

# Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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## President's Corner

Anne Brasier

Fall is a melancholy time of year for me, the days are shorter, the sun is no longer intense, and the garden has given up its last tomatoes and zucchini. But it also a time of crisp days, apple picking and a glorious burst of red, yellow and orange trees before the snow begins. It's a time when I need my Who's New friendships more than ever. In what will become a familiar (some might even say repetitive refrain) please reach out and keep in touch with your new and old friends in Who's New. We are a tremendous community of women and can assist each other in navigating this period of time before a vaccine is found. By the end of August 2020 we were 450 members strong. I appreciate your support and faith in Who's New as it transforms to accommodate our new ways of interacting.

The September virtual luncheon was a big leap in format and technology, but more than 70 of you took a chance and joined us. I hope you enjoyed hearing from the Interest groups and learning about the Madison Reading Project.

The virtual October 8 luncheon will feature a speaker and we will share information about them as soon as they are confirmed. Make your favorite lunch, join us at 11:30 for some small chat rooms, Who's New business and speaker presentation. We will also have a short demonstration of how to use the map feature for members on the website. Watch for a SignUpGenius blast email. A zoom invitation link will be sent to those who register through SignUpGenius. The link will be posted by October 6 to the website

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## Welcome New Members

We warmly welcome the following members who joined this summer.

Nancy Chapman  
Sherree Drezner  
Madeline Uraneck

Sally Jennings  
Darlene Olson  
Rose Kimberly  
Brenna Stevens

Alyce Amirian  
Suzanne Poggio  
Lee Gottschalk

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for those that can join us at the last minute. A link to the recorded September luncheon is available on the Who's New member portion of the website if you want to see what you missed last month.

Remember to send in a registration form and pledge for the Fall Walk fundraiser for the Madison Reading project, due by October 15th to Barb Fahey, [fahey@uwosh.edu](mailto:fahey@uwosh.edu). As a former librarian I'm particularly interested in this organization. I believe the ability to read well opens worlds, it provides entertainment, it's a cornerstone to a successful career, and it makes it easier to read math textbooks, easier to pass your driver's license test, easier to fill out job applications and on and on. I hope you will enthusiastically join in this year in getting books into the hands of children.

I recently finished reading "Library of Legends" by Janie Chang. It is about WWII in China and the universities that evacuated to the interior of the country to avoid the Japanese bombing. The students carried the contents of the university's libraries in their personal packs to protect the resources of their culture and education. They were fleeing a concrete enemy.

In the pandemic our enemy is an invisible virus. I feel the main character's comment about the stress of the trip applies to both situations. "There was no single correct decision, Shao reflected, only anxiety, leavened by hope."

During these days, be gentle with yourself and others, make the correct decisions for you and your family, and embrace life in a way that can keep you hopeful.

Anne Brasier

### ***October 8 Virtual Luncheon Information***



Tune in for our second virtual luncheon on October 8. Chat with WNIM friends, new and old, from 11:30-12:00. At noon, the business luncheon will begin. The final program information will be announced in your SignUpGenius Invite. This month, we'll show you how to use the website map feature.

For Zoom technical support prior to the meeting, contact Merriel Kruse at [merrielk@gmail.com](mailto:merrielk@gmail.com). If you need or want help downloading the Zoom app or learning how to connect, please reach out to Merriel.

