

Widows or Widowers Club

Mission Statement: Offering friendship to those who have lost a spouse

Meetings are held at the American Legion Post #449

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President's Message

Hello everyone.

We are excited about our **Charity project** in a special way this year. The Board has chosen to Donate to the **Hunger Task Force** because of the rate of inflation and the difficulty families, especially the most vulnerable; have in providing for their families: food, rent, and gas are essentials and have increased significantly. **You can write a check to the Hunger Task Force or to WOW and our treasurer, Sandy Gast, will be sure it is received.** We will have an

envelope at many WOW functions to take donations. In previous years our club has been extremely generous and we're hoping this continues. You may also mail your check to Sandy at: 21075 George Hunt Circle, Apt. 153, Waukesha, 53186. Thank you for your generosity.

Our first General Meeting in the other section of VA Post 449 was a success! I heard so many comments from members that it was actually better than a big room and smaller tables made it feel friendlier. I was very pleasantly shocked at the spontaneous positive comments. Thanks to Cathy and Tom for getting there first and setting things up before the rest of board members arrived. We had

approximately 165 members present and 8 guests. It was amazing how people interacted. One member who has been in the club a year said she met more people at this meeting than she had in a year! Tim Mellema offered an excellent selection of tunes. It was great to see so many people having a good time dancing! **Friendship and helping others after they have lost their spouse is our mission** and I saw it in action with our new members on the 12th.

A huge ovation was given to Kathy Kalvaitis and Ken Szymczak by the membership as an acknowledgement of their dedication to sponsoring pizza night for so many years! Their service to the club has been greatly appreciated. It wasn't always easy as we changed pizza locations, but they never let us down. Thank you, Kathy and Ken; now just go and enjoy pizza night!

Thank you to all who sponsored events recently which were all a success. Thanks to Bob Moravec for hosting the Painting class which was a new addition, and everyone enjoyed it. We always want to thank all of you who host the reoccurring events as they

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offer weekly outings. Biking was a new event and a big success this year thanks to Dave Hoag who hosted it. Check out our beautiful website (milwwowclub.info) that

has the most current information. Our Newsletter is used as a promotion for new members as well as to keep all of us current. Be well!

—Mary Sherman

November 2022 Events & Activities

Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 2 | 10:00 AM

Brookfield Highlands, 21075 George Hunt Circle, Brookfield.

Movie Matinee Friday

Friday, November 4

Movie Tavern Brookfield Square, 175 S Moorland Rd., Brookfield.

The cost is \$6.00. Movie selection and time will be determined on Monday the week of the movie. J Cross at (515) 835-7399 or at mjcross6057@gmail.com.
(First and third Friday of each month November thru April.)

Fish Fry – Farewell to Snowbirds

Friday, November 4 | 4:30 PM

Silver Spur Texas Smokehouse BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove. See page 7 for details and RSVP form. **Reservations requested by Thursday, October 27.** Contact Joy Imms at (262) 391-3606 or Lisa Clapsaddle at (262) 501-5575 with any questions.

Deadline to make Christmas Gala Hotel Reservations

Monday, November 7

Hampton Inn & Suites 8201 W. Greenfield Avenue, West Allis
See page 7 for additional information.

Breakfast Together

Monday, November 7 | 10:00 AM - Noon

Maxim's Family Restaurant 18025 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield.

Hosted by Joy Imms and Lisa Clapsaddle. Please let Joy or Lisa know in advance if you are planning to participate.
(First Monday of every month.)

General Meeting

Wednesday, November 9 | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

American Legion Post #449, 3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield.

In-quiz-ative? Enjoy a fun evening immediately following the General Meeting. WOW's first Trivia Night will be moderated by "Mic", a professional MC. Teams will compete to answer questions from a variety of subjects. Be sure to come and share your knowledge with your teammates.

For fun, wear **BROWN** to honor the Earth.

(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 second time guests.)

NEWSLETTER

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Event and Article Submissions

Please submit event details and articles to the newsletter editor via the [website submission form](#) by the Monday before the monthly General Meeting to be included in the next newsletter.

Submission deadline for the December issue is November 7, 2022.

November 2022 Events & Activities Cont'd

Just Bead It!

Thursday, November 10 | 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

American Legion Post #449 3245 N. 124th St, Brookfield.

