

Widows or Widowers Club

Mission Statement: Offering friendship to those who have lost a spouse
Meetings are held at American Legion Post #449, 3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

It was so nice to see all of you who came to the afternoon general meeting on 1/12/22. It was a lot of fun with Roger Bowles music. A couple people joined WOW at the meeting, and we had another couple of guests in attendance as they came to check out WOW. We had lots of group dancing and line dancing that includes all members who want to get out there and "move". Our membership is now at 122 or so.

I have very good news: Joy Imms has volunteered to be our new social coordinator! Joy and Lisa Clapsaddle hosted our Christmas dinner party so you may be familiar with both of them, and you have seen their warmth. We welcome Joy to our WOW Board! We have been looking for a coordinator for several months and are very happy to know Joy is assuming the responsibility. She has been in such a position before. She asks that you text/email/ or call her with your ideas for events. Again, we thank Faith for her long-standing devotion to this role over years and for being such a social lady herself! She was a good role model in welcoming people! We need another volunteer for the Sunshine and Shadow role as Mary Ann holds two roles on the Board.

We have a new volunteer for following up with Fish Fries for the year. JoAnn Stabenfeldt volunteered to take this role on after Arlene Damrau retired from years of serving in this manner. JoAnn had several members sign up to host at the General Meeting, so she is well on her way. Thank you to all who hosted Fish Fries in the past and are continuing to do so for 2022. Many thanks to others who are stepping up to make sure Fish Fries continue to take place. It's wonderful to see new members jumping right in to help.

Our first afternoon General Meeting was a success. Please join us on February 9th at 1:00 for our General Meeting. Again, we hope all our members will stay well and continue to enjoy WOW activities and events in the New Year. We have a lot to be thankful for and one thing is the friendship that WOW offers to those who have lost a spouse. It's our main mission! We continue to encourage others to join in WOW activities and make new friends.

—Mary Sherman

February 2022 Events & Activities

Bowling

Tuesday, February 1 | 12:30 PM

Bowling at the New Berlin Ale House, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave., New Berlin. Meet at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 for three games. If you have questions, email Tim at tim.mellema@icloud.com or call him at 262-722-0295. Please let Tim know if you are planning to participate by Monday, January 25. *(Bowling is held the first and third Tuesday every month at 1:00 p.m.)*

Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 2 | 1:00 PM

Brookfield Highlands, 21075 George Hunt Circle, Apt 1530, Building 15, Waukesha. *(Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m.)*

Sip & Dip

Thursday, February 3 | 3:00 PM

For our new members, a Sip & Dip is a social event during happy hour with reduced prices on drinks and appetizers. We will be in Mo's Irish Pub separated library with a fireplace (10842 W. Bluemound Rd, Wauwatosa). Because of staff shortages and room size (40-45), **I would like to receive RSVPs on or before February 1st** for the benefit of all parties. Please contact Harlan Mueller at 414-791-4044 or at harlan.mueller@gmail.com to reserve your place in the library by the fireplace.

Breakfast Together

Monday, February 7 | 10:00 AM

Maxim's Family Restaurant, 18025 W. Capitol Dr, Brookfield. Hosted by Joy Imms (262-391-3606) and Lisa Clapsaddle (262-278-3012). Please let Joy or Lisa know if you are planning to participate. *(Breakfast Together at Maxim's Brookfield is every first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.)*

General Meeting

Wednesday, February 9 | 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

American Legion Post #449, 3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield. Entertainment immediately following the meeting will be provided by One More Time. **For fun: wear red clothing to the meeting for Valentine's Day.** *(The General Meeting is held every second Wednesday of the month and is open to all WOW new and current members. There is a \$10 fee for guests.)*

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, February 15 | 10:00 AM

Meyer's Restaurant and Bar, 4260 S. 76th St, Greenfield. Please contact Tim Mellema with any questions at 262-722-0295. *(Breakfast Together at Meyer's Greenfield is every third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.)*

Bowling

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NEWSLETTER

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Event and Article Submissions

Please submit event details and articles to the newsletter editor by the Monday before the monthly General Meeting to be included in the next newsletter.

Submission deadline for the March issue is February 7, 2022.

February 2022 Events & Activities

Cards

Thursday, February 17 | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

HA Todd Jr. American Legion Post 537, 9159 W. Beloit Road, Milwaukee. Contact your hosts Bob at (262) 392-9955 or Joanne at (414) 427-9324 with any questions. *(Cards are played every third Thursday of the month from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The cost \$3.00.)*

PIZZA NIGHT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | 4:30 PM

March 29 & May 31

Pistol Pete's Neighborhood Grill. 16755 W. Lisbon Rd., Brookfield.

February 22 & April 26: Filippo's at 6915 W Lincoln Ave., West Allis.