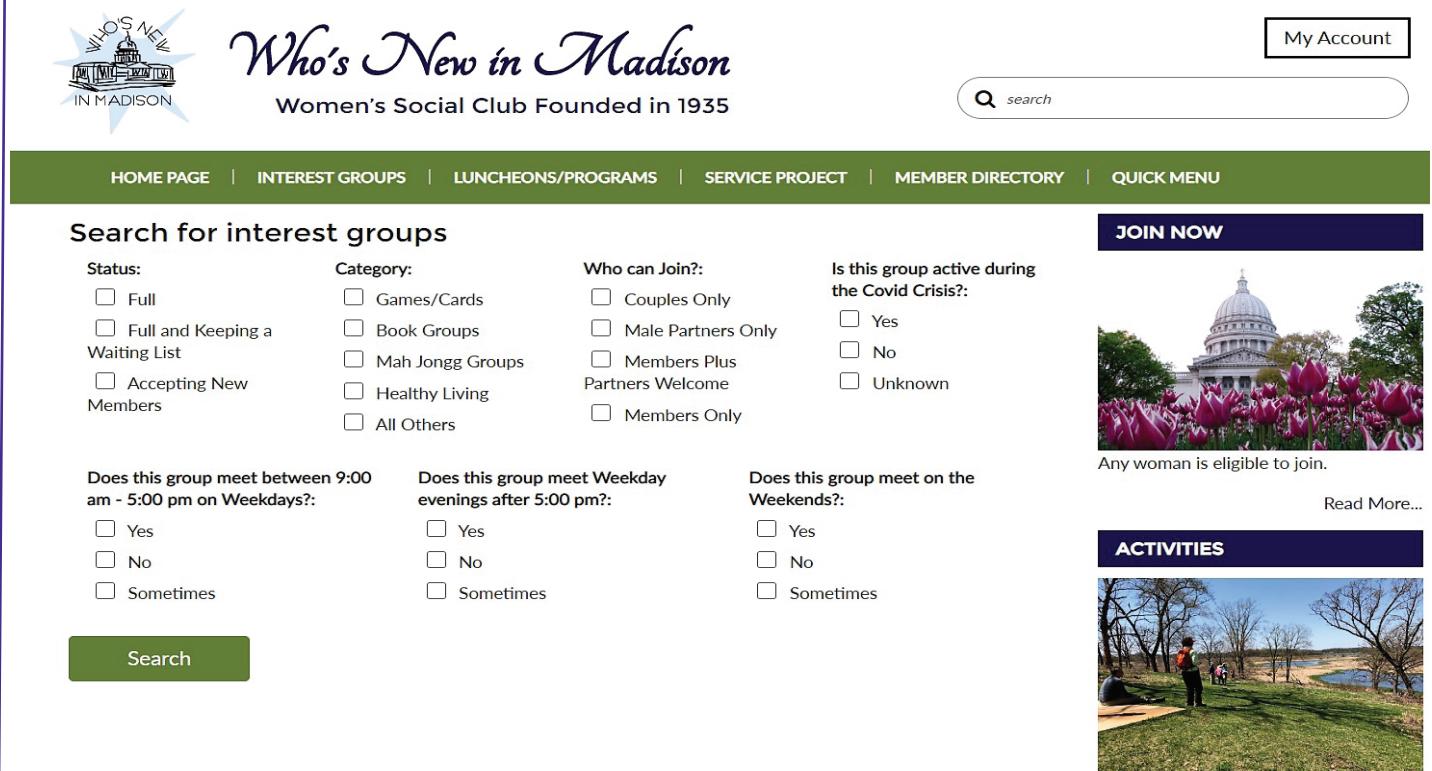
### ***Who's New Zoom Account***

Who's New has purchased a business Zoom account. It is available for anyone to use for Who's New meetings. The only restriction is that there cannot be two meetings at the same time on the account. If you wish to try out Zoom for your interest group and want the features of a paid account, please contact Anne Brasier ([abrasier2@gmail.com](mailto:abrasier2@gmail.com)) for the username and password.

## Interest Group News

We are excited to share with you our new Interest Group search feature. Jump online and have a look. You can now sort over 65 IG's by seven different parameters. Just check the boxes that pertain to you and hit search. Thank you to our Website committee - Mary Lindstrom, Anne Sprugeon, and Barbara White - for all their work to implement this new feature.

If you are interested in joining a group, contact the IG chair to get on their group distribution list for current updates and lists of activities! If you don't find a group for a particular interest, consider starting a new one. Contact Annie Cooper ([amm1114@gmail.com](mailto:amm1114@gmail.com)) and she can help you get started.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Who's New in Madison website. At the top, there is a logo for "Who's New in Madison" with a stylized sunburst and a building icon. The title "Who's New in Madison" is written in a large, elegant script, with "Women's Social Club Founded in 1935" underneath. To the right is a "My Account" button and a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "HOME PAGE", "INTEREST GROUPS", "LUNCHEONS/PROGRAMS", "SERVICE PROJECT", "MEMBER DIRECTORY", and "QUICK MENU".

