

# Who's New in Madison

Where New Faces Become Old Friends

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## President's Corner

Anne Brasier

By the time you read this column, I will have just one more to write. I'll have two more virtual luncheons and two more board meetings to conduct before the end of my term. The reality of my presidential service has been much different than my expectations. I thought when I accepted the president's role that I would be addressing you in person at luncheons and going to coffees and cocktail parties. Even in its altered form, Who's New has been a lifeline for me, providing connections and activities that continue to make Madison feel like home. I hope we eased some of you through the winter and the pandemic as well.

I recently finished *Olive Again* by Elizabeth Strout. Jack, a widower, is at the coast when he noted, "There were people on the sidewalks, many were young people with kids or strollers and they all seemed to be talking to one another. This fact impressed him. How easily they took this for granted, to be with one another, to be talking!"

To be together and talking is a vision I wish for the 2021-22 board. Voting for the new officers will take place between March 15 and April 5 via Survey Planet. The slate of officers presented and accepted at the March luncheon are: President, Annie Cooper; Vice-president, Joy Cardin; Secretary, Sue Simon; and Treasurer, Barbara White. You can read their bios elsewhere in this newsletter. After receiving the email with the link to Survey Planet, please respond by April 5, as we need at least 10% of our membership to vote to make their appointments official. Thank you to Annie, Joy, Sue and Barbara for stepping up to keep Who's New vibrant and strong.

There are still openings on various committees particularly for Programs, Hostess and Newcomer Coffee. Please think about volunteering to assist members in forging new relationships and friendships, sharing activities and getting to know the Madison area better.

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The April 8th luncheon will feature Andy and Dee Hall, co-founders of the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism. Their talk, Fact vs Fake: The Search for the Truth in our News Media, will discuss the importance of the free press in the American democracy. We will give away a Wisconsin Watch "Facts" face mask to a randomly selected attendee! See details on the Who's new website and elsewhere in the newsletter.

Not Just Wine & Cheese on March 19 is a beer and popcorn tasting and as of this writing the NJW&C for April is leaning toward making the perfect Old-fashion. Now that's a topic sure to cause conversation among Wisconsinites. Watch the website and your emails for ordering information and details.

I'm looking forward to limited gatherings and more outdoor activities as we get vaccinated and move toward normal life again. Enjoy the blooming flowers and fresh spring green as the most glorious season (in my opinion) in Wisconsin approaches.



### **Tales from a Who's New Novice Volunteer, by Cathy Broan**

Thanks to all the participants who have embraced our new Zoom Not Just Wine and Cheese. We have had so much fun reconnecting with a common cause, educating ourselves and being entertained while enjoying great delicacies.



Thank you all for such positive feedback. I have never been on a board or in a committee. I was daunted by such an undertaking. I can hardly navigate Facebook. I am not familiar with more than the basic computer skills. I am writing this to say "fear not!" I encourage anyone who may want to help, but who feel they don't have the skills, jump in. The board has a vast wealth of knowledge to support you.

### **Volunteers Needed**

WNIM is a social organization run entirely on the volunteer power of its members. We are currently looking for committee members for our 2021-22 year.

Please consider volunteering for one of the following committees:

- *Programs* - has two members, with a chair; looking for 1-3 new members.
- *Luncheon and New Member Coffee* are also looking for members to volunteers.

Contact Annie Cooper for details at [amm1114@gmail.com](mailto:amm1114@gmail.com)



## Election of Officers for the WNIM 2021-2022 Board March 15 to April 5

Welcome to our new ELECTRONIC VOTING for your WNIM Officers for next year. You have from March 15th until April 5th to vote. Below are short Biographies for each to acquaint you with the candidates before you vote.

We are using SURVEY PLANET to record your ANONYMOUS vote this year. Please click on the **BLUE** link below where you will be asked if you

1. Accept the Slate of Officers
2. Do not accept the Slate of Officers
3. Other Option, if you have one

Then, don't forget to scroll down and click on **SUBMIT** to record your vote.

### ***Slate of Officers***

**President - Anne Cooper.** Annie 's been Vice President of Whos New in 2020-21, and has been a member since February 2019. She moved here with her husband, Jeff, from Winona, MN. WNIM interest groups include biking, One and Done, Couples Dining, luncheons and Diversity in Madison. Outside of WNIM, during tax season she volunteers with the IRS VITA program and also as a financial coach through the UW Extension. She is retired from a career as a Personal Financial Planner.

**Vice President - Joy Cardin.** Joy Cardin, a member since 2018, is originally from Appleton, WI. Joy joined WNIM after retiring from a 30-plus year career at Wisconsin Public Radio. WNIM interest groups include One and Done, hiking, Diversity in Madison, Mah Jongg, and Lunch Bunch. Joy served on the Programs Committee for the last two years. and is also serving on the Board of Directors for the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, the Dane County Humane Society, and the Midvale Heights Community Association. Joy also enjoys yoga, travel, and volunteering.

