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Widows or Widowers Club

Mission Statement: Offering friendship to those who have lost a spouse.
Meetings are held at the Waukesha Elks Lodge #400

www.milwowclub.info

President's Message

Our Social Gathering went so well. With the Groovy Band getting us in the mood to dance!! Some of us have a lot of energy!! Good thing. We had a nice surprise addition to our meeting: Navy guests presented the Colors, we sang our National Anthem and they retired the flags for the evening. What a presentation for us all and to our own honored Veterans for their service to our Country. Well done, Dave, Phyllis and Tim. Great planning and delivery! We had 175 members attending and 8 guests, most of whom paid for their membership that night!!

We had a new location for our latest Sip N Dip: WhirlyBall at Brookfield Square. We had 22 members attending and we all had a great time with \$2.00 domestic Beer, \$3.00 Wine, \$4.00 Craft Beer and \$5.00 Bites. We all had a nice time talking and talking. We are focusing on rotating our locations so more members can get together for a drink and a bite to eat as well as talking with old friends and new ones. If you have an establishment that will be fun for our group, let me or any Board member know. We will check it out and make plans for a Sip N Dip in the future.

We are still on the search for any possible new Board members for our club. The positions open are Historian, Treasurer, Membership, Welcoming, Sunshine and Shadow, and Social Coordinator. These positions and terms are coming due this March when we vote for new Board members. Thanks to

those who have sent in their Interest Cards for Board Positions. These Cards will be available on the tables at our next Social Gathering meeting.

We are extending our giving to Hunger Task Force at our next Social Gathering or mail it in. You can still give a donation to Mary Sherman who is heading this annual giving opportunity.

We are coming to a time of the year when we gather together with family and friends. Take full advantage of this opportunity to rekindle friendships and family traditions. It can also be a very lonely time for many. Take time to reach out and come out of your "comfort zone" and take a look at your local Senior Center, Library and Parks and Recreation Centers. They have classes to learn a new skill: cooking, crafting, games and social activities. Some of us can be lost in ourselves and get into a rut. Try something new, tell others and make new friends.

This is also the time for our Winter season. Check over your gloves, (make sure there is a mate), scarves, mittens and hats. Also check your good winter shoes. We do not want anyone slipping in the ice!! Happy December and Winter!
—Diana Yegge

December 2023 Events & Activities

Movie Friday

Friday, December 1

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

A movie will be chosen the Tuesday before the first Friday of each month, along with a time between noon and 5:00 pm. A group email will be put out to all.

Please let Barb Hart know at (414) 421-1956 or George Quisno at (414) 882-1138 if you will be attending.

(First Friday of each month, November thru April)

Breakfast Together

Monday, December 4 | 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.)

Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 6 | 10:00 AM

21075 George Hunt Circle, #1530, Waukesha

(First Wednesday of every month.)

WOW Christmas Party

Friday, December 8 | 4:30 PM

Alioto's, 3041 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa

See page 5 for details and reservation form. Please contact Joy Imms at (262) 391-3606 or Lisa Clapsaddle at (262) 501-5575 with and questions.

Walking Club

Saturday, December 9 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mitchell Park Pavilion, 3140 Mitchell Park Dr., Brookfield

A one-hour outdoor walk, approximately 2 miles. Walk at your own pace. Brunch afterwards at Maxim's Family Restaurant, 18025 W Capitol Dr., Brookfield, WI.

Please RSVP to Mary Ann Worgull Pivotto at (262) 844-0414 or at

mworgull@sbcglobal.net.

Bowling

Monday, December 11 | 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, October through April.)

General Meeting

Wednesday, December 13 | 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Waukesha Elks Lodge #400, 2301 Springdale Road, Waukesha.

Following the meeting enjoy festive music from "Tim and Dave"—some for dancing, some for listening, and some for singing along. For fun, wear RED and GREEN for the last Photo Booth of the year. The WOW "Elves" just might have some fun shenanigans planned!

(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 January 2024 issue is December 1, 2023.

December 2023 Events & Activities Continued

WOW Book Club

Thursday, December 14 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Private meeting at W197N4972 Hickory St. #B5

The December book to be discussed is [The Deal of a Lifetime](#) by [Frederick Backman](#). This is a short novella which can be completed in the condensed timeline during this holiday season. Our 2024 WOW Book Club reading list will be distributed as well. We will have a holiday get together (Thursday, Dec. 14th) where each can bring a side appetizer to share. This is our only WOW meeting where a RSVP is encouraged. Please contact Sue Siewert at 414-813-0091 or at sue.siewert55@gmail.com so that I can share the details.

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, December 19 | 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.)

Sip 'n Dip

Wednesday, December 20 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Pallas Restaurant and Sports Bar, 1657 S. 108th St., West Allis.

Come and enjoy appetizers half price and \$1.00 off drink orders with food. Food is great and so is the company. Enjoy a late lunch or early dinner at great prices. Come kick back and have great conversations.

(Every third Wednesday.)

Game Night

Thursday, December 21 | 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.)

Walking Club

Saturday, December 23 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield.

A one-hour outdoor walk, approximately 2 miles. Walk at your own pace. Brunch afterwards at Maxim's Family Restaurant, 18025 W Capitol Dr., Brookfield, WI. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Worgull Pivotto at (262) 844-0414 or at mworgull@sbcglobal.net.

