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# Who's New in Madison Newsletter



Find complete information and details at [whosnew.org](http://whosnew.org)



## September 8th Luncheon

- [Signup for Luncheon here](#)  
\*\* Deadline is 8/21 11:59PM \*\*  
11AM - IG Showcase, cocktails, socializing  
Noon - Seating for lunch & speaker
- Speakers - Introducing Open Doors for Refugees will be ODFR Leadership Council member (and WNIM member) Madeline Uraneck and Iraqi arrival Huda Ibrahim Alalawi.
- Next month's luncheon - October 13. The luncheon speaker will be Inga Wischer, the host of the PBS program "Around the Table."

Membership  
renewals are due by  
August 31, 2022

WNIM is looking for a  
new team member for  
Member Services  
Committee.

Contact:  
[wnim.membership@gmail.com](mailto:wnim.membership@gmail.com)

## President's Message

Just a few more weeks to **renew your membership** to remain active in Interest Groups and events. Just log in to the website at [whosnew.org](http://whosnew.org) and follow the prompts to renew your membership. The renewal deadline is August 31, so please renew today!

**Welcome new members.** We are so happy to have you. There is a **New Member Coffee** on **September 7 at 9:45 am the Middleton Library**. An invitation is coming your way if you have joined since July 1, 2021.

We have several new **Interest groups** that have formed recently or are in the process of forming.

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## Not Just Wine and Cheese

Please join us at Lynn Waishwell's on September 16 6:30PM

Tamarack Condo Clubhouse  
110 S Westfield Rd,  
Madison

Save the Date  
The October NJW&C  
is  
October 21

Check out the  
New Member Events  
page

[Learn More](#)

### *President's Message continued*

Those groups are Lunch & Afternoon Euchre, Eastside Mahjongg, Oregon Evening Mahjongg and Knitting. Couples Night Out is back as Friends Night Out (bring a friend!) and the Ladies of the Garden has returned after a hiatus. If you have an idea for a new Interest Group, please contact our VP, Barbara White, and she will help you form it.

Speaking of Interest Groups, we will showcase them at our **September Luncheon** on September 8. This is a time where members can talk directly with IG Leaders and find out about their groups. Registration for the luncheon is open now and ends on August 21. In keeping with tradition, our **new Service Partner, Open Doors for Refugees**, will be the speaker at the Luncheon. The Service Committee has been hard at work selecting our Service Partner for 2022-23 and planning fun fundraising events. For the first time the Service Committee is hosting Name That Tune on September 22 at 7 pm. Buy your tickets now on the Service Partner page of the website. My family has a table already! See you there.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes by Interest Group Leaders, Committee Members and Chairs, and the Board of Directors. I encourage you to get involved with making Who's New work. There are **forty members serving on Committees** and more than 65 Interest Groups, many with more than one leader! Please join us by getting involved in making Who's New the incredible organization it is. Contact me directly or any member of the Board. Click [here](#) for a list of Board positions and Committees.

Be well and enjoy the rest of the summer!

May you live with ease and an open heart.

Yours in gratitude and kindness,

*Susan*

## Interest Groups News

- \* **Oregon Evening Mah Jongg IG** - New Group, beginners welcome, meets first and third Fridays at 6PM. [Click to Join Oregon Evening Mah Jongg](#)
- \* **Eastside Mah Jongg IG** - New group, experienced players welcome, meets Thursday afternoons. [Click to Join Eastside Mah Jongg](#)

***Who's New in Madison.....where new faces become old friends.***

# Service Partner News

## Open Doors for Refugees(ODFR) Kick-off Speakers

Introducing Open Doors for Refugees to Who's New in Madison at the September 8 luncheon will be ODFR Leadership Council member (and WNIM member) Madeline Uraneck and Iraqi arrival Huda Ibrahim Alalawi.

Huda and her husband came to Madison from Baghdad, Iraq. She has recently put



her crocheting and knitting skills to good use and started a home business on Etsy, Knitting for Peace. Huda has two young sons, Hussein and Hasan, and a business partner, Rokaya, a former refugee from Syria.

Madeline Uraneck has volunteered with ODFR since its beginning in 2016. Her most intimate contact with refugees began in 1994, when she met a cleaning woman of Tibetan ethnicity at her workplace. They became friends; she helped Tenzin bring her husband and four kids to Madison, and in 2018 Madeline wrote a book, *How to Make a Life*, about her and the family's experiences and misconceptions together.



## Volunteer for ODFR

Please consider volunteering your time to support ODFR. Their volunteer needs include driving, event and fundraiser coordination, and help with skill-building.

Here's a report from members who have already started volunteering for the organization.

A number of WNIM members attended Open Doors for Refugees Annual Community Picnic in Olin Park on June 29.



After that, Service Committee member Jan Klein and a few others jumped right into volunteering with ODFR. Says Jan, "Volunteering makes me really appreciate all the coordination it takes to help new refugees." First, Jan submitted her name for driver's license and background checks to be able to work directly with refugee families. On the Donations Team, Jan has already helped several other ODFR volunteers pick up furniture at three different locations and deliver them to a warehouse, where ODFR stores its pre-move-in items.

On the ODFR Transportation team, Jan successfully drove a male Afghan newcomer and two Afghan women from their apartment to an orientation session. "It went surprisingly smoothly," she said. "They didn't speak English and I don't speak Pashto, but hand gestures worked well." [Click for Volunteering Info](#)

Join us for the  
**Name that Tune Fundraiser**

**September 22 7-9PM**

[Register here](#)