

Who's New in Madison

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President's Corner

Paula Primm

When I think about November, my mind speeds past the early weeks of the month and goes straight to my favorite holiday - Thanksgiving. I love everything about it. I love the standard Thanksgiving dishes of roast turkey, gravy made with stock from the giblets, the drippings, and a really dark roux, cornbread dressing, fresh cranberry-orange relish, pecan pie with real whipped cream, and even that weird green bean casserole with the Durkee's onion rings. You probably have a different list of essential Thanksgiving dishes, but those are mine. Others in my family insist on adding Senator Russell's sweet potato casserole, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, and my mother's Jello salad. If I'm the host, I'm willing to accommodate them and add any dish they consider essential to the menu.

I even love Thanksgiving leftovers - turkey sandwiches, turkey gumbo, and especially cold hunks of cornbread dressing eaten over the sink in a dark kitchen. But I don't just love eating the luscious food. I enjoy making the meal, too, solo or as a team. For many years, my mother, sister, and I would laugh and chatter in the kitchen while we roasted, chopped, sautéed, stirred, seasoned, tasted, and seasoned some more. When the work was done, we presented the Thanksgiving meal as a gift to the family and friends who shared our table that year. I still see Thanksgiving that way, as a way to show my gratitude for the plenty in my life by sharing it with others.

Great food is a feature of every significant holiday, but Thanksgiving is an uncomplicated celebration of the goodness of life. You don't have to buy presents or decorate the house in a special way. There is a simplicity and sweetness to Thanksgiving that fills my heart. We gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table in the spirit of gratitude to celebrate the abundance of our lives. I smile thinking about those moments over the years.

Maintaining an attitude of gratitude is something of a cliché these days, but naming my many blessings in this life and expressing my

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gratitude for them keeps me centered. When you feel grateful, you want to share your blessings with others. I am thankful for Who's New in Madison and the opportunities you have given me to make true friends who encourage me to challenge myself physically and mentally. My gratitude is what motivates me to do my part to keep Who's New going, and I am grateful to all of those who work with me in that same spirit.

The September luncheon at the Goodman Center Brassworks was a big success. The food, the service, and the venue were lovely, and we had the added benefit of supporting the Goodman Center and Working Class Catering. Working Class Catering is both a professional caterer and a training program for teens through the Goodman Center's Teen Education and Employment Center. Anne Brasier, Veep and Interest Group Chair, did a great job of coordinating the Interest Group Showcase. The Interest Group leaders showed a lot of enthusiasm for their activities and signed up a lot of new members. We all showed our appreciation to the interest group leaders by treating them to lunch. Winnie Karanja's presentation on her organization Maydm had us all excited about this year's service project. Maydm provides STEM training for girls and youths of color in grades 6-12 to prepare them for jobs in the tech sector.

This is the third year we have exhibited members' art at the September Not Just Wine and Cheese social. Does that make it a Who's New tradition? I hope so! Martha Abrams coordinated the art exhibit that featured works by Madge MacFarlane, Caitilin Stolle, Dvorah (Debbie) Kaufman, Dee Relyea, Ann Cooper, Jennifer Peters, and Peter Eaton (husband of Pat Eaton). Many thanks to Pat and Peter Eaton for hosting the event and to Martha Abrams and the artists for making the event so special. If you've never attended a Not Just Wine and Cheese social, I encourage you to give it a try this month. All are welcome, and you can bring a friend, a partner, or a spouse. Or just come by yourself. I promise you won't feel alone after you get there.

Thank you for being you! Enjoy all the wonderful things fall has to offer, inside and outside of the Who's New in Madison umbrella. I hope you have a meaningful Thanksgiving this year and always. Happy Thanksgiving!

Paula Primm



Not Just Wine and Cheese

Friday, November 15, 2019 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Hosted by: Ann-Marie and Randy Preece

4599 Sunburst Dr, DeForest, Wisconsin, 53532
Please RSVP: lastgiffin@att.net (608) 842-0689



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, November 1, 2019
Go to whosnew.org to register

Luncheon Program

Chef Dave Heide is known for his ongoing, culinary-based, philanthropic efforts.



