets



Who's New in Madison members are invited to purchase tickets to 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.

The following shows will be offered for the late Winter/Spring/Summer season. Seats for the Broadway shows will be at the Circle level – seats for Overture presents shows will be either on the main floor or upper orchestra for shows in both the Capital Theater and Overture Hall. Ticket purchases for these shows must be received by December 15, 2019. Checks should be payable to Debbie Wise and sent to 14 Saint Andrews Circle, Madison, WI 53717. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your order. Only one envelope is needed for your entire order. Please feel free to pass this information on to any Who's New members you feel would be interested. Any questions, please contact Debbie – dwise52@charter.net. Further information about any of these shows can be found on the Overture website – www.overture.org.

For late Winter/Spring/Summer, we are offering the following shows. Payment for these tickets will be due December 15, 2019.

Broadway Shows

The Color Purple – Sunday, February 23, 2020, 6:30PM - \$72.50

My Fair Lady – Sunday, April 26, 2020, 6:30PM - \$72.50

The Play That Goes Wrong – Sunday, May 17, 2020, 6:30PM - \$72.50

Come from Away – Sunday, August 9, 2020, 6:30PM - 72.50

Overture Presents Shows

Diavolo - Thursday, February 27, 2020, 7:30PM - Capital Theater – \$63.00

One Night of Queen - Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 7:30PM - Capital Theater – \$54.00

Second City Laughing - Saturday, June 13, 2020, 6:00PM - Capital Theater – \$45.00

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. Use the Quick Menu to find the “Board Minutes” tab; or from the Members Homepage, scroll down to Board Meeting Minutes in the Club Information 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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Note for members:

If you have a change of address, email or phone number, please update your information on the website. Go to www.whosnew.org, click on **My Account** box and then go to **Account Details** to edit.