

Widows or Widowers Club

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

Meetings are held at the American Legion Post #449

www.milwowclub.info

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President's Message

Hello everyone,

It's been a very crazy time for me this past month. You may know I fell and broke my pelvis the end of January and have been hospitalized and in rehab. During this time, I relied on our very experienced and capable Vice President Elect to fill in for me. Diana Yegge will be elected President at the March General meeting as I am retiring after three years serving as the longest running president. I'm suggesting a term limit in the future as we move forward!

Let me say here that it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your President for three years. Our Board has accomplished a great deal. We have greatly increased our membership, located a more central place to meet and had new members accept nominations for Board positions. We've increased the number of social events offered and added new ones because new members had new ideas to offer our Club. All this is due to the

energy and commitment of your Board and, especially, YOU, the members, to our mission of providing a social opportunity to help lessen loneliness for those who have lost their spouse.

I'm proud to have offered to be your President, after a one-year membership, when there was no one to take the role. I have loved getting to know you all through all our activities!!! It has really been an honor to serve you! I have learned a great deal about the kindness of others in reaching out to new members on the journey. It's what we're all about. Thank you for allowing me to serve you for three years. I felt I had to give back to an organization that had helped me so much and I, in turn, received more good than I can say. I will joyfully remain on the Board as your past President. Many, many thanks to all our members for keeping our club alive and healthy!

—Mary Sherman

Vice President's Message

We are all so thankful that Mary, our President, is home and safe. A lot of prayers, cards and well wishes have gone out to her. It will be an uphill battle, but we know Mary. She will get it done no matter what.

Well, another fabulous meeting was had by all. Too much fun with valentine candy, candy roses, and candy hearts. The photo booth was a hit. Most members were wearing goofy glasses, fedoras, boas, and there was even a bubble machine. Thanks, Program Team for all your hard work.

Through many hours of interviews, the Nomination Committee has the following to report. This is the slate for the Officers for the 2023 - 2024 year:

- **Diana Yegge** is acting interim Vice President as approved by the board. Diana will run for President to replace outgoing President, Mary Sherman.
- **George Quisno** will then fill the Vice President position.
- **Betty Liebau** is taking under consideration replacing Sharon Kalupa as Secretary.
- **Mike Hyland** and **Carl Fisher** will replace Nancy Inzeo and Art Plautz to fill the Sargent at Arms positions.
- **Dave Hoag, Phyllis Vaglica** and **Tim Mellema** replacing Ray Ciszewski for Programming.
- **Tom Jones** will be outgoing Past President.

Members in other board positions will remain the same as listed:

- Treasurer: Sandy Gast
- Membership: Kathy Olesen and Linda Michelsen
- Social Coordinator: Joy Imms
- Welcoming Committee: Ruth Ann Rheingans and Harlan Mueller
- Lisa Clapsaddle: Sunshine and Shadow
- Historian: Mary Ann Alberti-Kopps

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 April 2023 issue is March 6, 2023.

Voting

Voting will take place at the March 8, 2023, General Meeting.

You need to be present to vote.

The new term of office begins April 1, 2023.

March 2023 Events & Activities

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 1 | 10:00 AM

16505 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Brookfield.

If you have questions regarding the location and time please contact Lisa Clapsaddle at (262) 501-5575.

(First Wednesday of every month.)

Movie Matinee Friday

Friday, March 3

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 email 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, March 6 | 10:00 AM

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.)

General Meeting

Wednesday, March 8 | 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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

Following the meeting, live entertainment will be provided by a Neil Diamond Tribute Artist. Eric "Diamond" has been performing throughout the Midwest as Neil Diamond for over 20 years. He brings an interactive, high-energy style with a great mix of other nostalgic sing-alongs from the 60s-70s-80s. For fun, wear some **GREEN** or SHAMROCKS for St. Patrick'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 second time guests.)

Bowling

Monday, March 13 | 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 plan to participate, please contact Tim Mellema in advance at (262) 722-0295 or at tim.mellema@icloud.com.

(Second and fourth Mondays of the month.)

Game Night

Thursday, March 16 | 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.)

March 2023 Events & Activities Cont'd

Movie Matinee Friday

Friday, March 17

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

Note: The last movie day will be April 21, 2023. Since April 7th is Good Friday there will be no movie so folks can prepare for Easter weekend. Movie Day will pick back up in the winter. However, feel free to contact Jo if a good movie comes out because she is always up for a movie!

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

March Fish Fry

Friday, March 17 | 4:30 PM

Diamond Jim's Steakhouse 11811 W Janesville Rd., Hales Corners.

See page 7 for additional details and reservation form. Contact Lisa Clapsaddle with any questions at (262) 501-5575 or at lclapsaddle@me.com.

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, March 21 | 10:00 AM - Noon

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

Please let Tim Mellema know in advance if you are planning to attend as the restaurant requires a count. You may reach Tim at (262) 722-0295 or at tim.mellema@icloud.com.

(Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM.)

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

April Location
Waukesha Elks Lodge, 2301 Springdale Rd. Waukesha

Date: April 12, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Future meeting locations will be announced at a later date.

