

# 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](http://www.milwowclub.info)

### President's Message

Greetings and Welcome to our newsletter for WOW.

We had another fabulous time at our March Social Gathering. Eric Diamond was on top of his game! There were lots of members dancing to the great dance songs! As I looked across the dance floor, I saw about 90% of our members dancing. I am sure the others were just enjoying themselves with the music. Thanks to the Entertainment Committee - well done! We had 90 members in attendance and 2 who signed up for membership plus 18 guests! The word is about WOW and our mission is spreading. Your membership dollars go a long way towards making special entertainment, bands and performers like Eric Diamond possible. It's money well spent.

The Documents Committee and our general Board has developed a new system to keep you informed and involved. There will be a binder located on the Pizza sign-up table at every Social Gathering that will contain: Board Meeting Minutes, Social Gathering Minutes, Board Duties, Treasurers' Reports and a

list of current members by city. You can take a look and see what we are all up to. The "Members by City" list can help to facilitate carpooling to WOW events and meetings.

Our Membership voted on new Board members as there were Board members whose terms were finished. We voted on Jim McMahan for Treasurer, Bob Hayd for Historian, Mary Piekarski for Membership Committee & Newsletter Editor, Lavonne Grenlie for Sunshine & Shadow, and Bob Vallis for Welcoming Committee. These individuals are the committee chairpersons for those Board Duties. We are so grateful and glad they stepped up to chair a committee for our club. We had a great group with willing hearts to serve. Congratulations to our new Board members. I expect great things for WOW.

**Please remember that our next meeting in April will be at our regular time: 6:30 pm. We do not want anyone coming at the wrong time.**

Stay safe and warm.

*~Diana Yegge*

WOW President



## WOW Board of Directors & Committees

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### Welcoming Committee

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## **April 2024 Event & Activities**

**NOTE:** Check [www.milwowclub.info](http://www.milwowclub.info) for new and updated events.

### **Breakfast Together**

**Monday, April 1 | 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, April 3 | 10:00 AM**

Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield.

(Happens the first Wednesday of every month)

### **Movie Friday**

**Friday, April 5 | 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)

### **Bowling**

**Monday, April 8 | 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](mailto:tim.mellema@icloud.com). (Happens the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, October through April)

### **April Social Gathering**

**Wednesday, April 10 | 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

Waukesha Elks Lodge #400, 2301 Springdale Rd, Waukesha

Following the Business Meeting, WOW's favorite DJ Team of Dave and Tim invite you to "Dance Through the Decades." We will be playing one dance song from the 50s, one from the 60s, one from the 70s, and one from the 80s...then repeating that pattern all night long. Get ready to enjoy four decades of rockin' dance music! FOR FUN—wear something from your favorite decade—50s, 60s, 70s, or 80s. 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.

### **Newsletter Layout & Editor**

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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. (i.e. The April issue will be sent out on March 20th; May will be sent out on April 20th, etc.)

## **April 2024 Event & Activities (continued)**

### **Walking Club**

**Saturday, April 13 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Mitchell Park Pavilion, 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield, WI

Hello Spring! We will be back outside for our walks. After the approximately one hour walk we will meet for brunch at Maxim's Family Restaurant, 18025 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield. Please RSVP to Mary Ann Worgull Pivotto at [mworgull@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mworgull@sbcglobal.net) or 262-844-0414.

### **Breakfast Together**

**Tuesday, April 16 | 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](mailto:tim.mellema@icloud.com). (Happens the third Tuesday of every month)

### **Sip 'n Dip**

**Wednesday, April 17 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

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

Come and enjoy half-priced appetizers and \$1.00 off drinks with food orders. The food is great and so is the company. Enjoy a late lunch or early dinner at a great price. Kick back and enjoy some great conversations. Call Diana Yegge with questions at 951-452-9087. (Happens the third Wednesday of every month)

### **Game Night**

**Thursday, April 18 | 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)

### **April Fish Fry**

**Friday, April 19 | 4:30 PM**

Silver Spur Restaurant 13275 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove

Cocktails at 4:30pm, Dinner at 5:00pm. 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 8 of this newsletter. Payment deadline is April 10, 2024. Contact Diana at 951-452-9087 or [5dnyegge@gmail.com](mailto:5dnyegge@gmail.com) or Linda Boucher at 262-789-7477.

### **Bowling**

**Monday, April 22 | 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](mailto:tim.mellema@icloud.com). (Happens the second and fourth Mondays of the month, October through April)



## Member Spotlight

Introducing a brand new Board volunteer in this edition of "Member Spotlight!"



