

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,

It was great to see everyone at our general meeting last night. Our program committee had background music playing while members/guests entered and that put everyone in the Christmas spirit. The Civic Broadway Singers gave a beautiful performance with many people singing along on certain songs. I would like to highlight the Christmas Gala as a very special event this year which was the result of very careful planning. Everyone had a good time in a gracefully decorated setting with dinner and dancing and a visit from Santa. Thanks to Sandy Gast and Linda Michelsen for organizing such a special event for our club for the Season! Our Christmas Charity was the Hunger Task Force this year to which we donated \$1,637. Thanks for your generous offerings! Membership update: We have 165 members with 4 new members joining last night!

I want to be sure everyone knows that the meeting times are changed for January, February and March for 2023. The meeting portion will start at 1:00 pm; we have the room until 3:30 which allows for everyone to get home safely before complete darkness sets in. This change was in

response to the members' wishes. We did take a vote on increasing annual dues from \$45 to \$50 which passed unanimously except for one vote. The Bylaws will reflect this change.

As we needed to fill some vacancies on the Board, some interim board appointments were made. I gladly announce that Diana Yegge has graciously accepted nomination for the role of interim vice-president. She has outstanding experience and more than met the necessary criteria and we look forward to finalizing her role as president in March when the annual vote for the board is taken. The nomination committee is in the process of interviewing a nominee for Vice President subject to Board approval. The role of Vice President will be defined more fully in the Bylaws.

We're happy to announce our interim Program Committee members: Tim Mellema, Dave Hoag, and Phyllis Vaglica. We thank them for being interviewed by the nomination committee, for meeting the criteria and for accepting their roles at this time until the March voting takes place. Many of you answered

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their survey of your preferences at the meeting. The survey will be sent out by email, also. I'm sincerely wishing you a lovely Christmas with those you love, near

and far. Remember to take advantage of events over the Holidays like the sip n dip coming up...we love to get together with our WOW friends! Be well and I wish you a blessed New Year!

—Mary Sherman

January 2023 Events & Activities

Breakfast Together

Monday, January 2 | 10:00 AM - Noon

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

Hosted by Joy Imms and Lisa Clapsaddle. Please let Joy (262) 391-3606 or Lisa (262) 501-5575 know in advance if you are planning to participate. (First Monday of every month.)

Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 4 | 9:30 AM

16505 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Brookfield.

Afternoon at Potawatomi

Wednesday, January 4 | 12:30 PM

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, 1721 West Canal Street, Milwaukee.

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 Harlan Mueller at (414) 791-4044 or at harlan.mueller@gmail.com.

Movie Matinee Friday

Friday, January 6

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.)

Bowling

Monday, January 9 | 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, January 11 | 1:00 PM

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

Entertainment will be provided immediately following the meeting. The entertainment will have a Sock Hop Theme. Think of the movie "American Graffiti." Members are encouraged to dress the part if they would like.

(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 via the [website submission form](#) by the Monday before the monthly General Meeting to be included in the next newsletter.

Submission deadline for the February 2023 issue is January 9, 2023.

January 2023 Events & Activities Cont'd

Just Bead It!**Thursday, January 12 | 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.)

Breakfast Together**Tuesday, January 17 | 10:00 AM - Noon**

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.)

Just Bead It!**Thursday, January 19 | 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.)

Game Night**Thursday, January 19 | 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, January 20 | 4:30 PM**

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.)

January Fish Fry**Friday, January 20 | 12:30 PM**

Brass Key Restaurant & Lounge 4952 W Forest Home Ave, Milwaukee

See page 7 for details and reservation form.

January 2023 Events & Activities Cont'd

Life Expressions Board Decor

Saturday, January 21 | 6:30 pm

Make & Take Workshop

S66W24310 Skyline Ave, Waukesha

Let's get together and have some fun creating! This event is called a "Make & Take" so what ever you choose to create you can take it home with you right away! Projects vary in price depending on what you chose to make; prices start at \$14.00. Not "crafty?" No problem! Feel free to just come and partake in the social aspects of the event and enjoy some warm conversation, snacks and beverages. Contact Mary Piekarski at (414) 828-9222 or at mbpiekarski@gmail.com to reserve your spot and/or request photo samples of various projects available to create.

Bowling

Monday, January 23 | 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.)

WOW Book Club

Thursday, January 26 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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

The book selection for January is [Wish You Were Here](#) by [Jodi Picoult](#)—a 2021 novel about life during the pandemic. "A powerfully evocative story of resilience and the triumph of the human spirit...it highlights how events can change us and offer us perspective." The book examines our connection with the world and shows us what happens when we seek out glimmers of light in the darkness. We always welcome new members, even if you've never been to a Book Club—you can join us every month or only occasionally throughout the year. You can volunteer to choose a book and lead that session, or you can simply come and enjoy the discussion. Food and drinks can be purchased there. There's always good fellowship available! No RSVP needed. Contact Sue Siewert with any questions at 414-813-0091 or at sue.siewert55@gmail.com. Upcoming book selections are viewable on Events section of the [WOW Website](#).

(The Book Club meets every fourth Thursday at 1:00 PM. A different book is selected for each month.)

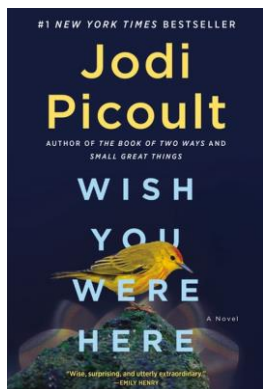
Pizza Night - North

Tuesday, January 31 | 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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

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.)



January Membership Dues Notice

The following members are scheduled to renew their membership dues this month. Dues for January 2023 are \$50.00.

Vivienne Botsch
Diane Larkin
Robert Moravec

Debbie Ruelle
Robert Vallis

Dixie Williamson
Diana Yegge

Poetry Corner

My Special Place

I go to my special place
when I need to shake off
the cares of the world.
It hovers over the ocean,
rocks gently with each wave.
Water laps at the edges of
my platform in the sea.
Made of moon buffed glass
set with colored gems, It
glows in the night. Scattered
about this oasis are fountains.
A gentle breeze fans a mist, cooling
everything in its path. The steady
sound of splashing water reassures
that all is well. Dolphins frolic in the
sea. Rainbows arch and shimmer.
All these wonders make my
special place special.

—Roselyn Stewart

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 Harlan Mueller, the organizer at (414) 791-4044 or at harlan.mueller@gmail.com.

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.

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

First come first served. WOW policy does not provide for refunds.

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February Fish Fry – Friday, February 24, 2023

Alioto's

3041 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa

4:15 pm Cocktails

5:00 pm Dinner

Dinner Options:

1. Cod (3 pieces) served with French fries and coleslaw (\$19.00)
2. Baked Cod served with baby red potatoes and salad (\$21.00)

No. of Cod Dinners _____ X \$19.00 + No. of Baked Cod Dinners _____ X \$21.00 = Total \$ _____

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **WOW Club**

Please submit all reservations to:

Bob Lambert, 5760 w Green Brook Dr., Brown Deer, WI 53223.

First come first served. Attendance limited to 42.

WOW policy does not provide for refunds.

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15235 ARROWHEAD PLACE
BROOKFIELD, WI 53005

January 2023 Birthdays!

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

January 3
Lisa Clapsaddle

January 8
Bob Ziemer

January 10
Art Plautz

January 19
Corky Plewa

January 25
Frank Kelly

January 29
Sue Slaby



We're on the Web!

See us at:

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