

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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President's Corner

Paula Primm

March is nominations month for Who's New in Madison. I will present the proposed slate of officers for 2020/2021 to you at the March luncheon. I'll ask for any nominations from the floor, and then we will approve the slate. We'll vote in April at the April luncheon or by mail or email. Look for the ballot and voting instructions in the next newsletter. Your new officers will be installed at the May luncheon.

Going through the nominations process with the committee reminded me of the first time I was asked to serve on the board. When Laurel Mineard and Nancy Gunder, then president and vice-president, called me four years ago to ask if I would serve as secretary of our organization for 2016/2017, I didn't need much coaxing. I had been a member for a year and a half or so after relocating from the Atlanta area (Newnan, Georgia, if you want to look it up.) I had already made friends and was well-settled in my new community thanks to those gracious Who's New friends. I felt ready to do my part to keep this great organization moving forward so others could benefit as I had. When Laurel and Nancy pointed out that working together on the board was a great way of making more friends and deepening existing friendships, I was hooked.

I have always had empathy for the new people in town because I have had a lot of experience being a new girl. I was born in Georgia, but I can't claim true Grits status (that's Girl Raised in The South, in case you are not familiar with the term.) My family moved to New York City right before I started kindergarten. Until we finally settled in New Orleans the summer before my sixth grade year, we didn't stay anywhere for long. For those six years of my young life, my father's employer moved us often, all over the U.S. and overseas in Indonesia. I was enrolled in eleven different schools during my elementary years. I never once started school in September at the school where I finished the previous grade in June. So I was the perpetual new girl.

As I walked into a new school, I never knew whether I would be welcomed, or ignored, or worst of all, teased for my accent, for my clothes, or for not being "from around here". I will never forget the mean girls who formed a circle around me on the playground and sang

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“The Little Old Lady from Pasadena”. They made me cry, and I got in trouble for running home. On the other end of the spectrum, I will never forgot the little girl who smiled at me and asked me to sit with her and her friends at lunch on that scary first day at a new school.

Most of you know that Who's New in Madison (WNIM) is a bit of a misnomer for our club today. Most of us have been members for years and continue to enjoy all the fun and friendship that the club has to offer, but we do have new members joining us every week. About half of them are new to the area. The others have lived here for some time and joined because they are looking for new activities and new friends, usually after changes in their lives that left them with the time and desire to make new connections. Both categories of new members are “new girls” to WNIM who are hoping to find our friendly smiles and kind words. Our Hostess and Membership Committee volunteers are the first responders for welcoming new members, and they do a fantastic job, but they count on the rest of us to continue the process of assimilation.

I challenge you to take time from greeting old friends at Who's New events to talk with someone you don't know and to reach out to our new members wherever and whenever you can. It takes time for new women to find their niches within WNIM. Chatting with long-time members is so helpful to those trying to find their happy-places within our sprawling organization.

I haven't forgotten those kind little girls who welcomed me in elementary school, and I will never forget the WNIM members who reached out to me five years ago and helped me adjust to my new home. I am very grateful to be able to pay that debt forward as secretary, vice-president, and president of this wonderful organization “Where new faces become old friends!”

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their thoughtful work in matching the talents of our members to the open volunteer slots. Anne Brasier as vice-president is the chair, and Keri Jewison, Candy Lutz, Kathy Nelson, and Tracy Simonson round out the roster. I am an ex-officio member of the committee, serving in an advisory capacity. The committee is continuing its work to fill our future committee chair and committee member vacancies. If you are asked to serve, please seriously consider saying “yes.” I guarantee you will have a lot of fun using your skills on behalf of Who's New.

Our January luncheon at Bishop's Bay Country Club was a sell-out with 64 of us in attendance. The setting was lovely, the food was good, and our speaker, Katie Vaughn charmed us with a month-by-month tour of fun things to do in Madison drawn from her book *100 Things to Do in Madison Before You Die*.

Our March luncheon will be at Bonfyre American Grille, and our speaker will be Melanie Radzicki McManus, author of *Thousand-Miler: Hiking the Ice Age Trail*. Ms. McManus hiked the length of the Ice Age Trail, all 1,100 miles, in 36 days and lived to write a book about it. I can't wait to hear her story. I hope to see you there.