**Jim McMahon**  
(Treasurer)

Jim has been widowed since February of 2021. In August of that year a dear friend of Jim's phoned to tell him that the church she attended (Elmbrook Church in Brookfield) offered a *GriefShare* program that was designed to help people grieving the loss of a loved one. So Jim looked it up online and registered. Beginning in September of '21 a group of 15 random strangers, just 13 weeks later half of that group joined WOW, some of which have since become Jim's newest BFF's (Best Friends Forever). Jim shared, *"It seems like after every monthly social gathering I gain another friend or two! Today I'm happy to say I have several dozen wonderful new friends. While leaving the Pizza gathering the other night one of my newer friends said 'I must have laughed way too much because I'm Exhausted!' That's exactly how I feel after every WOW event I participate in. There is no shortage of laughs, smiles, and fellowship at WOW."*

So say "Hello" to Jim the next time you see him. Maybe you'll be his NEXT new friend!

## April 2024 Event & Activities (continued)

### WOW Book Club

**Thursday, April 25 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

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

The April book is *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar. Based on a true story of Johanna Bonger, Vincent Van Gogh's sister-in-law. When Hollywood auctioneer Emsley Wilson finds her famous grandmother's diary, the pages are full of surprises. The first is that the diary belonged to Johanna Bonger, who inherited all of Van Gogh's paintings and the secrets that lie behind them. 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, April 25 | 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)

### Walking Club

**Saturday, April 27 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Mitchell Park Pavillion, 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield, WI

Hello Spring! We will be back outside for our walks. After the approximately one hour walk we will meet for brunch 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.

### Pizza Night - South

**Tuesday, April 30 | 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 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). Come for the PIZZA...stay for the FELLOWSHIP! Sign up on the "Pizza Clipboard" at the monthly Social Gathering or contact Phyllis at 262-8949-619 or phylvaglica@gmail.

## April (continued) & May 2024 Events & Activities

### Let's Do Lunch!

Tuesday, May 14 | 11:00 AM

Olive Garden Restaurant 4760 S.76th St. Greenfield, WI

Choose from Never Ending Soup & Salad (\$12.00), Eggplant Parmigiana (\$13.00), Lasagna (\$14.00), or Shrimp Scampi (\$14.00). All lunches include breadsticks and soup or salad. Prices include tax & tip. Space is limited to 30. Beverages are not included but can be ordered from the Olive Garden lunch menu. Make your selections on the registration form below. Call or email Mindy Nordness with questions 262-923-0634 or mindynordness@gmail.com . Deadline is Friday, May 10.

### May Fish Fry

Friday, May 31 | 4:30 PM

Village Bowl N86W18330 Main St, Menomonee Falls, WI

Cocktails at 4:30pm, Dinner at 5:00pm. Choose from Fried Cod or Baked Cod (\$25.00 each). Dinners include Cole-slaw, Choice of Potato (French Fries, Tater Tots or Potato Pancakes) and Rye Bread. Make your selections on the registration form on page 8 of this newsletter. Payment deadline is May 21, 2024. Contact Betty at (262) 229-5286 or liebaubetty@gmail.com

### Olive Garden Lunch Registration Form:

#### Let's Do Lunch! - Tuesday, May 14 | 11:00pm

Olive Garden Restaurant 4760 S.76th St. Greenfield, WI

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Never Ending Soup & Salad: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Eggplant Parmigiana Lunches: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Lasagna Lunches: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$14.00\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Shrimp Scampi Lunches: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$14.00\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: # of Lunches \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*Price includes tax and gratuity

NOTE: All lunches include breadsticks and soup or salad. Prices include tax & tip. Space is limited to 30. Beverages are not included but can be ordered from the Olive Garden lunch menu.

Make check payable to: WOW Club and send to: Mindy Nordness

1802 Shepard Ct #222

Waukesha, WI 53186

OR Submit registration form and payment at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.

WOW policy does not provide for cancellations or refunds.



# WOW!

The total attendance at the March Social Gathering was a whopping 98 attendees, consisting of 80 current members, 2 NEW members and 18 guests! It appears that the flowers and grass aren't the only things that are growing!



## SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

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### FOR THESE EXCITING NEW EVENTS coming soon!