**Treasurer - Barbara White.** Barbara joined WNIM in 2018. She is from Minneapolis, Minnesota and Omaha, Nebraska. Her WNIM interests include bicycling, hiking, a book group, snow shoeing, Lunch Bunch and Diversity. Barbara retired from a career in information technology. Barbara is a yoga teacher and practitioner. She is also a pet therapy volunteer with her dog, Samson. She serves as director and treasurer for a recreational corporation.

**Secretary- Sue Simon.** Sue 's been a member since 2016, is your current Secretary for WNIM, and is a native of WI. A retired Family and Consumer teacher in Verona and Madison, Sue and her husband of 50 years are in their 13th home in 3 different states, WI, TX and FL. Outside of WNIM, she serves as Co-Registrar of Black Hawk Community Gardens, Co-Chairs a School Supply Drive and chairs a Cash Raffle for her church. WNIM interest groups include Couples Night Out, Lunch Adventures, Marathon Bridge and Diversity in Madison.

<https://s.surveypalnet.com/uAtro0ZOy>

If you have any questions or experience difficulties voting on Survey Planet, click [here](#) to send an email to the WNIM Secretary and request help.

## Interest Group News from Annie Cooper

Thank you to all interest group leaders and co-leaders for all their time and efforts in continuing to see our Interest Groups through this year of the pandemic.

If you would like to join a group, contact the IG chair to get on their email distribution list for current updates and plans for activities!! If you want to start a new IG, contact Annie Cooper [amm1114@gmail.com](mailto:amm1114@gmail.com) and she can help you get started!

### Womens Biking Group



The WNIM Bicycling Group will start having rides this spring as soon as the roads are free of ice and snow, and the temperatures are reasonable. We can hardly wait! We ride on Friday mornings. Information will be sent out each week, usually on Wednesday, to all members of the Friday Bicycling Interest Group via Sign-Up Genius. Please make sure that your WNIM membership email address is up to date, and let Nancy know if you have changed it since last year. We ride on bike trails and quiet roads, and practice Covid distance precautions, but do not require masks while riding. For everyone's safety, we strongly encourage you to get your Covid vaccine before the rides begin. Get your bikes out soon, check the tires and brakes, and oil them up a bit - treat them kindly and they will serve you well! Please call Nancy Shook, [nshook@wisc.edu](mailto:nshook@wisc.edu), 608-836-8821, if you have questions.

### Dividend Divas



Learn about investing and enjoy watching our portfolio develop. We pool our money together in order to make joint investment decisions. It's a great way to educate yourself about the stock market. No prior investment knowledge is required. If you enjoy learning together, having some fun and watching our stocks develop, contact us for more information. You are welcome to join one of our meetings to see what we do - no obligation!

Our group has been in touch regularly as our monthly meetings are now on Zoom. In "normal" times members call in to meetings when they are out of town, so we are comfortable with meeting virtually. We currently have openings for a couple of members.

### Walking Groups



Both the East and West side One and Done Walking groups are out once a week enjoying some of the spring like weather.

For complete information on ALL of the WMIN Interest Groups, login to your WNIM account (click [here](#)) and select the Interest Group page.

## April 8th Zoom Luncheon Speakers



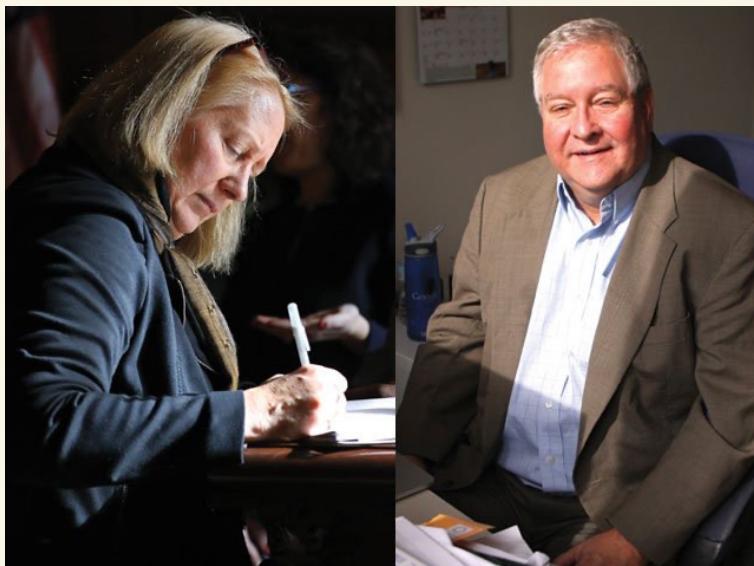
### Fact vs Fake: The Search for the Truth in our News Media

We'll hear about how misinformation is harmful to our health and the health of our society during our April 8 Luncheon from 12-1pm.

Andy and Dee Hall, co-founders of the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism (WCIJ), will discuss the importance of the free press in the American democracy, how the free press is faring today, and what

led to the polarization and mistrust in news in recent years. We'll find out what role we can play in stopping the spread of fake news and how we can be better informed citizens. We'll also hear about how the WCIJ or Wisconsin Watch is trying to make a difference.