**Search for interest groups**

**Status:**

- Full
- Full and Keeping a Waiting List
- Accepting New Members

**Category:**

- Games/Cards
- Book Groups
- Mah Jongg Groups
- Healthy Living
- All Others

**Who can Join?:**

- Couples Only
- Male Partners Only
- Members Plus Partners Welcome
- Members Only

**Is this group active during the Covid Crisis?:**

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

**Does this group meet between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on Weekdays?:**

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

**Does this group meet Weekday evenings after 5:00 pm?:**

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

**Does this group meet on the Weekends?:**

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

**JOIN NOW**



Any woman is eligible to join.

[Read More...](#)

**ACTIVITIES**





### Interest Group Update

Our Make New Friends group, open to all, is transitioning to meeting outdoors during the months of at least September and October, weather permitting. We meet on the 1st Monday and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10-11:30. Bring a chair/blanket, your coffee/tea and join our "socially distanced" circle to meet new women and reacquaint with old friends. Sign up at the website Interest Group page to get on the distribution list.

Sept 17: Garner Park near the pavilion   Oct 5: Hoyt Park   Oct 15: TBD

### WNIM Directory Usage

The Who's New member directory content - addresses, emails, and phone numbers are to be used only for Who's New business and socializing. This information may not be used for solicitation or fundraising of any kind.



## Service Committee News - October 2020

### "Let's Keep Our Traditions Going!"

WN's Service Committee, along with several interest groups, has created many fun fundraising traditions over the years. This year we're starting with the "Let's Walk for Books" **Fall Walk Fundraiser**. It has something for everyone! The registration and pledge form is on page 7 of the newsletter. Enjoy Wisconsin's beautiful fall weather while supporting a wonderful organization, Madison Reading Project.

The **Holiday Bazaar** fundraiser will continue this year, in a virtual format. Gift and ordering information will be in the November newsletter - just in time for holiday gift giving!

The **Giving Tree** will offer an easy way to help build a child's library through online or in-store book buying for Madison area children. More information will be in the December newsletter.

We are also continuing our monthly "wish list" tradition of providing a little something extra for our Service Project. Learn more below.

### October "Wish List" Items

The Service Committee is offering a virtual monthly wish list as a new way to provide those little "extras" to our Service Project. We hope to keep this monthly tradition going during this time of social distancing. The wish list items are typically collected at the monthly luncheons, but, sadly, that cannot be done this year. However, please consider purchasing the needed books or other items from MRP's wish list. We ask that you drop them off at a Service Committee member's home located near you. The wish list and member addresses are on the next page.

Please read the following statement from MRP and then consider purchasing some of the suggested books dealing with diversity issues.



*"At the beginning of August we announced our Books for Educators Program and have received requests from over 100 teachers!" We started our Books for Educators Program to help ease the financial burden teachers experience when trying to provide high-quality books and materials to their students. We quickly learned many educators needed access to diverse books, especially those that represent the cultural and linguistic diversity of the kids they teach. At Madison Reading Project, we believe kids should have access to great books with characters and content that represent their unique identities not just in their homes, but in their classrooms as well. That is why we're helping hundreds of educators access amazing books for their students."*

*Madison Reading Project*

## Books for Educators - "Donations for Educators" Wishlist

The following books about diversity are needed in any quantities and are available at your favorite Madison area bookstores or on Amazon. Shop in store or arrange curbside pickup. Then drop them off at a Service Committee member's home. Print this list for your shopping convenience. Most of these books are priced below \$13.

