



# Who's New in Madison

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## President's Message



### Happy Spring!!

Spring is nearly here, and it is election time. Election of officers for the WNIM 2024-2025 year will be held March 15 to April 5. The slate of officers was presented for membership approval at the March 14 Luncheon. Information regarding online voting will be emailed to all members March 15. **Please review the candidate bios on Page 3.** *Barbara*

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## Interest Groups



The **Pokeno** IG and the **Canasta** IG are looking for new leaders. Contact Ellen McCabe at [wnim.vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:wnim.vicepresident@gmail.com) for more



Interested in becoming an Interest Group Leader, and would like to find out more? Or, are you a current IG leader wanting to review responsibilities? [Click Here](#) for Interest Group Leader Role Description. Remember, all IG participants must be WNIM members.

## Luncheons and Programs



### The Birds of Madison

You'll want to be an early bird for this month's luncheon registration. Retired UW-Veterinary School professor and citizen scientist Chuck Henrikson's passion for birds inspires veteran bird watchers and newbies alike. Dozens of bird watchers join his sunrise bird walks and hundreds of birders receive his weekly Bird Report. Besides the wealth of information he provides the birding

community, Chuck reports the benefits he gets from his daily walks. "I can put aside all my problems and pressures and just enjoy the birds I study, identify and photograph." Chuck will provide a bit of birding experience for everyone who downloads the [Merlin Bird ID](#) by Cornell University before the April 11 luncheon. Register today!

*Photos by Chuck Henrikson*



**Date:** Thursday, April 11

**Location:** Nakoma Golf Club, 4145 Country Club Road, Madison

**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Deadline to register:** March 26 [Click here to register](#)

## Not Just Wine and Cheese



**Hostess:** Julie Allen

**Location:** 7421 North Pass, Madison

**Time:** 6:30 - 9:00 pm

**Date:** April 19

[Click here to register](#)

**NJWC is looking for volunteers to chair or co-chair for the 2024/25 year.** I would be happy to advise new chairs. The position offers a fun, fulfilling way to meet all our wonderful hostesses and board members in a more personal way. Please contact [Cathy Broan](#) @ 608-215-2379

**Service Partner****Items of Interest****Upcoming events to support Badger Childhood Cancer Network**

Tic-tock! Seats for the **Mah Jongg Tournament** are filling up fast. [Register here](#) for your spot at the table on April 17!

Come one, come all! Clear your calendar for **Tuesday, April 2 from 4-8pm** for a fun and entertaining evening at **Delta Beer Lab!** This evening is a fundraising event where all tips for service will be donated to BCCN. Take a brewery tour, mingle over snacks with friends and families served by BCCN, have a pizza and a cold beer, then relax for Opera On Tap featuring local opera singers. [Click here for all the details](#).

**Flash! Brand New! WNIM Pickleball Shirts!** Orders for the shirts will be taken from March 15 through April 15 and received in time for you to wear to the WNIM Second Annual Pickleball Tournament, Saturday June 29. [Click here](#) for full details and ordering information. Short sleeve and long sleeve! Check out those great colors!

**New Member Coffee - April 6, 2024**

The next New Member Coffee will be held on Saturday April 6, 2024 from 10:45 am - 12:45 pm at the Fitchburg Library located at 5530 Lacy Road, Fitchburg.

SignUpGenius invitations will be sent to new members. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Member Photo Gallery****Wednesday Hikers****February Luncheon****Make New Friends - Thurs. Coffee****NJWC Mardi Gras/Film Club at NJWC****Sweeties - Orchid Escape****Weekend Hikers**

**President - Ellen McCabe**

Ellen relocated to Madison from Milwaukee in October of 2021, joining WNIM the following month. She has been an active member of several interest groups; hiking, biking, cross country skiing, pickleball, Lunch Adventures, and two book clubs. She served as 2023-24 Vice President and has served on the service committee and co-chaired the Holiday Bazaar. Ellen retired 6 years ago as a geriatric nurse practitioner specializing in oncology. Ellen has a daughter in New York City and a son and daughter-in-law in Boston. She is a proud grandmother of 2 cats and has pictures she can show you if you are interested. Ellen lives in Shorewood Hills with her partner Ed. For fun she likes to do anything that takes her outdoors and loves adventure travel. Ellen also enjoys music and art. She is very impressed with the WNIM organization and the wonderful, accomplished women she has met and befriended.

**Vice President - Julie Crowns**

Julie has been a resident of Madison since May 1990, joining WNIM in August after discovering the group through her love for pickleball. The camaraderie and competitive spirit of the women on the courts immediately drew her in and she knew she wanted to be part of this vibrant community. In her earlier years, Julie was a devoted stay-at-home mom to her son and daughter. As her children grew older, she returned to school earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Life Science from UW-Madison. Julie is an active member of the Hoofers sailing club, where she honed her sailing skills. Her certifications include Basic Keelboat sailing, Coastal Cruising and the Royal Yachting Association's Day Skipper certification. Julie holds a Master Gardener certification and delights in touring gardens and learning about new plant varieties, constantly refining her own garden spaces. Travel to new places brings Julie immense joy; with the most recent trips to Puerto Rico and Costa Rica. Julie resides in the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood and is grateful to have found a supportive community where she can make new friends and explore exciting hobbies.

**Treasurer - Jean Murray**

Jean grew up in the Chicagoland area and moved to Racine, WI a few years after college. Shortly after retiring in 2021 from a career in small business and non-profit accounting, she and husband Jim moved to Fitchburg to be closer to family and to the state parks, hiking and biking trails, and other opportunities that the Madison area has to offer. She joined WNIM in the summer of 2022 and is a member of several outdoor-oriented interest groups. Outside of WNIM, Jean crochets with a yarn group, plays Mahjongg, provides care occasionally for grandchildren (ages 9 and 2), and volunteers at church, with the AARP Tax-Aide Program and the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens. She is trying to learn to like fitness center classes. She enjoys traveling to visit a son in Seattle and her seven siblings who are scattered around the country. Jean is grateful for meeting wonderful new friends through WNIM. She looks forward to using her accounting skills to support WNIM and its social and philanthropic missions.

**Secretary - Sue Friedman**

Sue is an Iowa native but has lived in Wisconsin for over 35 years. A retired Fort Atkinson middle school teacher, she taught for a year in Namibia and Hong Kong before spending time in Colorado, where she and her husband helped their daughter and son-in-law open a brewery and restaurant. They then returned to Fort Atkinson and transformed their 100-year-old home into a bed and breakfast, which they ran for five years. They moved to Madison five years ago, moving first into a cohousing community and then to a fixer-upper, which they recently completed. Her favorite activities include walking, bicycling, camping, gardening, reading, knitting, sewing, mosaicking, and playing games. Through WNIM, she participates in book clubs, couples' bridge, lunches, and Make New Friends Coffee events. She has been the secretary for WNIM for the last two years.