

Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

December 2021 Newsletter

**Items are Needed
for the**

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

See details on page 2

President's Corner

Friendship is considered a treasure that anyone can possess and good friendships add to a fulfilling life. Of course, maintaining and building friendships require your time as well as effort. WNIM provides such a lovely environment for making new connections as an adult. During the holiday season consider reaching out to your Who's New friends and let them know you value their friendship. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Few things in life are more important than supportive, close friends". Let's make a collective commitment to use our WN social groups' platform to continue grow and enrich our friendships.

The vacated 2021/22 WN Vice President position has now been filled with Co-Vice Presidents, Anne Brasier and Kathy Nelson. Thank you to these two extraordinary women for their generosity to the Who's New club. Their talent, energy and experience are greatly appreciated by all WN members. I would also like to offer a huge thank you from all of us WN members to Diane Wiersema for stepping up to fill



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Please Take Note

Visit our member website at:

whosnew.org

Our public website is:

whosnew.org

Find us on Facebook at:

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR DETAILS

Please help - Proceeds go to Girls On the Run

Please consider sharing your special talent by contributing:

- "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.
- *Other items crafted by you!*

If you would like to contribute crafts or baked goods, contact Susan Cambria at susancambria@gmail.com, indicating what you will bring.

Shopping Details

Join us at the December luncheon from 10:30-12 for fun shopping featuring the talents of WN members! You can get delicious treats and truly special one-of-a-kind gifts for families and friends. It is a fun and festive shopping experience!

December Luncheon Entertainment

Join us for our annual tradition of music at the December luncheon. Join us to hear some fine musicians playing some of our favorite songs. The Acoustic Charlies are Madison music veterans Chuck Bayuk, Chuck Gates and Jeff Laramie playing classic Americana, Folk and obscurely familiar songs ranging from the Beatles to Paul Simon, Bob Dylan and points between. They specialize in three part harmony singing behind their acoustic guitars and mandolin. Bayuk has performed at numerous Madison venues under his own name and bandleader, Jeff Laramie, is a member of the popular Madison band "Free Hot Lunch" who had a long career from 1980-1995 and many high profile reunions since. Chuck Gates is relatively new to the concert stage but a fine player and singer. Together, the group delivers a mix of creative arrangements and memorable songs for your enjoyment. You won't be disappointed!



December 9th Luncheon

Nakoma Country Club, 4145 Country Club Rd, Madison

Register at whosnew.org

Deadline is **11:59PM on November 29th**

REMINDERS

- Bring your Giving Tree items (in festive bags)
- Arrive early! Shop the **HOLIDAY BAZAAR**. You can get delicious treats and truly special one-of-a-kind gifts for families and friends. All items are made by WNIM members. The proceeds will benefit Girls on the Run.
- **10:30 am - Noon - Shopping, Cocktails & Visiting .**
Lunch seating at noon.

All entrees are \$25.00.

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| Entree 1 | <i>Chicken Marsala. A sautéed chicken breast, mushrooms, garlic and spring onions. Served with a side of green beans and garlic mashed potatoes.</i> |
| Entree 2 | <i>Roasted Pork Loin (GF) Slow roasted pork loin with a shitake calvados cream sauce. Served with a vegetable medley and white & wild rice.</i> |
| Entree 3 | <i>Quinoa, Spinach & Salmon Salad. 4 oz. salmon, spinach, quinoa, chickpeas, tomatoes, hard boiled eggs, feta cheese, artichokes, kalamata olives lightly dressed with balsmic dressing.</i> |
| Entree 4 | <i>Vegetable Hot Pot. Vegetable Sauté of Garlic, Roma Tomatoes, Onions, Jalapeños, Kale, Broccoli, Asparagus, Chickpeas, Light Tomato Sauce.</i> |

Assorted rolls & butter on the table. Chocolate cake for dessert.
Complimentary Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced tea available.