Stay warm. Spring is coming, but not soon enough!

Your Prez,
Paula Primm

Reservation deadline is midnight, March 3, 2020
Go to whosnew.org to register

March 12, 2020 Luncheon

11:30 AM Cocktails

12:00 PM Luncheon

Bonfyre American Grille, Beacon Lounge, 2001 W. Beltline Hwy., Madison

Choose 1 menu option, \$24.00 V (vegetarian), DF (dairy free), GF (gluten free)

Tofu Curry Bowl — pan seared tofu with coconut curry cream sauce, white rice, water chestnuts, mushroom, snow pears and sautéed onions. (V)

Grilled Fish Tacos — two seared fish tacos, chipotle mayo, pico de gallo, with black bean salad as a side. (optional DF)

Mort's Pot Roast, slow roasted pot roast — red wine glaze, shiitakes, spinach, garlic and baby carrots, served with Bonfyre mashed potatoes. (DF)

Southwest Chicken Salad — grilled chicken, romaine, spring mix, black beans, corn, pepperjack cheese, tri-pepper mix, avocado, quinoa, and pico de gallo tossed in cilantro lime vinaigrette, topped with tortilla strips (GF, optional DF)

Dessert is assorted mini cream cheese parfait style desserts. DF sorbet option or fruit)

There will be a coffee and ice tea station.

Maximum number is 73.

Parking is in Arbor Gate ramp behind Beacon Lounge.

Welcome New Members to WNIM

These new members have joined Who's New over the past month. Check the website directory for more details on new members.

Barbara Henke

Diane Bristol

Jeanne Moberly

Annie Bode



Not Just Wine and Cheese

Friday, March 20 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Hosted by: Cathy Broan and Alan Carlson
5328 Lighthouse Bay Drive, Madison, Wisconsin, 53704**

RSVP: cbroan@gmail.com 608-215-2379



Not Just Wine & Cheese is a monthly social event for all members. Singles/couples, everyone is welcome and please bring an appetizer/dessert to share and your own beverages. See you there!

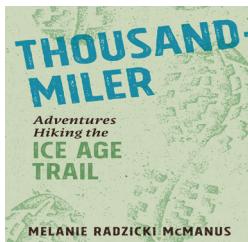
Luncheon Program

Hiking is a passion for many Who's New members, but for Melanie Radzicki McManus of Sun Prairie, it also is a part of her work. The author of *The Thousand Miler: Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press, \$20) is our March luncheon speaker.

“The Ice Age Trail: A National Scenic Trail Gem” is Melanie’s presentation title. The 1,100-mile footpath’s unique landscapes were sculpted by the movement of glacial ice more than 12,000 years ago. The trail is entirely within Wisconsin, traversing 31 counties, including Dane.



Melanie has hiked it all twice, once in each direction, and set record in doing it. She aims to hike all 11 National Scenic Trails and has completed 4,250 of the 18,000-plus miles.



Melanie is a high achiever in other ways too. She has hiked some of the world's best-known trails (Camino de Santiago in Spain, Tiger Leaping Gorge in China). Her writing appears in the Midwest's largest daily newspapers, and she is a five-time Lowell Thomas Award winner, which is the highest honor a travel writer can attain. Copies of her book will be for sale at the luncheon. Learn more about her and the hikes at thethousandmiler.com.

Interest Group News

Save the date for the **18th season of Who's New Bicycling** kick-off meeting!

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 Door County, Wisconsin. The group is open to all levels of cyclists, beginning to advanced riders and we welcome new members!! Our weekly rides explore the bike trails, routes (and restaurants!) in the city of Madison and surrounding areas. The rides are scheduled for Friday mornings throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Please reply to Debbie if you plan on attending the meeting. If you are unable to attend but wish to receive the weekly e-mails, contact Debbie (dwise52@charter.net) to get on the distribution list.

