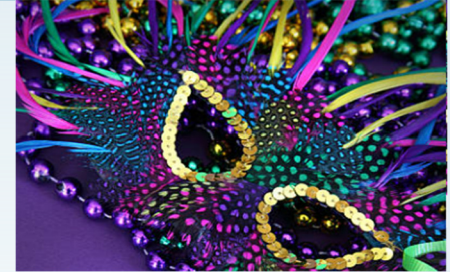


WOW Newsletter



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

Monthly meeting/social gatherings are held at the
Waukesha Elks Lodge #400
www.milwowclub.info

President's Message

As usual, the Valentine's Day Social Gathering was a big hit! We saw many happy faces and a full dance floor. The band, Freddie and the Cruisers, commented on how they expected some 'old people' but were pleasantly surprised to see so many who knew how to really dance! It was a very fun time! We had 92 attending and 9 guests. It was a great group for a Wednesday afternoon! Welcome to our guests and new members!

The month of March is when we vote on the upcoming slate of Board members. We will say 'Goodbye' to those whose terms are completed: Kathy Olesen (Membership), Sandy Gast (Treasurer), Carl Fisher (Sargent at Arms), Ruth Ann Rheingans and Harlan Mueller (Welcoming), Mary Ann Alberti-Kopps (Historian), and Lisa Clapsaddle (Sunshine & Shadow). Joy Imms will continue as Social Coordinator until someone else steps up. All these individuals gave so much of their time and talents for the benefit of our WOW club (more than you know) and they will be very much missed. Thank you, thank you! Great job and well done!!

We have a new slate to consider

and vote on during our March meeting: Bob Hayd (Historian), Jim McMahon (Treasurer), Mary Piekarski (Membership), Bob Vallis (Welcoming), and LaVonne Grenlie (Sunshine & Shadow). The position of Social Coordinator is still open so if anyone would like to discuss possibly taking that role, please let Joy Imms know. Attend the March meeting to put your confidence in and vote on these individuals for their selected posts. I am pleased about the new Board members and the new energy that will result due to their talents and excitement for our club.

Speaking of excitement, 2023 was a great year. A Big Thank You to those who have been a Host or Hostess for the many activities we offered. Well done! I know 2024 will continue to bring more widows and widowers who will seek out our club for their social needs. We have so many activities to choose from with "offering friendship to those who have lost a spouse." Contact me or any Board member if you think of any new ideas for activities, events or field trips for us to consider. This is a working club with you in mind.

~Diana Yegge

WOW President

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March 2024 Event & Activities

NOTE: Check www.milwowclub.info for new and updated events.

Movie Friday

Friday, March 1 | Time TBD

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 sent out to all. Contact Barb Hart (414-421-1956) or George Quisno (414-882-1138) with questions. (Happens the first Friday of each month November thru April)

Walking Club

Saturday, March 3 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Brookfield Square 95 N Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI

A one hour indoor walk at Brookfield Square in Waukesha. Approximately 2 miles. We will meet at the east mall entrance next to Barnes & Noble. Brunch afterwards at Maxim's Family Restaurant, 18025 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Worgull Pivotto at mworgull@sbcglobal.net or 262-844-0414.

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Event and Article Submissions

Please submit all Event details via the website submission form by the 15th of the month in order to appear on the website and be included in the next month's newsletter.

All Newsletters will be sent out via email by the 20th of the month prior to that issue. (i.e. The April issue will be sent out on March 20th; May will be sent out on April 20th, etc.)

Breakfast Together

Monday, March 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. (Happens the first Monday of every month)

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 6 | 10:00 AM

Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield.

(Happens the first Wednesday of every month)

Bowling

Monday, March 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 tim.mellema@icloud.com. (Happens the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, October through April)

March Social Gathering

Wednesday, March 13 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Waukesha Elks Lodge #400, 2301 Springdale Rd, Waukesha

Grab your beads & masks and join us for a Mardi Gras celebration! Following a brief meeting, enjoy the high-energy performance of Eric Diamond, a

March 2024 Event & Activities Continued

(continued from pg 2) Neil Diamond tribute artist. Get ready for Eric's spot-on vocal performances of Neil Diamond's biggest hits and tributes to 60s-70s artists. Eric's highly interactive show at last March's meeting got everyone singing and dancing along! For fun, wear green-purple-gold for Mardi Gras - or -green for St. Patrick's Day. And don't forget to bring your HAT for our annual "Easter Parade." Social Gatherings are held every second Wednesday of the month and are open to all new and current members as well as 1st time guests. NOTE: Repeat guests are welcome with payment of a \$10 fee.

