



Who's New in Madison

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Outgoing President's Message



Greetings to all WNIM members,

It has been an honor to serve as your president for the past two years. I have been continually impressed by the support, camaraderie, and talents of our board of directors, interest group leaders, and members. During my three years on the board, our organization has grown significantly, and I am deeply grateful to each of you for your contributions.

WNIM is fortunate to have an outstanding board of directors for the 2026–27 year. Judy White, our incoming president, brings many years of experience serving on the WNIM board. Nancy Fucinato, our new vice president, has also previously served on the board and will be a tremendous asset. Sue Terry will contribute her expertise as secretary. Jean Murray will continue her excellent work as treasurer, having already strengthened our financial processes. We also extend sincere thanks to our past leaders, some of whom are transitioning into other volunteer roles within WNIM. I would like to offer special recognition to Renee Hoxie, who is retiring from her role as secretary.

I am pleased to share that we have a full slate of leaders to chair our eight committees for 2026–27:

Service: Mary Vowinkel and Jodi Wagner will serve as co-chairs. Thank you to Sue Terry and Gail Powers-Schaub for their past leadership.

Newsletter: Dianne Byerly and Lori Volp will continue their excellent work on our bimonthly newsletter.

Welcome: Gail Powers-Schaub and Lynn Fortner will step in as co-chairs. We thank Martha Main for her years of leadership as she retires.

Luncheon: Vicki Krohn and Jennifer Popp will remain as co-chairs. We appreciate the many wonderful luncheons they have organized, including our 90th Anniversary celebration.

Programs: Michelle Stanley and Raquel Cerveny will continue to co-chair, bringing us engaging luncheon programs.

Membership: Nina Hevern and Deb Holt will take on co-chair roles as Nancy Fucinato transitions to vice president.

NJWC: We welcome new co-chairs Rose Kimberly, Linda Sklena, and Sue Terry with Joan Bachhuber and Nancy Chapman stepping down.

Website: Barbara White will continue as chair, maintaining our excellent website. Thank you to Lynn Fortner for her past service as co-chair.

As for me, I look forward to exploring new ways to contribute to this wonderful organization. I am truly grateful for the friendships that I have formed during my four years with WNIM.

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Interest Groups

As the Who's New 2025–26 year comes to a close and as vice president in charge of all our wonderful Interest groups, I would like to thank all of our IG Leaders for taking the time to help me update their pages on the website this year. Thank you for continuing to lead all of our groups! We began the year with 72 interest groups and we are ending with 67, while still adding 4 new groups overall—great progress and continued growth!

As we head into summer, please note that some groups do not meet during the summer. However, be sure to check out our seasonal offerings, including *Yoga in the Park*, *Co-ed Wisconsin Camping Group*, *Summer Kayaking*, *Women's Bicycling*, *Ladies of the Garden*, and *Ladies & Co-ed Outdoor Pickleball*.

Incoming
President's
Message

On behalf of our new WNIM Board, thank you to our outgoing officers, committee leads, and committee members from the 2025–26 year. A special thank you to Ellen McCabe for stepping up and serving a second year as President.

I have been part of the Board since 2019 and am now honored to serve as your new President.

Please stay involved in our interest groups and activities, which truly are the heart and soul of our organization. As we head into summer, our organization has grown to 803 members and 67 interest groups. I look forward to welcoming you in person at our September 10 luncheon, where we will highlight all interest groups and kick off the year with our new service partner.

Our Board is already hard at work planning the 2026–27 year of luncheons, programs, and partnership with our new service partner.

I wish you all a happy summer, enjoying everything Wisconsin has to offer this time of year.

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WNIM summary of service with 2025-26 Service Partner Luke's Closet

Mah Jongg Tournament Recap

More than 90 players met for a half day of fun and stimulating tournament play.

Tournament Winners

1st Place -Amy Hartwell

2nd Place - 3 way tie - Jennifer Zschernitz, Cheryl Martin and Audrey Gordon

Who's New raised \$2690 for Luke's Closet. Thanks to the Mah Jongg Interest group, and the leadership and volunteers who helped make this event possible!

Luke's Closet Support Recap (not including May and June data from Luke's Closet)

Who's New members made a total economic impact of \$48,882 on our Service Partner in 2025-26, broken down as follows:

\$ 37,016.69 Events, in kind and direct cash donations

\$ 11,866.00 Volunteer hours: 349 hours X \$34.00/hr

Luke's Spring Shop & Eat Recap

Continuing the trend of increased attendees, the April 11, 2026 Shop & Eat event hosted the most spring event attendees ever (148 people), a 17% increase from spring 2025. Luke's increased the amount of clothing given per child to 8 tops, 4 pants, and 4 shorts. Adding in socks, underwear, pajamas, and miscellaneous items selected, this amounts to over 4,000 clothing items distributed.

Volunteer at Luke's Closet

Please join us in Luke's Closet lower level sorting room to help sort clothing donations. Training happens onsite. May 27 and June 8 are dedicated specifically to WNIM members. [Click to Volunteer](#).

Service
PartnerItems
of
Interest

NJWC dates over the summer: June 19, July 17, and August 21

Please [click here](#) for information. For specific June 19 link, [click here](#).



The next **New Member Coffee** will be held September 23 at the Waunakee Library.

[Click here](#) for New Member information. Invitations will be sent to new members.

Member Photo Gallery



April Luncheon



WNIM members community volunteers



Wednesday AM Hiking



**Friday morning Biking
First Bikeride of the Season**



Travel Interest Group



Mah Jongg Tournament



Savvy Sips