We will give away a Wisconsin Watch "Facts" face mask to a randomly selected attendee!



### Welcome New Members to WNIM

Wishing a warm welcome to these new members:



**Nancy Hoffman**

**Diane Vollrath**

**Barb Saeman**

**Madelon Wise**

**Brenda Levin**

**Lisa Parr**

## Virtual Not Just Wine and Cheese

March 19 6 – 8 PM

Featuring Wisconsin Brewing Company and Lake Louie

***No signup required. Zoom link will be sent to all members.  
Beer purchase is optional.***



**Who's New in Madison welcomes Wisconsin Brewing Company to share an exploration of beer.**

Brewmeister Kirby Nelson and Sales Manager Ellen Weiler will share the story of Wisconsin Brewing Company (WBC) including:

- Beer Industry in Wisconsin
- Beer Production Process
- Wisconsin Brewing Company and Lake Louie History
- Beer Tasting



*Drawing for Wisconsin Brewing Company cheese board will be held at event.*

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## NJW&C *continued*

We have arranged a package of beer, matching koozies, and popcorn for you to purchase. The package contains four Wisconsin beers from Lake Louie and WBC breweries with a koozie from WBC. The package also features Madison's iconic, family-owned Curt's Gourmet Popcorn with small bags of Gourmet White, Carmel and Cheddar, and White Cheddar popcorn.



### Selected Beers

- Lake Louie Pop 834
- Lake Louie Swamp Thang
- WBC Boom Run
- WBC Cupid's Envy

### Suggested Cheese Pairings

Cheddar or peppercorn
English style cheddars or young goat cheese
Aged gouda
Mild blue with subtle sweetness or honey

**Beer purchase must be made prior to midnight March 14. Price \$22.**

For your convenience, beer and popcorn will be available for contactless pickup at geographically dispersed member homes. Delivery to your home is offered if times and locations are not convenient for you.

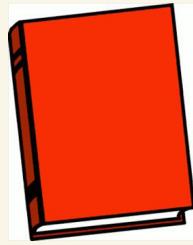
### **Evening Schedule:**

6:00 PM	Chat Rooms
6:30 PM	Presentation and Tasting – Wisconsin Brewing Company
7:15 PM	More Chat Rooms

***All members and partners are welcome. No purchase required.***



## Service Committee News



### A Big Thanks

The Who's New Service Committee would like to thank our generous members for helping make the "Valentine Giving Tree Challenge" fundraiser a success. Your giving spirit provided 207 books to Madison Reading Project. In addition, Who's New members donated \$1,000 for this fundraiser by using the new donate button on our website! With Madison Reading Project's unique buying power, your monetary donations will provide many more books for children of all ages. We are overwhelmed by your support for our fundraisers and Madison Reading Project.

*Madison Reading Project is a literacy based nonprofit providing books and programs for vulnerable children in the greater Dane County area.*

Because of your generosity, Who's New in Madison has been recognized as one of the top sponsors of Madison Reading Project! The picture below, will appear at the end of their monthly newsletters and is a recognition of their top sponsors. In addition, check out Madison Reading Project's website by clicking [here](#). Go to the gray horizontal bar on top, click on **Who We Are**. A box will drop down. Click on **Sponsors** and you will see the Who's New in Madison logo! The newsletters and website are seen by thousands of people and gives WNIM great exposure.

Thank You...

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## Service Committee News *continued*

### Check out WNIM and Madison Reading Project's Quilt Raffle!

**Win this amazing king size quilt -  
handcrafted and designed by a Who's New Member!**

**Ticket sales dates are *April 15th - May 3rd*.  
Winner announced May 13!**



To purchase your raffle tickets, contact Martha Main

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608-604-8474

*Make your checks payable to  
Madison Reading Project*

*Thank you.*

**\$10 per ticket  
OR  
\$25 for 3**



# Quilt Raffle

All proceeds benefit  
Madison Reading Project.

Enter to win this beautiful  
king-size quilt donated  
by a member of  
Who's New in Madison



Raffle tickets can be  
purchased from  
Who's New members or  
Madison Reading Project

**\$10 per ticket or  
\$25 for 3 tickets**

Drawing will be held May 13, 2021 at 12pm



[www.madisonreadingproject.com](http://www.madisonreadingproject.com)  
[www.whosnew.org](http://www.whosnew.org)

## Service Committee News continued



Madison Reading Project has moved to a new location. Their new address is **1337 Greenway Cross #186**  
**Madison, WI 53713**



*Pictured are Service Committee members  
Patti Bavlnka and Martha Main standing below the  
brand new MRP sign after dropping off books from  
the Valentine Giving Tree Fundraiser.*

Thanks again for your generous support of our fundraisers and helping Madison Reading Project get more books to children and families in the greater Madison Area.

### **Happy Spring!**

*WNIM Service Committee: Stephanie Kissel, Nancy Daly,  
Barbara Fahey, Martha Main, Carol Ottenstein, Patti Bavlnka*

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## 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 WNIM 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:**

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- then go to *Account Details* to edit.