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in as interim co VP during these last few months. Diane will be continuing her work as the Co-Chair of the Programs committee with Pam Benish. Boy, there some wonderful Luncheon Programs in store for us! Don't forget to sign up for our December 9th luncheon at Nakoma Country Club. In keeping with our Who's New tradition of music in December, we will be enjoying the sounds of Classic Americana & Folk Music from local musicians, The Acoustic Charlies <https://www.facebook.com/acousticcharlies/>. Additionally, our Service Partner Committee has planned a Holiday Bazaar and a Giving Tree to support our service partner, Girls on the Run. Please check the website for full details <https://whosnew.org/service-partner>.

Our Co-V.P.'s, Anne and Kathy, are continuing to expand the enhancements and usability features to our IG webpages. All IG leaders have been asked to be sure that the members of their IG be registered for their group through their IG webpage. Please take a look at all the IG's you are involved with and be sure that you are registered through their webpage.

December is WN's month to appoint the Nominating Committee to identify members for service in the next WN's term. Please contact me or one of our Co-VP's if you are interested in serving or would like to nominate another member. Service on the board is one more way to help develop new friendships. I've met many fun and interesting women and learned so much about the remarkable 86 year history of our organization. It's also a great way for me to pay it forward to a group I have received so much from.

In the spirit of the Holiday season, I wish you and yours a joyous new year filled with good health, peace and happy moments.

Annie Cooper

Not Just Wine and Cheese Friday, December 17

[Click here to sign up](#)

Hostess: **Nancy Chapman**
7606 Gray Fox Trail, Madison
Time: **6:50 to 9PM**



Not Just Wine & Cheese is a monthly social event for all members. Singles, couples, everyone is welcome. It happens on the **3rd Friday** of every month. Please bring an appetizer/dessert to share and your own beverages. We look forward to seeing you.

Note

In January, NJW&C will be on ZOOM and pre-sented by Metcalfe's ... back by popular demand. Check the January News-letter for details.

**Lunch Bunch IG
to be active again!**

Lunch Bunch will resume the fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning January 2022. The co-chairs are Sondra Jordan and Jane Wery. Please sign up for this interest group if you haven't previously.

Service Committee News

Welcome December, a month of giving, sharing, connection. There are a few ways you can continue your support of Girls On the Run this month. Let's surpass GOTR's need of \$12,000 to fully cover the cost of giving access to girls at high need schools, community centers and clubs. We can do this! 'Tis the season of giving!

- **Bring in your crafts and baked goods for the [Holiday Bazaar \(see page 2\)](#)**
- **Bring in your [Giving Tree](#) items OR Donate Funds**

The Giving Trees were so pretty at our November luncheon. Members chose sneaker ornaments with gifts the girls need- tops, legging, shorts and sports bras along. Sneaker ornaments were also available for gift cards to specific stores.

Bring your gift(s) in a festive bag to the December 9th luncheon. If you need to drop off your gifts before the luncheon, please contact one of the service committee members.

We are excited to let you know that we have a Virtual Giving Tree for the first time so all members can participate. Go to the whosnew.org member home page and click on Virtual Giving Tree. You can also donate funds to support these wonderful girls at such an important time in their young lives either at the December luncheon or by clicking the Donate Here link on the Home Page and Service Partner page of the website.

A Thank You from GOTR - Free LUNAFEST film fest tickets

Christine Benedict, Executive Director of Girls on the Run asked the Service Committee to share her update in our newsletter.

"Girls on the Run is proud to share that nearly 700 girls and just over 200 volunteer coaches have experienced their transformational program this season. Forty-eight teams are meeting at sites throughout South Central Wisconsin. Thanks to support from Who's New in Madison, thousands of supplies have been packed and organized helping us safely and efficiently deliver their programming. To date (prior to the 5K), members of Who's New in Madison have shared over 200 hours (!!!) with Girls on the Run - it has saved us weeks of staff time that we have been able to devote to other important work. We are excited to bring our celebratory 5K run back to Waunakee on Saturday, November 6th.