March Fish Fry

Friday, March 15 | 4:30 PM

Alioto's Bar & Restaurant 3041 N Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa

Cocktails at 4:30, Dinner at 5:00 pm. Dinner option (\$23.00 per plate) are Fried Cod (3 pieces) served with/ French fries or Baked Cod served with baby red potatoes. NOTE: Potatoes come with assigned meals - **no exchanges**. Attendance is limited to 40 (first come, first served). Make checks payable to WOW Club. Contact Bob Lambert (414-333-5015) or Ron Andryk (414-427-4808) with questions. NOTE: Use the registration form located on Page 6 of this newsletter.

Walking Club

Saturday, March 16 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Brookfield Square 95 N Moorland Rd, Brookfield

A one hour indoor walk at Brookfield Square in Waukesha. Approximately 2 miles. We will meet at the east mall entrance next to Barnes & Noble. Brunch afterwards at Maxim's Family Restaurant, 18025 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Worgull Pivotto at 262-844-0414 or at mworgull@sbcglobal.net.

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, March 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. (Happens the third Tuesday of every month)

Sip 'n Dip

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

Double D's Pub and Eatery, 5171 S 108th Street, Hales Corners

Wing Wednesday at 75 cents each (in increments of 6) plus drink discounts. Come in from the cold and get a wing or 2. Food is great and so is the company! Call Diana Yegge with questions at 951-452-9087. (Happens the third Wednesday of every month)

Game Night

March 21 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

\$3 at the door. Bring a snack to share (optional). Ice water or drinks from the bar are available. Contact Faith Gilhuber (414-243-4810) or Chuck Keaton (608-495-2663) with any questions. (Happens the third Thursday of every month)



Member Spotlight

For starters, we will be highlighting various Board volunteers over the next several editions of "Member Spotlight." I will go ahead and launch this feature with an interview of myself (in the 3rd person) in hopes of getting others who are willing to come forward and volunteer to introduce themselves for next month's issue.



Mary Piekarski

(Membership Committee)

Mary has been widowed for 3 years and has been a member of WOW for about a year and a half. Her favorite thing about being a member of WOW is being surrounded by others who know what it's like to lose a spouse (people who "get it") and she feels that she is most blessed by the quality friendships that have resulted. When she's not participating in WOW events (her favorite is the Bicycling group) she is growing her faith at Bible studies or inspirational conferences & concerts. Mary still works but is able to set her own hours. In her free time she loves entertaining at her home or spending time with her grandkids, camping, or just putting around the house; cooking, sewing or reupholstering furniture. Mary looks forward to getting to know other WOW members better and welcomes anyone who she has not had the opportunity to talk with to introduce themselves!

March 2024 Event & Activities Continued

Bowling

Monday, March 25 | 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. (Happens the second and fourth Mondays of the month, October through April)

Pizza Night - North

Tuesday, March 26 | 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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



Join your WOW friends for PIZZA NIGHT on the last Tuesday of every month starting at 4:30 pm. There will be six different kinds of Pizzas served buffet-style beginning about 5:15 pm. Payment of \$10 cash will be collected at the door (includes tax and tip). Sign up on the "Pizza Clipboard" at the monthly Social Gathering - OR - contact Phyllis Vaglica 262-8949-619 or phylvaglica@gmail.

WOW Book Club

Thursday, March 28 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Joney Cafe Shaker house building 17700W Capitol Drive, Ste 20, #3 Brookfield

The March Book is When Crickets Cry by Charles Martin. A man with a painful past. A child with a doubtful future. And a shared journey toward healing for both hearts. It begins at a lemonade stand in a sleepy southern town. In the end, they will both know there are painful reasons why crickets cry....and that miracles lurk around unexpected corners. We always welcome new members, even if you have never been in a book club. You can join us every 4th Thursday of the month or only on occasion. Food and drink can be purchased at the restaurant. There's always good fellowship available. No RSVP needed. Please contact Sue Siewert at 414-813-0091 or sue.siewert55@gmail.com with questions.