#### **Golf**

**Starting Friday, May 3 | 1:00 PM**

Brookfield Hills Golf Course 16075 Pinehurst Dr. Brookfield, WI

(Happens the first and third Fridays of every month, May through September). Cost is only \$23 for 9 holes including cart. Tee-off at 1:00pm. Call, text or email Martin Blazei at 414-209-2208 or mblazei@yahoo.com for more information.

#### **Mini Golf**

**Starting Monday, May 6 | 12:30 PM**

Moorland Rd Golf Center 5900 S Moorland Rd, New Berlin, WI

(Happens the first and third Mondays of every month from May through September, except Labor Day). Contact Roy Anderson at 414-467-9800 or royandrsn2@gmail.com for more information.

#### **Bike Riding**

**Starting Tuesday, May 7 | 10:00 AM**

Various Bike Trails, Southeast Wisconsin

Weeee! As the weather warms up, get your tires pumped up and your gears greased for another season of pleasant touring through some of Wisconsin's nicest local area bike trails! (Happens the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month May through September). Watch next month's newsletter for details about the first ride for this year! Any questions? Contact Dave Hoag at bosshoag@gmail.com or 262-622-2448.

#### **Pickleball**

**Starting Wednesday, May 8 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI

Join "Coach Carl's Pickleball Team" for friendly Pickleball games every Wednesday in June, July & August. Play occasionally or come every week. Bring your Paddle & a ball. All skill levels are welcome! Not interested in playing? - that's okay, come to join the "Chairleader" squad and cheer for your WOW friends! Contact Sue Siewert (414-813-0091) or Phyllis Vaglica (262-894-9619) for more information.

**Starry Nights Free Concerts**

**Fridays, June 28th through August 9th (no concert on July 19) 6:30 PM**

Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Arts 3270 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield WI

**TO CONSIDER BEING A HOST OF THIS  
FUN EVENT - CONTACT JOY IMMS**

Pack your lawn chairs and picnic baskets, and find your perfect spot in the Wilson Center's beautiful Gerlach/Haack Outdoor Theater! One of the most popular Wilson Center summertime traditions, Starry Nights outdoor concerts are great Friday night fun for audiences of all ages. Starry Nights concerts are free and open to the public. Donation to the organization of \$10/person when you arrive helps support this wonderful Friday night summer music tradition!

**WOW Annual Picnic**

**Day & Time TBD - A Friday, Sometime in September**

Park & Details to Follow

This outdoor event, is generally held at a local area park and is a great way to close out Summer activities. There's always great fellowship with lots of great food & games, all in a relaxed atmosphere! This year the Annual Picnic will be organized by Mary Piekarski (414-828-9222) and Phyllis Vaglica (262-894-9619). Anyone who is interested in helping with this fun, well-attended event, contact Mary or Phyllis! Many hands make for light work!

## **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](http://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



“There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and Spring after Winter.”

- Rachel Carson

**Registration Forms:**

**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  
 Or Baked Potato \$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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**May Fish Fry - Friday, May 31, 2024 | 4:30pm**

Village Bowl N86W18330 Main Street, Menomonee Falls, WI

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Fried Cod Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Select one: \_\_\_ French Fries \_\_\_ Tater Tots \_\_\_ Potato Pancakes

No. of Baked Cod Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Select one: \_\_\_ French Fries \_\_\_ Tater Tots \_\_\_ Potato Pancakes

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

NOTE: Each dinner comes with coleslaw and rye bread. First come, first served.

**Make check payable to: WOW Club**

Please submit reservations along with payment to:

Betty Liebau  
 W146N8313 Schlafer Drive  
 Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

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

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

April 27 Jim Baker

April 19 Judy Harmon

April 13 Pamela Roy

April 24 Linda Barisas

April 22 Robert Knudson

April 8 JoAnn Stabenfeldt

April 10 Linda Ann Boucher

April 29 Robert Lambert

April 20 Bonnie Brannen

April 28 Ruth Ann Petroff

### April Membership Dues Renewal 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.

Jackie Bach

Carl Fisher

Lilli Scheifen

Michele Boettcher

Maureen Golan

Marlene Seynhoven

Peggy Brandt

Lavonne Grenlie

JoAnn Stabenfeldt

Carol Cummisford

Pat Hansen

Rose Stewart

Richard Diercksmeier

Janet Neldner

Ken Szymczak



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!"

Robert Phillips

Susan Mack

Maxine Mallantine

**Milwaukee Widows or  
Widowers (WOW) Club**

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**S66W24310 Skyline Ave  
Waukesha WI 53189**

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

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