Donations from Who's New in Madison have already exceeded \$4,500!! These funds are going directly to ensuring free access for future participants. This season alone, Girls on the Run provided over \$12,000 in financial assistance to 125 participants. Who's New in Madison has also provided over 1,000 healthy snacks to kids and coaches on high need teams. We have been blown away by the generosity and support of the Who's New in Madison members.

Join us for LUNAFEST! As a token of Girls on the Run's gratitude for the women of Who's

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New in Madison, you're invited to enjoy a night in on us. You'll be able to watch at your convenience anytime between 6pm on Friday, November 19th through 6pm on Sunday, November 21st.

LUNAFEST is a national film festival that features short films by and about women. Films cover topics such as women's health, relationships, breaking barriers, cultural diversity, and more. You can watch this season's line-up from the comfort of your home. The run time is just over 90 minutes and while the films featured in LUNAFEST are not rated, we suggest age 16+ for this season's lineup. For more information about LUNAFEST, visit: <https://www.lunafest.org>"

You can reserve your free ticket to LUNAFEST by going to the Service Partner page of the website and looking for LUNAFEST! It feels great that GOTR is sharing this gift with us. Get together with your Who's New friends and have a watch party!

Thank you for the volunteer time, energy, and financial contributions you have already given to Girls on the Run. Christine and her staff are such a pleasure to work with. We are so appreciative of all of you and the staff at GOTR.

Lace Up and Power On!

Your Service Committee,

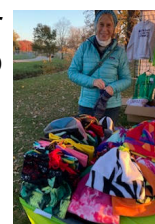
Martha Main, Nan Youngerman, Judy Thorpe, Nancy Daly, Genevieve Murtaugh Susan Cambria

GOTR 5K Race Report



It was an awesome event with over 1000 runners, the weather was perfect, and Waunakee was a wonderful host! Thanks to all members who volunteered to assist with the event.

Madison Hat Lady and WNIM member, Nancy Daly, was there selling hats with all proceeds going to GOTR. Nancy and her team of sewers made over 600 hats for the girls to wear.



Also shown are race day volunteers Judy White, Pam Toby, Anne Brasier and Martha Main. Anne also ran the race as a Race Buddy.

Legacy Interest Group Members - Action Required!

Did you join an Interest Group years ago, before we had a website? If so, we need you to go to the website and join your group once again.

We are making the final move to having the Who's New website be the official holder of Interest Group membership. When you sign into the website (whosnew.org) and click on 'My Account' you will see a list of Interest Groups that you signed up for online. Many of you have already done this in the last month, so you may find that you are up to date.

If the group that you have been attending for years isn't listed, you will need to find it in the Interest Group list and click to join. Many of the legacy members are in Interest Groups that are full. So please let your Interest Group leader know that you are trying to join and they will get the group opened so you can sign up online. They will let you know when to try again.

We appreciate your efforts to make our lists accurate.

In the future, you will update your Interest Group memberships when you complete your membership renewal. And Interest Group leaders will be able to email directly from the website and not have to maintain separate distribution lists.

New Member Coffee Committee

On September 23rd we held a New Member Coffee. The purpose of this event is to give new members an opportunity to meet our president and vice president as well as to learn about the WNIM history and Interest Groups (IGs). New members are encouraged to explore our website and sign up for the IGs they are interested in.

A date for the next event hasn't been decided at this time. It likely will take place in March or April 2022. If you are a new member and haven't already attended an event, you will receive an invitation via SignUpGenius. Be sure to regularly check your Spam folder to see if your emailed invitation lands there.

It is probably important to point out that the New Member Coffee is different than the Make New Friends Morning Coffee IG. New Member Coffee is a one-time event, whereas Make New Friends Morning Coffee is ongoing.



Welcome to WNIM, New Members!

Carolyn Goode

Jennifer Weil

Rochelle Sandstrom

Ellen McCabe

Kaye Hernon

Evelyn Wussow

Judy Dwyer-Lyons

Grace Flood

Anne Rhyme

Mary O'Brien

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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If you have a change of address, email or phone number, please update your information on the website.

Go to—

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- click on *My Account* box
- then go to *Account Details* to edit.