When a Madison church ran out of food to feed the hungry on Christmas last year he quickly gave up a part of his holiday and cooked up a storm on short notice making enough turkey roulade and mashed potatoes to serve 200.

Pay what you can: That's a novel concept for a restaurant and one that we will learn more about during our next luncheon.

Dave Heide is the owner-chef of two restaurants: Liliana's in Fitchburg and Charlie's on Main in Oregon. He will introduce us to Little John's, a new project that aims to make nutritious food available to all, regardless of ability to pay.

Think beyond the straightforward soup kitchen. Little John's intends to provide creative and dignified meal choices. The chef-driven menu might include smoked salmon crepes or shaved ribeye paninis, roasted vegetable bisque or roasted beet salad, served with tropical fruit smoothies or a hot grog of spiced fruit juices.

Within this innovative, nonprofit endeavor is a win, win, win mission.

- Low-income people will have access to nutritious meals.
- Military veterans will be paid to learn foodservice work.
- Less food is wasted because of grocery store donations to Little John's.

(About 40 percent of food nationwide is thrown away before it gets to the consumer because of cosmetic imperfections, lack of display space or too much inventory.)

Little John's presently operates as an occasional pop-up food vendor. One example: Donations from Metcalfe's Market were enough to feed gourmet veggie poke to 300 people who paid what they could during a September art fair in Fitchburg.

Pop-up proceeds and other donations will help establish a brick-and-mortar restaurant. Learn more at littlejohnsrestaurant.com.

October Luncheon

November 14, 2019

11:00 AM Cocktails

12:00 Noon Luncheon

Portabella Restaurant
425 North Frances
Madison

Three Entree Options —\$25.00

Manicotti stuffed with spinach, Mozzarella, Ricotta and Parmesan in tomato sauce with side salad

Garibaldi Sandwich filled with ham, salami, cheese, tomatoes and peppers, and side salad

Caesar Salad topped with egg, shaved Parmesan, black olives and croutons with Caesar dressing

Dessert/Beverages

Petite chocolate chip cannoli

Complimentary coffee and tea

(gluten free alternatives available)

Parking available on the street or in Frances Street Parking Ramp.

CARPOOLING IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.



Service Project - Maydm

Service Committee News

At our September luncheon the Service Committee introduced **Maydm** as our service project. Maydm focuses on providing girls and students of color in grades 6-12 with the technical skills necessary to become future innovators and technology leaders.

The Importance of Community

A Who's New Story by Jill Westberg, a Service Committee Member

“ Recently I was at The Road Home which does a joint program with my church. I was told that over the summer the son of a Road Home family received a scholarship to one of Maydm’s summer programs. The STEM program changed his outlook on his future and he discovered there was more to technology than video games! His mom also felt that his Maydm mentor was a real plus in encouraging his continuing interest in the technology field.”



Three years ago our Service Project was The Road Home! WN really is part of a growing, far reaching community. Let’s provide more of these scholarships for Maydm programs through our fundraisers! We can make a difference!

November Donations for Maydm’s Students

In addition to our fund raising activities, the Service Committee asks members to bring an item to each luncheon from Maydm’s wish list. The list will be updated monthly.

- To make it more convenient for you as well as Maydm, most of the items can be purchased online through Target or Amazon. If you’d rather shop in person, check the list through Target and bring the items to the November luncheon.
- This is the link for shopping at Target. <http://tgt.gifts/Maydm>. Click on it and the page pops up for easy shopping!
- Some of the most needed items are the books, cleaning supplies, and paper cutter.
- Gift cards from Target, Amazon, and Staples are also welcome.
- Micro:bit - BBC2546862 Micro:bit go. Available on Amazon.

Check out the Service Committee’s upcoming Fundraiser events!

- Our annual ***Giving Tree*** will be back for at November luncheon! *See next page.*
- **Coming in December: WN Holiday Art and Craft Bazaar** featuring “Made by you” artwork and crafts along with baked goods and specialty food items. Please consider donating your special talents to this fundraiser. **Details will be in the December newsletter (which comes out in November, so you’ll have time to plan).**

Giving Tree for Maydm

WN Service Committee's 2019 Holiday Giving Tree

The Service Committee will be offering this year's Giving Tree to benefit the youth of Maydm at the November 14th luncheon.

