

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.

At our General Meeting, November 9th, we had an excellent, moving ceremony to honor the veterans in our WOW club. Patriotic music was played by Tim Mellema as we called all the veterans to the front. Using a mic, each one told what branch they served in and many called out their ID numbers which they don't ever easily forget. The oldest Veteran was 91 years old! It was an honor to meet him, and he has joined our club. I believe there must have been ten or twelve men who came to the front to be honored. It was quite moving as Veteran's Day was almost upon us. These men received a standing ovation from all.

Ray Ciszewski submitted his resignation from the Board at the last Board Meeting. He cited increased volunteer work he is involved in, inability to attend Board Meetings, and changes. The Board accepted Ray's resignation and applauded him for all his dedication to serve over a decade as Vice President / Programming. He has very faithfully provided entertainment for our club for a very long time and never let us down. We salute Ray for his dedication and

perseverance to always provide entertainment he knew the Club would enjoy. We congratulate Ray on his extensive volunteer work and on service to the Club for so many years. Thank you, Ray! You were and are, appreciated.

We have an important vote coming up so please be at the December 14th General Meeting to vote on the need to raise our dues. There are notices in the Newsletter explaining the need (see page 6). Your Board faithfully meets every month to improve our Club, always mindful of our mission of friendship after losing a spouse. Please take note of the events coming up in December and register for those you would like to attend. We will look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting on December 14, 2022. Be well!

—Mary Sherman

December 2022 Events & Activities

Movie Matinee Friday

Friday, December 2

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. Jo Cross will send a group mail with the information. Please email, text or call Jo at (515) 835-7399 or at mjcross6057@gmail.com to be added to the list.

(First and third Friday of each month November thru April.)

Breakfast Together

Monday, December 5 | 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.)

Dinner and Candy Cane Lane

Tuesday, December 6 | 4:30 PM

We will gather at [Caterinas Ristorante](#) at 91st and Oklahoma for a delicious supper. Please arrive no later than 4:30 pm. Come check out this amazing neighborhood of holiday lights!! Candy Cane Lane runs from 92nd street over to 96th, between Montana and Oklahoma Avenue. You can drive in your car or park and walk. (Good time to carpool.) We will tour Candy Cane Lane following dinner at 6:45 pm. This is a very well attended event so plan accordingly to deal with the traffic. If you wish to walk, you can park at the restaurant or across the street at Walgreens. PLEASE RSVP with Jo Cross at (515) 835-7399 or at mjccross6057@gmmmmmmmail.com for the restaurant so she can have tables reserved.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 7 | 10:00 AM

Brookfield Highlands, 21075 George Hunt Circle, Brookfield.

Just Bead It!

Thursday, December 8 | 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.)

WOW Christmas Gala

Thursday, December 8 | 4:30 PM – 10:00 PM

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

See page 7 for additional information.

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 January 2023 issue is December 12, 2022.

December 2022 Events & Activities Cont'd

Bowling

Wednesday, December 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.)

General Meeting

Wednesday, December 14 | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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

Immediately following the meeting, entertainment will be provided by the Civic Broadway Singers. This choral group will present Christmas music as they have in the past. A highly enthusiastic group of singers.

For fun, wear an UGLE Christmas sweater.

(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.)

Book Club

Thursday, December 15 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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

The book selection for December is [A Redbird Christmas](#) by [Fannie Flagg](#). After a startling diagnosis from his doctor, Oswald T. Campbell leaves behind the cold and damp of the oncoming Chicago winter to spend what he believes will be his last Christmas in the warm and welcoming town of Lost River. 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!

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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.)

Game Night

Thursday, December 15 | 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.)*

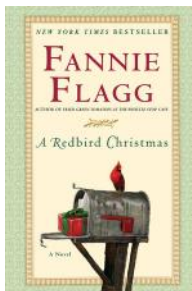
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Friday, December 16

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(First and third Friday of each month November thru April.)



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Breakfast Together

Tuesday, December 20 | 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.)

Bowling

Monday, December 26 | 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, December 27 | 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.)

December Membership Dues Notice

The following members are scheduled to renew their membership dues this month. Dues for December 2022 are \$45.00.

Frank Anderson
Donna Graebel
Betty Liebau

Art Plautz
Cathy Sims
Cathryn Steiner

Holiday Corner

Stroke of Midnight

Last day of December
ushers in the new year
Hats, horns, confetti,
noise makers too

It's time for
commitments
"New Year's" resolutions
are made
Some we keep
some fade

Church bells ring out
We turn and kiss
Our hearts pound wildly
A moment of bliss

The new year begins
Hope reigns supreme
Will the new year fulfill
all of our dreams?

—Roselyn Stewart



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WOW Business

Bylaws Change Vote

After about ten years with no members' dues increase, we need to increase our dues from \$45 to \$50 annually. As many of you know, we are anticipating having to move to another meeting place primarily because of the Post leasing only the bar area from the new owners. It will be more expensive without doubt. The board has been careful to watch club expenses and with increased costs, the board voted unanimously for this proposed increase. At the December 14th General Meeting, WOW will be voting on this.

Also, the Vice-President in Charge of Programming will be removed. The General Meeting Programmer will be added.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Tom Jones at 262-327-7019.

WOW Nomination Committee

The WOW Board agreed to reinstate a Nomination Committee of two Board Members (Linda Michelsen and Harlan Mueller) and two members at large (Mike Hyland and Dar Rose) to present a slate of Board Candidates for fulfilling the vacant Board positions for Board Approval and election at the March 8th 2023 General Meeting. The Committee has developed qualification criteria for these Board Positions as found within the Club's Bylaws, Policies and Duties. If any member is interested in seeking consideration for any Board Position, please contact any one of these committee members. Thank you.

Afternoon at Potawatomi Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino

1721 West Canal Street, Milwaukee

12:30 pm

WOW members are invited to spend an afternoon at the Potawatomi Casino.

There is no cost for this outing. In fact, the Casino will give each WOW member \$10 in player's cash and a \$10 food voucher when you register at the Fire Keeper's Booth on the main floor of the casino at 12:30 PM. If you already have a Fire Keeper Card, the perks will be added to your card. Have an afternoon of fun. You deserve it

Register by contacting Howard Schwartz, the organizer at (262) 879-0165 or at howardschwartz51@outlook.com.

January Fish Fry – Friday, January 20, 2023

Brass Key Restaurant & Lounge

4952 W Forest Home Ave, Milwaukee

4:30 pm Cocktails

5:30 pm Dinner

Dinner Options:

1. Fried Cod (\$18.00)
2. Baked Cod (\$19.50)
3. Shrimp (\$22.00)

No. of Fried Cod Dinners _____ X \$18.00 + No. of Baked Cod Dinners _____ X \$19.50 + No. of Shrimp Dinners X
\$22.00 = Total \$ _____

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **WOW Club**

Please submit all reservations after January 1, 2023, to:

Dorothy Plahmer, 352 Park Hill Drive, #E, Pewaukee, WI 53072

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15235 ARROWHEAD PLACE
BROOKFIELD, WI 53005

December 2022 Birthdays!

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

December 1
Pat Hansen

December 9
Cathy Sims

December 3
Keith Toporski

December 17
Mary Piekarski

December 4
Nancy Inzeo

December 20
Jerry Freeck

December 5
John Foley

December 24
Mary Ann Worgull-Pivott

December 6
Mary Brandis

December 8
Peggy Brandt
Debbie Ruelle



We're on the Web!

See us at:

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