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President's Message



As I look forward to another exciting year with Who's New, this will be my seventh, I'm reminded that one of the greatest benefits of belonging to an organization of this size (over 800 members) is the chance to connect with women from a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences, and walks of life. Every new friendship begins with a simple conversation. For returning members, I encourage you to reach beyond the friends you already know. Introduce yourself to someone new, share a little about yourself, and take the time to learn her story. Those conversations often become the foundation of lasting friendships. If you are new to Who's New, welcome! We are so glad you're here. I look forward to meeting you, hearing your story, and sharing mine. Together, let's continue creating a community where every woman feels welcomed, valued, and connected. Let's begin the year by meeting new people, reconnecting with old friends, and celebrating all that Who's New has to offer at our September Interest Group Showcase & Luncheon. I hope to see you there! **JUDY**

Introduction of 2026-2027 Service Partner - Felicia's Closet

Date: Thursday, September 10

Location: Lake Windsor Country Club, 4628 Golf Drive, Windsor, WI

Time: 11:00 am Check-in, Visiting & Cocktails; while browsing the Interest Group tables
12:00 pm Lunch, Business Meeting & Introduction of our new Service Partner.

Deadline to register: August 26 [Click here to register.](#)

September 10 marks a new year of programs and luncheons that start, as is traditional, with a pre-lunch showcase of many special interest groups offered by WNIM. This year, you will have the opportunity for a quick assist in signing up for (and using) SignUp Genius, a scheduling program that many of the interest groups use. This is followed by the introduction of the new Service partner for the year, Felicia's Donation Closet, as they outline their goals and hopes for utilizing WNIM members in volunteer opportunities to expand their work. You can get a video preview of this wonderful organization at the WNIM website on the home page. Come fired up to help change the trajectory of women and families breaking through the domestic abuse cycle.

Want some more teasers of programs to come? A chef will prepare and share recipes for "easy and elegant appetizers" in time for holiday entertaining. A former Washington Post writer will reflect on the state of journalism. Last year, record numbers of WNIM members experienced falls and injury: hear physical therapist Lori Thein Brody from the award-winning Larry Meiller show talk about "Preparing for Fun:" how strength and fitness improve pickleball (and other fun activities) as well as reduce your fall risk. Guests from Wollersheim Winery will detail challenges of female vintners. Yearning for a get-away from WI winters? : "99 Ways to save money when traveling" may give you some ideas. Of course, the year includes the Holiday Bazaar fund-raiser and the end-of-the-year "Housewarming" party in May to celebrate our successes in raising money for Felicia's Donation Closet.

Luncheons and Programs

Not Just Wine and Cheese



Hostess: Nancy Chapman

Date: Friday, August 21

Location: 7606 Gray Fox Trail, Madison

Time: 6:30-9:00 pm Event is Full but you can [Click here to waitlist.](#)

This is a great informal way to meet new people. Partners and guests are also welcome! NJW&C takes place in the evening on the 3rd Friday of each month. Bring a bottle of wine for yourself and an appetizer or dessert to share. If you would be interested in hosting, please contact njwc@whosnew.org.

Interest Groups

Exciting New Interest Group Ideas and Updates

An Interest Group Leader is needed for the *Diversity Group*. It is a once a month discussion group to explore issues of social justice in our community. Consider becoming the Leader/Co-leader and provide a space for open minded conversation and discovery. Send Nancy Fucinato an email at VP@whosnew.org.

Currently we have 67 Interest Groups. There are 45 groups accepting new members. Eleven groups are full but are keeping a waitlist. Eleven groups are full without a waitlist.

As you renew your membership, please review the Interest groups that you belong to. If you are not participating, please consider removing your name to make space for others. It's okay to step away. When you can again participate, then rejoin the group.

All Interest Group Leaders should have received an email from me, Nancy Fucinato VP inviting you to sign up for the September IG Showcase. Don't forget you **must** sign up for the Luncheon **and** on SignUp genius. [Click here](#) for info and SignUp link.