- **I am Enough**
- **Day You Begin**
- **Little Leaders Bold Women in Black History**
- **My Papi Has a Motorcycle**
- **The Proudest Blue**
- **We Are Grateful**
- **Crown**
- **Sulwe**
- **Planting Stories**
- **Saturday**
- **Going Down Home with Daddy**
- **Love**
- **Antiracist Baby (Board Book)**
- **Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You:**
  - **A Remix of the National Book Award-Winning Stamped from the Beginning**
- **I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Changed the World**
- **Watch Us Rise**
- **Clap When You Land**
- **This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality**
- **Poet X**
- **Season of Styx Malone**
- **Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of NASA Mathematician Katherine Johnson**



### MRP Wish List

- ◊ Goo Gone
- ◊ Scotch heavy duty shipping tape, with dispenser
- ◊ Kid's blunt tip scissors
- ◊ Post-It Notes, size 4" X 6" or 3" X 5"

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## Books for Educators

### How to Purchase Books via MRP's Website

- Go to Madison Reading Project's website, [madison reading project](http://madisonreadingproject.org) .
- At the website, click on "Support Our Work" in the middle of the top gray panel. Click on "Wish List" at the bottom of the gray drop-down box. (If using a cell phone, use the menu bar and "Support Our Work" will appear. Click on "Wish Lists.")
- The wish list page will pop up. Click on "Books4School - Madison, WI."
- At the end of a very long book list, it will say "Books for Educators Program." Click on that link, and the diversity books for educators will be listed. Click on a book and a book picture and detailed description pops up. You can order right from this link!
- During checkout, choose "Instore Pickup" as the delivery method, and Books4School will make sure the books are given to MRP, at no additional cost to you. Please indicate in the Customer Notes that these books are a donation for Madison Reading Project from a WNIM member.
- When you purchase books through MRP's website, **we have a favor to ask** - please let a Service Committee member know which book/s you purchased so we can keep track of the success of our "wish list" donations. The Service Committee emails are listed on the previous page.

## Check Out Madison Reading Project's Summer Success and Newsletter!

Sign up to get Madison Reading Project's online newsletter for an easy way to stay in touch with their activities and to donate books. Go to [madison reading project](http://madisonreadingproject.org) on the top of the page it will say "Subscribe To Our Newsletter." Click on it and sign up!

"We're wrapping up our Summer Reading Program and are excited to announce that we passed our goal and have given out 12,224 books to 2,987 kids in the past weeks.

This brings us to a total of 35,000 books given in 2020! In the coming weeks, we'll be switching gears to focus on going back to school. While many school districts will start the school year virtually, our team is working hard to ensure kids start the school year with new books at home."





## "Lets Walk for Books" - 2020 WN Fall Walk Fundraiser

To stay safe and healthy, our 2020 Fall Walk Fundraiser will look different to reflect the times we are living in. Proceeds will benefit the Madison Reading Project which provides quality literacy programs and books for children in Dane County. Their programs encourage a love for books while developing the skills necessary for kids to become great readers. The Fall Walk Around the Lake will be back next year!



### Fall Walk Registration and Pledge Form

This year, the Service Committee is planning a fundraiser with many fun walk options for all abilities. Choose a distance that works for you and walk anytime during October! Enjoy our beautiful fall weather with a hike in the woods or a casual walk around your neighborhood. Check out area hiking trails. Walk at the gym or on your treadmill. Walk with a WN friend, or plan a small WN group hike. If you choose not to walk, pledge to be an energetic cheerleader!

#### Choose one of the following walk/hike options:

1. 20k (12 miles) - for the most ardent walkers - chart your own adventure!
2. 10k (6 miles) - for the long walkers - check out local walking trails!
3. 5k about 3 miles - it's an enjoyable 1 hour walk! Perfect for a small group walk!
4. 1 mile walk - Walk 4 times around the school track or anywhere!
5. A short walk around your neighborhood - take your dog along!
6. Energetic cheerleader - Pledging but not walking!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am walking or cheering: \_\_\_\_\_ (insert distance)

I Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_ Checks payable to: Madison Reading Project.

Thank you!



## 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.

### Who's New Board Members 2020-2021

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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.

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- [www.whosnew.org](http://www.whosnew.org),
- click on *My Account* box
- then go to *Account Details* to edit.