Come together and bead. As a Certified Jewelry Instructor, Diana Yegge will teach you skills that will help you to create beautiful jewelry. Tools, beads, findings, etc. will be provided. You can bring in UFOs: UnFinished Objects (projects) or broken jewelry that we can try to make useful again. There will be many opportunities to learn how jewelry is made. There is a \$5.00 fee. If you have any questions, please contact Diana at (951) 452-9087 or at 5dnyegge@gmail.com.

(Every second and third Thursday of each month.)

Bowling

Monday, November 14 | 12:30 PM

New Berlin Ale House, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave., New Berlin.

Meet at 12:30 PM. Bowling begins at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$6.00 for three games or \$2.00 per game. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Mellema at (262) 722-0295 or at tim.mellema@icloud.com.

(Second and fourth Mondays of the month.)

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, November 15 | 10:00 AM

Meyer's Restaurant and Bar, 4260 S. 76th St, Greenfield.

Please let Tim Mellema know if you are planning to attend by Tuesday, November 11 as the restaurant requires a count. You may reach Tim at 262-722-0295 or at tim.mellema@icloud.com.

(Breakfast Together at Meyer's Greenfield is every third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM.)

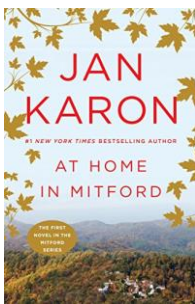
Book Club

Thursday, November 17 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Ally's Powerhouse Café, 10460 W Innovation Dr., Wauwatosa.

NOTE: Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, the WOW Book Club is meeting a week earlier. The WOW Book Club has explored many societal issues this year and as a result, we are reading something light, happy, and heart-warming. The November selection is the series' first novel, [At Home in Mitford](#), by [Jan Karon](#). Enter the world of this New York Times bestseller and you won't want to leave. Please RSVP so there will be a chair waiting for you. 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.)



Just Bead It!

Thursday, November 17 | 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

American Legion Post #449 3245 N. 124th St, Brookfield.

Tools, beads, findings, etc. will be provided. There is a \$5.00 fee. If you have any questions, please contact Diana at (951) 452-9087 or at 5dnyegge@gmail.com.

(Every second and third Thursday of each month.)

November 2022 Events & Activities Cont'd

Game Night

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

HA Todd Jr. American Legion Post 537, 9159 W. Beloit Road, Milwaukee.

If you have any questions, please contact your hosts Faith Gilhuber at (414) 243-4810 or Chuck Keaton at (608) 495-2663 with any questions. *(Cards and games are played every third Thursday of the month from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The cost is \$3.00.)*

Movie Matinee Friday

Friday, November 18

Movie Tavern Brookfield Square, 175 S Moorland Rd., Brookfield.

The cost is \$6.00. Movie selection and time will be determined on Monday the week of the movie. J Cross at (515) 835-7399 or at mjcross6057@gmail.com. *(First and third Friday of each month November thru April.)*

Deadline for Christmas Gala Reservations

Monday, November 23

Hampton Inn & Suites 8201 W. Greenfield Avenue, West Allis

See page 7 for additional information.

Bowling

Monday, November 28 | 12:30 PM

New Berlin Ale House, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave., New Berlin.

Meet at 12:30 PM. Bowling begins at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$6.00 for three games or \$2.00 per game. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Mellema at (262) 722-0295 or at tim.mellema@icloud.com. *(Second and fourth Mondays of the month.)*

Pizza Night - South

Tuesday, November 25 | 4:30 PM

New Berlin Ale House 16000 W. Cleveland Ave, New Berlin

Join your WOW friends for pizza. There will be a choice of five different pizzas each pizza night (no need to preregister your choice of pizza toppings). Pizza will be available about 5:30 pm and served buffet style. Please register by signing the "Pizza Clipboard" at the Welcome Table at the monthly meeting OR by texting or calling Phyllis at (262) 894-9619 or Dave at (262) 622-2448. Registration deadline is the Monday before Pizza Night. Payment of \$10 (cash only) collected at the door.

(The last Tuesday of the month. The pizza location alternates every month between a North side restaurant, Pistol Pete's Neighborhood Grill, on odd-numbered months and at a South side restaurant, New Berlin Ale House, on even-numbered months.)

November Membership Dues Notice

The following members are scheduled to renew their membership dues this month. Dues are \$45.00.

