

Who's New in Madison

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President's Corner

Paula Primm

How is it even possible that I am writing the President's Corner for January 2020? "2020" doesn't even seem like part of a date - isn't it a television news show or perfect vision? My mother used to tell me that as one gets older, the years go by faster. I smiled indulgently at her when she said that then, but totally agree with her now. Sorry, Mama, for doubting you!

The traditional subject of a January column would be New Year's resolutions. I'm not so keen on resolutions. I am contentedly retired, and measurable resolutions remind me of performance goals tied to bonuses of years past. And it's easy to make a resolution, miss the goal almost immediately, and then drop it until next year. I've decided instead to focus on "Hopes for 2020".

I have a round silver charm that I like to wear around my neck in times of trouble alongside a little amber heart that was a Valentine's gift from my late husband many years ago. On one side of the charm is an etching of a nondescript little bird. On the other side is an Emily Dickinson quote "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul."

What are my hopes for 2020? On a personal level, I hope to see more of my extended family this year. I hope that my shoulder and arm heal well from my injury in November, and that I can resume the level of activity that keeps me sane. I hope that I can be a more tolerant, kinder person in 2020. I hope that I can help the Nominating Committee find perfect candidates for the vacancies on the Who's New board and committees.

I do have hopes in this 2020 election year for our community, our state, and our nation. Who's New in Madison is very intentionally apolitical, and I would never use this forum to put forward any partisan hopes in that larger arena. We sincerely want all women, regardless of political affiliation, to feel welcome and comfortable at Who's New events. But I don't think I am violating our organiza-

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tional principles if I say that I hope that 2020 is the year that voters and elected officials on both sides of the aisle recognize that must begin to listen to one another with respect and civility if we are ever to find a path forward to address our very real problems. I don't think it is partisan to have hopes for a kinder political arena in 2020.

I plan to couple my hopes for 2020 with action. I will schedule a trip to see my Texas kin in the spring, I will do the exercises for my shoulder to maximize healing. I'll talk to Who's New members about service opportunities within our organization to find great board and committee members for 2020/2021. I will speak less and listen more. I will try to understand the point of view of "the other" and do what I can to make my corner of the world a little kinder.

If you missed the November luncheon at Porta Bella Restaurant, you missed a good meal and a fascinating speaker. Chef and restaurant owner David Heide told us about his new project, Little John's, a culinary-based philanthropic effort that combines a veterans training program and the collection and use of fresh food waste from local supermarkets with a pay-as-you-can restaurant serving nutritious meals. Chef Heide really thinks outside of the box! Many thanks to our volunteers for a lovely, informative luncheon.

Our January luncheon will be at Bishop's Bay Country Club, and our speaker will be Katie Vaughn, author of 100 Things to Do in Madison before You Die. I'm definitely looking forward to that one. Don't forget to sign up if you are in town and not seeking a little sun and warmth!

I would love to hear your own "Hopes for 2020". Happy New Year!

Paula Primm

Not Just Wine and Cheese

Friday, January 17, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 pm



**Hosted by: Debbie & Steve Wise, 14 Saint Andrews Circle
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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.

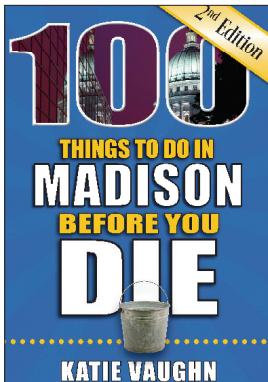
Welcome New Members to WNIM

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

Diana Durant

Pam Asche

Reservation deadline is midnight, December 30, 2019
Go to whosnew.org to register



Luncheon Program

With each season of the year comes new ways to appreciate life in Madison, and January luncheon speaker Katie Vaughn is just the gal to count the ways in which our home base is extraordinary, vibrant and one-of-a-kind.

The author of *100 Things to Do in Madison Before You Die* is a writer in the College of Letters and Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and former Madison Magazine managing editor.



Katie co-founded and edits Northerly (www.livenortherly.com), an online magazine about family life in Wisconsin, and is a freelance arts, travel, lifestyle and features writer for other publications. She is a UW and Stanford University grad.

The 100 Things to Do Before You Die series has more than 80 titles, each featuring a different U.S. state, region or city. Katie will bring copies of her book to sell at our luncheon.

January Luncheon



1st Course
Chef's Choice Soup (GF, DF)

Entree 1
Berry Salad \$25
Mixed greens with goat cheese, candied walnuts, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, raspberry vinaigrette.

Entree 2
Turkey Melt Sandwich \$25
On sourdough with cranberry mustard, swiss cheese, arugula, fresh tomato. Served with chips.
(Gluten free alternatives available)

Handicapped parking will be allowed in the circle, please use only if necessary.

**SAVE the
DATE**

April 15, 2020

The annual **Mahjong Tournament** will be held on April 15 at the Eastside Club.
For more information, including sign up, see the February and March newsletters.

Service Project Committee News



January Luncheon Donations for Maydm

In addition to our fundraising activities, the Service Committee suggests that members bring an item from Maydm's wishlist to each luncheon.

Check Maydm's Target Store wish list at <http://tgt.gifts/Maydm>

These items are also needed:

- Micro:bit - BBC2546862 Micro:bit go. Available at amazon.com
- Postage stamps
- Light cardstock paper
- 9X12 business size envelopes
- Brochure printer paper - 150g glossy
- Snack for program participants (Non-perishable chips, fruit snacks, etc.)

Seeing ideas for next year's
Service project and fundraising activities

We will soon begin researching non-profits for the WNIM 2020-21 Service Project. If you know of a non-profit that would be a good match for Who's New, please contact a Service Committee member with your suggestions. We are also looking for fundraising ideas. The fundraiser ideas should be fun, but simple and easy to put on.

Many thanks from the Service Committee!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the WN annual Giving Tree! Gift tags for books, gift cards and scholarships were available from two Giving Trees to support our Service Project - Maydm. These gifts will help Maydm stock their library and provide scholarships to girls and youth of color and provide them with the skill-based training to revolutionize the tech industry. The generosity of our Who's New members is heartwarming and appreciated! We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday!



Volunteer for Maydm

Maydm welcomes volunteers! Maydm's location is 3330 University Ave, Suite 202, Madison. To find out more about volunteering at Maydm, contact Service Committee member Genevieve Murtaugh, genevieve.murtaugh@gmail.com

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.