March 2023 Events & Activities Cont'd

MindAlert: Effective Techniques for Enhancing Brain Health

Wednesday, March 22 @ 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

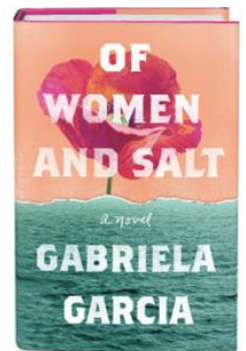
Education Seminar for Seniors. Robert Best holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Carroll University and a Master's Degree in Public Service with a specialization in Gerontology from Marquette University. Robert has 40 years of experience working with older adults in a variety of settings, including assisted living, skilled nursing, senior apartments, and community case management. He is currently the Executive Director of Clifton Court in Greendale. Robert is an adjunct professor of Social Gerontology and has published books and articles on aging issues and presented at conferences across the United States, including the American Society of Aging and National Council on Aging. Robert received advanced training on MindAlert Principles and techniques and has been offering brain Health programs for senior groups throughout the United States. His presentation will be followed by some fun filled mind stimulating exercises. We will have time for socialization, snacks and refreshments. You will leave feeling better after this event. Please RSVP on or before March 20, 2023, to Harlan Mueller at (414) 791-4044 or at harlan.mueller@gmail.com.

WOW Book Club

Thursday, March 23 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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

The book selection for March is [Of Women and Salt](#) by [Gabriela Garcia](#). Check out or order this book from your local library. This fictional story is set in Miami. Addiction is a touched upon theme and its impact on a mother – daughter relationship. It's mainly about a family legacy that begins in Cuba before either of them are born. 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.)

Bowling

Monday, March 27 | 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 plan to participate, please contact Tim Mellema in advance at (262) 722-0295 or at tim.mellema@icloud.com.

(Second and fourth Mondays of the month.)

Pizza Night - South

Tuesday, March 28 | 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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

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.

March Membership Dues Notice

The following members are scheduled to renew their membership dues this month. Dues for March 2023 are \$50.00. You may pay your membership dues at the monthly General Meeting or mail a check payable to WOW to N33W22034 Memory Lane, Pewaukee, 53072.

Mary Brandis
Jim Carrington
Kathy Kalvaitis
Bob Lawrence

Chris Millay
Kathleen Radaj
Dan Rieck
Bridget Roth

Gloria Schmitt
Bonnie Wick
Jan Wickersham

Poetry Corner

Wily Wind

The fickle old wind
has many faces:
It caresses trees.
Howls when lifting
shingles on the roof.
On yawls sails billow.
The wind shifts sand
in the desert.
In woods wind moves
through the pines with
a rushing sound.
When wicked it forms
a funnel cloud.
In winter, sting's your face,
freezes your fingers.
Furious hurricanes
wreak havoc.
In March, chill winds blow.
Yet on warm summer
nights it makes music
as it flutters wind chimes.

—Roselyn Stewart

Four Guys in Dinner Jackets – Call Us Old- Fashion: The Supper Club Tour – Friday, May 12, 2023

The Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets® take you on an "Old-Fashioned" road trip with a double shot of nostalgia in their brand-new show! In this energized entrée, the fabulous foursome serve round after round of classic doo-wop and tasty musical side dishes you are sure to relish!

There is a limit of 25 seats.

Arrival time is 7:00 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm.

Payment of \$24.00 is due by Tuesday April 25th.

Mail payment to:
Sandy Gast
21075 George Hunt Circle apt 1539
Waukesha WI 53186

Name: _____

I would like to go to dinner before the show ____
(place to be determined)

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Gast

March Fish Fry – Friday, March 17, 2023

Diamond Jim's Steakhouse

11811 W Janesville Rd., Hales Corners

4:30 pm Cocktails

5:00 pm Dinner

Dinner Options:

1. Battered Cod served with French fries or potato pancakes (\$23.00)
2. Broiled Cod served with French fries or potato pancakes (\$23.00)

Tax and gratuity are included.

No. of Battered Cod Dinners _____ X \$23.00 + No. of Broiled Cod Dinners _____ X \$23.00 = Total \$ _____

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **WOW Club**

Please submit all reservations, along with payment by Monday, March 13 to:

Lisa Clapsaddle

16455 Georgetown Dr. Apt. 101, Brookfield, WI 53005

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

If you have any questions, please contact Joy Imms at (262) 319-3606 or Lisa Clapsaddle at (262) 501-5575.

April Fish Fry – Friday, April 14, 2023

Pat's Oak Manor

1804 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee

4:00 pm Cocktails

5:15 pm Seating begins; 5:30 pm Dinner served

Dinner Options:

1. Fried Cod (\$17.00)
2. Baked Cod (\$17.00)

Tax and gratuity are included.

No. of Fried Cod Dinners _____ X \$17.00 + No. of Baked Cod Dinners _____ X \$17.00 = Total \$ _____

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **WOW Club**

Please submit all reservations to:

Don Ratz, 1612 Sherman Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172

or

Mary Piekarski S66W24310 Skyline Ave Waukesha, WI 53189

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

If you have any questions, please contact Don Ratz at (414) 617-4279 or at dratz@gowebway.com.

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15235 ARROWHEAD PLACE
BROOKFIELD, WI 53005

March 2023 Birthdays!

When you see one of these WOW members, wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
(For corrections, please contact Tom Jones at (262) 327-7019.)

March 2
Susan Strzeiecki

March 23
Diane Larkin

March 3
Judy Cimbalnik
Sandra Corbo

March 24
Don Ratz

March 11
Marlene Seynhoven

March 14
Monty Johnson
Harlan Mueller

March 16
Beverly Subel



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See us at:

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