Reservations requested. Contact Kathy at (414) 659-4640 or Ken at (414) 339-4396 by **Saturday, February 19** if you are planning to attend. *(Pizza Night is the last Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. The location alternates every month between Pistol Pete's Neighborhood Grill and Filippo's. Cost is determined by the amount of pizza ordered.)*

Book Club

Thursday, February 24 | 1:00 PM

The February selection is a mystery! [The Secret, Book & Scone Society](#), by [Ellery Adams](#). If you have not read a mystery in a while, you will be pleasantly surprised with this book. You might even finish it in a day! The location of the February Book Club discussion to be determined. Please contact Cathy Steiner with any questions at 414-531-3336. *(The Book Club meets every fourth Thursday at 1:00 PM. A different book is selected for each month. During the Summer, the Book Club will meet at Wisconsin Avenue Park.)*

COVID MESSAGE to WOW members and guests.

The WOW Board will have masks available at our meetings. If masks are required at our meeting location, masks will be required when you sign in. If not required, it is an individual decision. As far as we know, masks are not required at American Legion Post 449. Data now shows that those who have had COVID-19 are not necessarily immune to the new variant. We encourage all our members and guests to get vaccinated as our government is requesting.

—Thank you.

February Birthday Celebrations

February 4
Manny Wenzel

February 5
Sandy Gast
Dixie Williamson

February 8
Arlene Damrau

February 9
Lynn Jacoby

February 11
Anita Antes

February 13
Kathy Olesen

February 20
Michele Dambeck

February 23
Judy O'Brien

February 26
Ruth Zimmer

February 28
Mike Hyland

When you see one of these WOW members, wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Sunshine and Shadow

Member, **Ron Williams** was ill and had to be hospitalized for two and a half weeks. Ron is now back home. Please contact Mary Ann if you would like to send him a card.

Member, **Dixie Williamson** had a severe asthma attack and was hospitalized. Dixie is not at home on oxygen. You may send her cards.

If you need any further information, please contact Mary Ann Alberti-Kopps at 262-782-3104.

Dinner and a Play – May 5, 2022

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR BASEMENT with the Church Ladies will be playing at the Fireside in Fort Atkinson and WOW will be attending a matinee dinner and performance on Thursday, May 5, 2022.

Like all events, guests and visitors are welcome.

Many of us have attended "Church Ladies" plays before and found them very enjoyable. I find that these performances make me laugh as they remind me of my experiences in congregations both uplifting and puzzling.

In this installment of The Church Basement Ladies series, the year is 1960 and a reformation is underway. High heels, county fairs, super-highways, driving lessons, and even new love are on the horizon. Against the changing tide, Beverly, Mrs. Snustad, Mavis, Karin, and Pastor Gunderson are "bulwarks never failing" standing strong in their faith and friendships with more crazy antics, great songs, and lessons reluctantly learned.

Included in the overall cost is a meal with a choice of entrees: Pork Chop, Chicken Cordon Blue, or Lasagna.

We will be carpooling from the park and ride just North of 43 off Moreland Rd as we have done in the past. We'll meet there and leave by 9:30 a.m. Requested time of arrival is 10:30 a.m. Seating for dinner starts at 11:15 a.m.

The cost will be \$78.50 assuming a minimum of 18 members attending. This is versus a regular price of \$90.

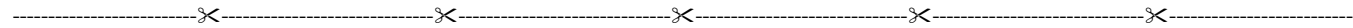
Reservations: To get choice seats, we need to get the reservation in early. **Please respond by E mail to thomisgreatx@outlook.com or a phone call to 262-327-7019 (if no answer, leave a voice mail) by the end of February 28, 2022.** Indicate:

1 - If you will go or you are interested in going. The reason for the two categories is to avoid overbooking seats. For every 2 just interested, Tom will reserve 1 seat.

2 - Which entree you would prefer?

3 - If you are willing to drive and how many can you take?





Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Game

Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Game & Shuttle Service

Milwaukee Brewers vs. St. Louis Cardinals
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022
Game Time: 1:10 PM

Shuttle: Kelly's Bleachers Restaurant
5218 W. Bluemound Rd.

Meet & carpool from Walgreen's parking lot
Near Marshall's Store at Hwy. 100 & Cleveland Avenue
LEAVE THE PARKING LOT AT 10:00 AM SHARP



Cost: \$22.00 Per Person (Includes Game Ticket Only) No. of Tickets _____ X \$22.00 = Total \$ _____

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **WOW Club**

Mail to: Ken Szymczak, 13800 W. Park Central Blvd, Apt. 513, New Berlin, WI 53151, Phone: 414-339-4396
Call Ken Immediately to reserve your ticket. Limited Tickets.

Treasurer's Note

It is so wonderful to see all the new members that have joined the WOW Club since we have been getting together again after the 2020 pandemic. WELCOME!!

As treasurer I have a few notes for you that should make things easier.

1. If you have decided to host an event for the club you are never expected to use any of your own money or charge card. If I don't attend the event, I will make sure you have a check to pay the bill. You would then give the money you collected and receipt to me. If I am not there, I will ask you to give it to another member that lives close to me. **Always get a receipt.**
2. If a venue requires a deposit you can let Mary Sherman or I know and we will get the board approval for the amount of deposit and I will get a check to you .
3. As a member that is planning to attend an event **all checks should be made out to WOW**, never the person that is hosting the event.
4. The host of the event and the member attending need to **double check their checks to make sure they are written properly**. Re: \$17.50 and Seventeen dollars and 50/100 must match.

Thanks for your help.
—Sandy Gast

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