NEW – From Wild Women to Wise Crones

This is a different kind of book discussion group. Rather than reading whole books each month we will have selected readings from authors like Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Jean Shinoda Boleyn, Julia Cameron, Dawna Markova, Anne Lamont and Mary Oliver. These readings will be the focus of our discussions on aging with wisdom, kindness, and growing insight into our own unique stories. We will meet once a month for healthy, supportive, enhancing discussions. Juicy women of all ages are welcome! The first meeting will be Friday, March 6, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. At 4030 Euclid Avenue. Future dates, times and meeting locations to be determined. Contact: Jeanne Moberly (608) 515-6468; jmoberly2@me.com

Service Project News



Thank you for your support of Maydm this past year. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to the community. It's been an exciting year for Maydm and we're excited to share some of that with you!



In 2019, Maydm worked with more than 500 students, meaning that to date, Maydm has served more than 1000 students! 1000 students that have been exposed to the possibility of a future in STEM. 1000 students who may not have otherwise had the opportunity to learn, grow, explore, and create with tech. We are so incredibly proud and excited about this achievement. In 2019 Maydm served 51% girls, 46% boys, 1% students who identify as nonbinary, and 2% who preferred not to disclose. 86% of Maydm's students were students of color. Maydm has again spent 2019 dedicated to serving underrepresented youth, and it has been the greatest joy.

Through events as well as one day workshops this past fall, Maydm has had the honor of working with a number of incredible students. On December 7, Maydm hosted Maydm's Maker's Epic Experience at Epic in Verona. The week before, we hosted a team of women from Who's New in Madison to volunteer with us and prepare for the day. There was a Middle School session in the morning as well as a High School session in the afternoon, where nearly 100 students learned how to program tiny computers and code their own 3D interactive stories. They shared a meal together, worked one on one with professionals in the tech sector, and went on a tour of Epic's deep space building.



This year, we've also been honored to receive a number of awards, which recognize our organization's as well as our Executive Director's commitment to equity and Madison youth. Winnie Karanja, Maydm's Founding Executive Director was named to Forbes 30 under 30 for social entrepreneurship.

She joins a cohort of fellow innovators, entrepreneurs, and advocates around the world who are committed to pushing our society to think bigger and push for better. She was also named Best Tech Manager in the Timmy Awards.



As an organization, Maydm received the Force for Positive Change Award for commitment to positive change in the state of Wisconsin.

March Service Committee News and Upcoming Highlights



- We will soon begin researching and interviewing non profits for next year's Service Project. Thank you for your suggestions.
- If you like playing MahJongg, a little friendly competition, and getting together with friends, consider signing up for the MahJongg Tournament on April 15th at the East Side Club on Monona Drive. Please see the registration form in the newsletter. Thank you to Carol Schaefer, Kathy Nelson and the MahJongg groups for planning this fun tournament and supporting our Service Project, Maydm.
- We are planning our final fundraiser for Maydm at the May luncheon. It will give the Service Committee an opportunity to thank you - our members for supporting our fund-raising efforts. Details will be provided in the April newsletter.

Special Honors for Winnie Karanja - Maydm's founder

On January 28, Service Committee members had the honor of attending a celebration to honor Winnie Karanja, the Founding Executive Director of Maydm. Winnie was named to the 2020 Forbes 30 under 30 list in Social Entrepreneurship. We hope you enjoy reading an update of Maydm in this newsletter. What an awesome organization!



Winnie Karanja with WNIM members at Forbes 30 event

March 12 luncheon donations for Maydm

We are keeping it simple and easy this month. Please consider bringing one of these items to lunch on March 12th at the Bonfrye American Grille. Thank you!



1. Stamps
2. Light cardstock paper
3. Business size envelopes 9x12
4. Brochure printer paper - 150g glossy

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

WHO'S NEW MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

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 WILL PLAY AT:
THE EAST SIDE CLUB
3735 MONONA DRIVE
MADISON, WI 53714

ALL NET PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT **Maydm**

- Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place finishers.
- Must bring your 2020 Mah Jongg card (**be sure to order your 2020 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 _____

\$25 per player # of players _____ Total enclosed _____ Can you bring a Mah Jongg set _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WHO'S NEW AND MAIL TO:

CAROLE SCHAEFER
206 MERRYTURN ROAD
MADISON WI 53714
608-241-8043

ALL CHECKS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE
REGISTRATION FORM(S) AND

RECEIVED BY APRIL 8, 2020

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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