MaryAnn Alberti-Kopps
Dave Hoag
Ruth Ingraham

Jim McMahon
Barbara Shelley

Holiday Corner

Christmas Tree

Oh, Christmas tree
shining bright
in the darkened
room at night

You lift my spirits
with your glow
outside, snow drifts
a chill wind doth blow

Tell me please
would it be so wrong
to keep you up
all year long

—Roselyn Stewart



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Creating a WOW Event

- "IDEA", for example: "luncheon", research venues and dates.
- Check with Joy Imms at 262-391-3606 about the chosen date so it does not conflict with any other activity.
- Speak to manager or contact person at venue, and ask about capacity, parking for large groups, and food pricing that does not include coffee or dessert. Members pay for their own drinks on separate checks. WOW does not fund any alcohol drinks. If no down payment is required, you may book event and confirm with Joy that you have done so.
- When pricing your event, the price should include tax and 20% – 22% tip rounding total up to nearest \$1.00. For example: lunch is \$10.00, tax would be \$0.55, tip would be \$2.20. Total cost per attendee: \$13.00.
- When a down payment or contract is required give that information to Joy who will get Board approval to do so. Joy will contact Treasurer who will issue a check for down payment.
- When you have all information completed, you MUST your event details using the online event submission form located here: <https://www.milwowclub.info/w-o-w-event-submission-form>. If help is needed to complete the online form, ask for help from a Board member.
- Checks should made payable to WOW and mailed to event coordinator. Choose a cutoff date about a week prior to event. If the event has a limited capacity note that in your information.
- After the event, checks should be given to Treasurer. If the Treasurer is attending, they will pay the bill. If they are not attending they will designate an attendee to pay.
- If someone is unable to attend and the restaurant charges for the meal, no refund is given.
- If you are booking a non-eating event you will still need to follow the directions above omitting non-essential information.

November Fish Fry – Farewell to Snowbirds Friday, November 4, 2022

Silver Spur Texas Smokehouse BBQ

13275 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove

4:30 pm Cocktails

5:30 pm Dinner

Dinner Options:

1. Beer Batter Cod (\$18.00)
2. Baked Cod (\$18.00)
3. Fried Perch (\$24.00)

All dinner options include choice of potatoes: sweet potato fries, potato pancakes or potato salad (order upon your arrival), and coleslaw, lemon, tartar sauce. Tax & gratuity included.

No. of Beer Batter Cod Dinners _____ X \$18.00 + No. of Baked Cod Dinners _____ X \$18.00 + No. of Fried Perch Dinners X \$24.00 = Total \$ _____

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **WOW Club**

Mail to: Joy Imms, 2870 Teal Ridge Court, Unit D, Brookfield, WI 53045

Please submit your money and dinner selection by Thursday, October 27, 2022.

WOW Christmas Gala – Thursday, December 8, 2022

Hampton Inn and Suites

8201 W Greenfield Ave., West Allis

4:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Enjoy a semi-formal evening of dinner and dancing with your WOW friends, INCLUDING widowed guests.

A block of 10 rooms has been reserved at a discounted rate of \$89.00 plus tax. Reservations for these rooms MUST be received by the hotel before **November 8th**. Make your OWN reservations by calling (414) 436-2300. Mention you are with the WOW group.

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm Reception, cocktails, cash bar

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Buffet dinner that includes Beef Brisket, Chicken Marsala, mashed potato, vegetable, rolls, coffee or tea and dessert.

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Dancing, music by Remember When. CASH BAR will be available all evening.

Cost: \$50.00 per person includes dinner and dancing.

Member Name: _____ Member Phone: _____

Name of Widowed Guest: _____

Number of people attending times \$50.00 = _____

Checks Payable to: **WOW Club**

Mail to: Linda Michelsen, N33W22034 Memory Lane, Pewaukee, WI 53072

Please submit your payment by Wednesday, November 23, 2022.

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A club exclusively for the Widowed.

Founded in 1972.

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WIDOWS OR WIDOWERS CLUB
15235 ARROWHEAD PLACE
BROOKFIELD, WI 53005

November 2022 Birthdays!

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

November 13
Charles Keaton

November 15
Ruth Ingraham
Bob Sala

November 17
Kathy Reikowski

November 19
Sue Davis



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.milwowclub.info