- Gift suggestions will be written on a gift tag and will include technology items, books, movies, and games with an emphasis on women in science and technology.
- The Giving Tree will also have scholarship gift envelopes for an easy and rewarding way for you to provide opportunities for the students of Maydm.
- Pick up your gift tags and scholarship donation envelopes for the Giving Tree. Bring your gifts in a festive bag to the December luncheon. We will have a table available at the entrance for your gifts and a collection box will be provided for the scholarship donation envelopes.



If you are unable to attend the November or December luncheon and wish to participate and support Maydm, you can mail checks made out to **Maydm** to: Patti Bavlka, 640 Eddington Dr. Sun Prairie, Wi. 53590. If questions, contact pbavlka@gmail.com.

Interested in volunteering? Check out the volunteer opportunities at Maydm. Maydm is located at 3330 University Ave. Ste. 202 Madison, WI 53705.

- Financial auditing experience is needed to assist with a mock audit.
- Human Resource experience is needed to help with expansion.
- Leadership experience for student mentoring and professional development.
- Help researching student internships.
- Fund raising experience.
- Research assistance with grants and foundations.
- Legal and accounting advice may be needed from time to time.
- If you are an organized person, your skills will be appreciated at student workshops.
- Assistance with scanning and uploading Quickbooks. Curriculum slide formatting.
- Spanish translation.
- Help writing donor thank you cards. Business card organization.
- Organizing spreadsheets of companies that might be of assistance to Maydm.
- Photography skills to record events.
- Marketing ideas to kids, schools, donors.
- Preparation help before and day of the "Hour of Code" on December 7, 2019.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Genevieve Murtaugh at genevieve.murtaugh@gmail.com. She will be the Who's New contact for members who wish to volunteer with Maydm.



We will continue to collect ink cartridges for **Mindset, Inc.** – 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. Any brand or size of ink jet or toner cartridges is accepted. Please put in plastic bags.

Interest Groups News

New Interest Groups were added and other groups changed since our September luncheon. To sign up for any of these interest groups please go to the website and register there. If you would like to start a new group or have an idea for a new group, please contact Anne Brasier, abrasier2@gmail.com. These small groups are a wonderful way to make connections and friends.. 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 Wants to Go? has a new leader as of October 1, 2019. Activities vary based on what members want to do. If you have an idea of an outing, or just want someone(s) to join you on an outing you want to go on, this is a good way to "pair up". Get on the distribution list to add events and to see what might be going on. This group is always open to new members.

When and Where: Varies

Leader: Anne Cooper (amm1114@gmail.com)

Friday Film Club 2, open to new members This film discussion group meets at the Great Dane, Hilldale. Films are watched independently and then discussed. Currently this group is accepting new members.

When: 3rd Friday of the month, 12:30 pm

Where: Hilldale Great Dane

Leader: Ann Marie Preece (lastgiffin@att.net)

Couples Film Club 2, open to new members This couples film group meets for dinner and discussion about a great classic or contemporary film that we watch at home prior to the meeting.

When: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Where: Hilldale Great Dane

Leader: Ann Marie Preece (lastgiffin@att.net)

Genealogy Explorers

Family history researchers at all levels are welcome from people who already have a lot of documents, charts, records, and photos to those who know very little about their family history and want to get started. You will learn the best techniques for gathering, documenting and recording family history.

When: First Wednesday of each month from 10 am to noon, except January when we'll meet on the second Wednesday.

Location: TBD (a Madison public library).

Leader: Anne Spurgeon (anne@spurgeonwoods.com)

Mah Jongg-Oregon

Beginners welcome!

When: Every other Friday, 1-3 pm

Where: Firefly Coffeehouse

Leader: Patricia Bugalski (pjhb37@gmail.com)

Pam Offerman (pamela.offerma@gmail.com)



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!!

Welcome New Members to WNIM

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

Julia Kroll

Kay Pik

Roberta Beson-Crone

CharLynn Wood

Misuzu Naganuma

Rhonda Brodbeck

Linda Michaels

Joan Wiersma

Trish Good

Barb Nuti

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 25, 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.