WNIM proudly presents Felicia's Donation Closet for 2026-2027

The WNIM service committee is excited to announce our 2026-2027 service partner: **Felicia's Donation Closet**. Felicia's Donation Closet helps women and children survivors of domestic abuse as they transition into safe, stable housing. Founded in 2020 by Felicia Raye Diny, a survivor of domestic abuse, Felicia's Donation Closet is 100% volunteer driven. Often women escaping domestic violence must leave their homes with only what they can carry. The volunteer team provides complete household furnishings and essential items, free of charge, so families can begin their new chapter with security and peace of mind. Learn more about Felicia's Donation Closet by [clicking here](#).

Pig roast benefiting Felicia's Donation Closet on August 20 from 3-6 pm at Fitchburg Farmer's (Market 5511 East Cheryl Parkway). [Click here](#) for info. For pre-orders, [click here](#).

Volunteer with Felicia's Donation Closet by going to the WNIM website and filling out their volunteer form. Every volunteer must have a background check done by them. Some of the volunteer opportunities include assisting with biweekly move-ins, sorting and organizing donations, and staffing tables at various community events that are highlighting Felicia's Donation Closet.

When making a **monetary donation** or any other donation to them, be certain you note you are a member of WNIM so our organization gets credit for it.

Service Partner

The next New Member Coffee will be held ...

Date: Thursday, September 23

Location: Waunakee Library, 201 N. Madison St.

Time: 10:00 am -12:00 pm [Click here](#) for more info.

**WNIM 2025-2026 Financial Report ([click here for full report](#))**

- Who's New in Madison closed the 2025-2026 fiscal year under budget by \$4,836. Membership dues exceeded budget estimate by \$3,430. Some of the year end variances to budgeted expenses included (1) taking advantage of bulk pricing for multi-year custom card/envelope supply, (2) purchasing a Square Reader to accept credit cards at fundraising events, (3) fewer Programs expenditures, and (4) partially unused website enhancement contingency. In total, WNIM accounts at Summit Credit Union were reduced by \$5,758, compared to a budgeted loss of \$14,260, which included the one-time expense for the WNIM 90th Anniversary celebration.
- The approved budget for 2026-2027 Expenses represents a 4.9% decrease from last year's actual Expenses and allows for increasing Luncheon venue prices and higher credit card processing fees due to increased usage. WNIM Board members made a thorough analysis of their anticipated expenses for 2026-2027 before approving annual membership dues at \$35.

Items of Interest



An **Administrative Calendar** is now available on the website. You may locate the calendar by clicking Club Administration and Archives. The calendar offers a view of Board of Director meetings, Luncheons, Service events, Not Just Wine and Cheese, New Member events, and more. Interest Group meetings will not be included due to the overwhelming magnitude of events.

Nancy Larson



It's funny what turns life gives you. I'd never heard of WNIM until I was invited to learn pickleball from a wonderful group of women. They were always talking about what they were doing in Who's New. "Ask" and you'll get the answer. So I asked, what is this Who's New? They said, you have to join! I said, I'm not new!! They said that didn't matter and how wonderful it is. Any interest you have, it's there for you! The enthusiasm was amazing. I joined. That was in November of 2022. Promptly I did nothing until Spring of 2023, when I looked into becoming a sub in the Tee Cups Golf League. I also joined the Thursday morning pickleball and MahJongg. I try to go to the monthly luncheons, when my schedule allows.

Let me share a bit about our league. Presently, we are a closed group, but always accept substitute players. Subs fill in when a player can't make it for their scheduled time. We play once a week, nine holes, from May through August. We are a pretty free form group. Aside from having a regular rotating tee time (meaning playing with a different foursome each week), you have the choice, for example, of keeping score or not and whether walking or riding in a cart. We have beginners to more experienced levels of players and we all mix nicely. There are 20 regular players (5 tee times) in the league. After play, we have someone who organizes a weekly lunch. Those who can join that week, do. It's an easy relaxed group. The women are simply the best!

I'm grateful my friends shared Who's New with me. It has been a wonderful place to land and meet new women. One of the best things I've done.

Member Photo Gallery



Thursday Evening Bookclub



Wednesday Morning Hikers



Walkie Talkies



Biking Group on Glacial River Trail



East Side One and Done



Thursday Morning
Tee Cups Golf
League