Karaoke

Thursday, March 28 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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

Enjoy a night of 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. (Fourth Thursday of every month)

March 2024 Events & Activities Continued

Walking Club

Saturday, March 30 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Brookfield Square 95 N Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI

A one hour indoor walk at Brookfield Square in Waukesha. Approximately 2 miles. We will meet at the east mall entrance next to Barnes & Noble. Brunch afterwards at Maxim's Family Restaurant, 18025 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Worgull Pivotto at mworgull@sbcglobal.net or 262-844-0414.

April 2024 Event

April Fish Fry

Friday, April 19 | 4:30 PM

Silver Spur Restaurant 13275 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove

Choose from: Fried Cod (\$18.00) -or- Pan Fried Perch (\$23.00) with choice of potato OR Coconut or Battered Shrimp with choice of potato or mixed vegetable (\$23.00). Make your selections on the registration form on page 6 of this newsletter. Payment deadline is April 10, 2024. Contact Diana at 951-452-9087 or 5dnyegge@gmail.com or Linda Boucher at 262-789-7477.

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: 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



*“What we
once enjoyed
and
deeply loved
we can never
lose,
for all that
we love deeply
becomes
part of us.”*

– Helen Keller

Registration Forms:

March Fish Fry - Friday, March 15, 2024 | 4:30pm

Alioto's Bar & Restaurant 3041 N Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

No. of Fried Cod Dinners: _____ x \$23.00* = \$ _____

No. of Baked Cod Dinners: _____ x \$23.00* = \$ _____

TOTAL: # of Dinners _____ = \$ _____ *Price includes tax and gratuity

NOTE: Fried dinner comes with French fries & coleslaw; Baked dinner comes with baby red potatoes & salad. Attendance is limited to 40 persons (first come, first served).

Make check payable to: WOW Club

Please submit reservations along with payment to:

Bob Lambert
4565 N. 133rd Street
Brookfield, 53005

OR Submit registration form and payment at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.
WOW policy does not provide for cancellations or refunds.

April Fish Fry - Friday, April 19, 2024 | 4:30pm

Silver Spur Restaurant 13275 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Check # of Entrees and CHECK ONE vegetable/potato option for each entree' selected:

_____ Deep fried Cod w/choice of: Fries Potato Pancake \$18.00*

_____ Pan fried Perch w/choice of: Fries Potato Pancake \$23.00*

_____ Coconut Shrimp w/choice of: Fries Potato Pancake \$23.00*

OR Mixed Vegetables

_____ Battered Shrimp w/choice of: Fries Potato Pancake \$23.00*

OR Mixed Vegetables

TOTAL: #of Dinners _____ = \$ _____ *Prices include tax and gratuity

Payment deadline is April 10, 2024 First come, first served.

Make check payable to: WOW Club and submit reservation along with payment to:

Diana Yegge
2036 S 105th St
West Allis WI 53227

OR Submit registration form and payment at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.
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March 2024 Birthdays!

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

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| March 3 Judy Cimbalnik | March 14 Harlan Mueller | March 22 Delores Hodgson |
| March 3 Sandra Corbo | March 15 Lynn Marzinski | March 27 Joanne Majstorovic |
| March 11 Marlene Seynhoven | March 15 Deborah Klement | March 30 Jerilyn Seer |
| March 14 Monty Johnson | March 16 Beverly Subel | March 31 Pat Joschko |

March Membership Dues Notice

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

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| Mary Brandis | Kathy Kalvaitis | Judy Miller |
| Jim Carrington | Bob Lawrence | Kathleen Radaj |
| Sharon Davies | Pat Mendizabal | Dan Rieck |
| Sandy Gast | Chris Millay | Jan Wickersham |



We are so excited to welcome the following NEW member who joined up last month. Look for this names at future events and social gatherings and be sure to extend a warm “Hello!”

Carolyn House

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Widowers (WOW) Club**

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**For the most up-to-date WOW
Club event information visit
us as:**

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