Pizza Night - South

Tuesday, December 26 | 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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

Join your WOW friends for PIZZA NIGHT on the last Tuesday of every month at 4:30 PM. There will be five different Pizzas offered each night served buffet style beginning about 5:15 - 5:30 PM. Come for the PIZZA...stay for the FELLOWSHIP! 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. On odd-numbered months, we meet at Maxims ("PIZZA NORTH"). On even-numbered months, we meet at New Berlin Ale House ("PIZZA SOUTH").)

December 2023 Events & Activities Continued

Karaoke at the Legion, Post 449

Tuesday, December 28 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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

Come enjoy a night out for Karaoke at the Legion. Delight us with your singing or just listen and clap for others. (Singers need not be professionals, just have the courage to get up and sing!) Food is offered: Brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers with fixings and a couple of sides dishes. Dessert is offered and the Post will gladly take any baked items you may want to bring to assist the Post. Libations are offered at the bar at a reasonable price. This is a comfortable evening to enjoy with friends of WOW. If you have any questions, please text Diana Yegge at (951) 452-9087.

(Every fourth Thursday of the month.)

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.milwwowclub.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.

WOW Christmas Party – Friday, December 8, 2023

Alioto's, 3041 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa.

4:30 pm Cocktails; 5:00 pm Dinner; Trivia and Elvis Christmas Show to follow dinner

Dinner Options:

(Due to unforeseen circumstances ALIOTO'S can only offer 2 choices for dinner entrees.)

1. 8oz Queen filet with au jus, button mushrooms & potatoes
2. Fresh Salmon served on angel hair pasta with dill sauce

All dinners include salad, Italian bread, coffee, and cake.

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

No. of Queen Filet Dinners: _____ x \$35.00 = \$_____

No. of Fresh Salmon Dinners: _____ x \$35.00 = \$_____

TOTAL: # of Dinners _____ = \$_____

Checks Payable to: **WOW Club**

Please submit all reservations, along with payment by Friday, December 1 to:

Lisa Clapsaddle, 16455 Georgetown Drive, # 101, Brookfield, WI 53005

WOW policy does not provide for refunds.

If you have any questions, please contact Joy Imms at (262) 391-3606 or Lisa Clapsaddle at (262) 501-5575.

Poetry Corner

Christmas

The greatest story
ever told
began in Bethlehem

The story has been
told and retold
about this child
meek as a lamb

Beneath the stars
three wisemen travel
they seek one
who will be king

The story becomes clear
as all the angels sing

Now today
when we take time
to celebrate his birth
We can only begin
to understand his worthy

—Roselyn Stewart

December 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.)

December 1
Pat Hansen

December 11
Judi Wysocki

December 3
Keith Toporski

December 17
Mary Piekarski

December 4
Nancy Inzeo

December 21
Kim Korth

December 5
John Foley

December 24
Mary Ann Worgull-Pivotta

December 6
Mary Brandis

December 27
Lori Wick

December 8
Peggy Brandt

December 31
Mary Lou Rutter



December Membership Dues Notice

The following members are scheduled to renew their membership dues this month. Dues for December 2023 are \$50.00. You may pay your membership dues at the monthly General Meeting or mail a check, payable to WOW, to Mary Piekarski, S66W24310 Skyline Ave., Waukesha, WI 53189.

Roy Anderson
Barbara Christan-Lentscher
Kathleen Damro
Donna Graebel

Toni Gunderson
Betty Liebau
Kathleen Mueller
Art Plautz

Mary Lou Rutter
Lorin Slauson
Leslie Will

Annual Club Charity Project

The Hunger Task Force is our only club charity project so we ask you to please be very generous this year. Many members donated at the last Social Gathering to the tune of \$785.00!!! This is a wonderful beginning! Thank you all who donated as there is great need this year. Last year we donated over \$1,650.00!!! This year we have increased our membership so I think we can top that amount. You will have an opportunity to donate at any of our next events. Checks should be made out to "Hunger Task Force" or you can mail your check to Sandy Gast at 21075

George Hunt Circle, Apt 153, Waukesha, WI 53186. I'm thanking you in advance because I know how generous our members are. No amount is too small! Your donations help put food on the table for the vulnerable who have suffered making ends meet this year because of high inflation. Your donations last evening warmed my heart!

—Mary Sherman, Past President



Essential Oils 101

Simple solutions to feel better naturally

January 9, 2024 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

O'Donoghue's Pub, 13225 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove.

Amanda Carron, Wellness Educator, affiliated with UWM, will lecture how therapeutic grade essential oils can naturally support your immune system, get a good night's rest, aid digestion and obtain happier, healthier joints. (This is NOT a sales pitch). Essential oils are natural aromatic compounds found in seeds, flowers, bark, rinds and leaves or plants; extracted and distilled for health benefits. They are 100% pure and easy to use.

The cost per person is \$10.00. You can order lunch if you wish and enjoy at O'Donoghue's Pub.

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

TOTAL: # attending _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Checks Payable to: **WOW Club**

Please submit all reservations, along with payment to:
Sue Siewert, 11921 North Solar Avenue Mequon, WI 53097

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Please direct any questions or comments to Sue at (414) 813-0091 or sue.siewert55@gmail.com.

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