

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

At the meeting portion of our April gathering the Membership voted and approved our updated By-Laws. Please be sure to check the WOW Documents Binder, which is located at the Pizza sign-up table and includes copies of the By-Laws, Board & Social Gathering meeting minutes, Treasurer's reports, recent newsletters and a list of members arranged by city for those who would like to arrange car pooling to events.

There were 81 members, 1 NEW member and 5 guests that came to enjoy dancing & mingling at April's Social Gathering. A special thanks to the individuals who dressed up creatively. That sure added to the flavor of the evening.

We took a few minutes to show our appreciation to our Secretary, Betty Liebau, my right-hand gal, with a dozen roses for Administrative Assistant's Day. She deserves those roses and a hundred more. Great going, Betty. We are so grateful for all you do!

On another note, we are looking forward to adding "Beer Garden" as an event this summer. We will be searching for local Beer Gardens in different locations! Beer Gardens are a casual and unique way to so-

cialize with friends. Where else but in Wisconsin and where else but in your neighborhood?

Please note: May will be our last Meeting/Social Gathering at the Waukesha Elks Club. It's been a great space for us and they have been very good to us but their venue rental rates are increasing to a level that will make it difficult to keep our membership fees down. That being said, we will make a temporary move back to the American Legion Post 449, located in Brookfield on 124th Street. The Post approached us and offered their venue space at a very affordable price; therefore, we will sign a 6-month lease for now. The Post is closed on Wednesdays, so our Social Gathering will actually be a private party with no one else in the building but us. Our Sargent at Arms volunteers will escort members to their cars upon request. There will also be a few Post members for our safety. A full service bar and food will also be offered. I am so glad to have a partnership like Post 449 to assist us in having a grand time together!

Enjoy the lovely weather with family and friends and stay safe.

~Diana Yegge

WOW President



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May 2024 Events & Activities

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

Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 1 | 10:00 AM

Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield.
Happens the first Wednesday of every month.

Golf

Friday, May 3 | 1:00 PM

Brookfield Hills Golf Course 16075 Pinehurst Dr. Brookfield, WI

Cost is \$23 for 9 holes including cart. Tee-off at 1:00pm. NOTE: Text or email Martin Blazei (414-209-2208 or mblazei@yahoo.com) by 4pm on the Thursday prior to golf day if you plan on participating so he can reserve the proper number of golf carts. Happens the first and third Fridays of every month May through September.

Breakfast Together

Monday, May 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. Happens the first Monday of every month.

Mini Golf

Monday, May 6 | 12:30 PM

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

Enjoy mini golf and lunch with your WOW friends! The \$14 fee includes 18 holes of mini golf, a sandwich & chips plus a soft drink. Contact Roy Anderson (414-467-9800 or royandrsn2@gmail.com) for more information. Happens 1st & 3rd Mondays May through September, except Labor Day.

Pickleball

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, May through August. Play occasionally or come every week. Have fun in a non-competitive environment. Bring your Paddle & some balls. If you prefer to watch, just bring a chair and join the "Chairleader" squad on the sidelines. For more information call Phyllis Vaglica (262-894-9619) or Sue Siewert (414-813-0091).

Gen. Meeting/Social Gathering Wednesday May 8 | 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Waukesha Elks Lodge #400, 2301 Springdale Rd, Waukesha

Following the Business Meeting, get ready to dance! The Falcons, a six-piece band playing dance & classic rock music will be entertaining us. For fun wear yellow to bring sunshine for summer! 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.

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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 May issue will be sent out on April 20th; June will be sent out on May 20th, etc.)

May 2024 Events & Activities (continued)

Walking Club

Saturday, May 11 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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

After an approximately one hour walk enjoy 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.

Bike Riding

Tuesday, May 14 | 10:00 AM

Abendschein Community Park 1311 E Drexel Ave, Oak Creek

Our goal is to get outside and get a little exercise and have fun doing it! Bike at your own pace and distance. No need to sign up. Happens the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month May through September. Any questions? Contact Dave Hoag at bosshoag@gmail.com or 262-622-2448.

Pickleball

Wednesday, May 15 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI

(See May 8th event listing for details)

Sip 'n Dip

Wednesday, May 15 | 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 (951-452-9087). Happens the third Wednesday of every month.

Game Night

Thursday, May 16 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

\$4 at the door. Bring a snack to share (optional). Ice water or drinks from the bar are available. Contact Faith Gilhuber (414-243-4810), Chuck Keaton (608-495-2663), Joanne Majstorovic (414-427-9324) or Sandy Gast (262-349-0388) with any questions. Happens every 3rd Thursday.

Golf

Friday, May 17 | 1:00 PM

Brookfield Hills Golf Course 16075 Pinehurst Dr. Brookfield, WI

(See May 3rd event listing for details)

Menomonee River Kayaking & Dinner

Sunday, May 19 | 3:00 PM (Kayaking) 5:00 PM (Dinner)

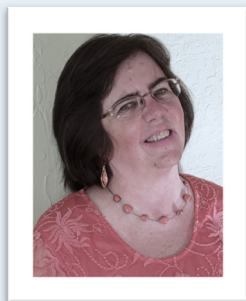
The Twisted Fisherman 1200 W Canal St, Milwaukee

Kayak on the calm, quiet Menominee River with the Milwaukee Kayak Company (MKC). We will depart at the grounds of the Twisted Fisherman restaurant. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes kayak rental, life jacket, paddles, kayak guides, and free parking. Even if you have never been kayaking, this is a great opportunity to explore nature and the sport, itself, at a leisurely pace. Afterwards stay to enjoy appetizers, drinks and/or dinner at the Twisted Fisherman Restaurant (at everyone's own expense). Email Sue NO LATER THAN MAY 5TH (sue.siewert55@gmail.com). Indicate if you want to be in a 1 or 2 person kayak. Even if Kayaking is not your thing, let Sue know if you will join in at the Twisted Fisherman after the paddle is over. The event will be rescheduled if inclement weather occurs.



Member Spotlight

Introducing our own Board Secretary in this edition of "Member Spotlight!"



Betty Liebau
(Secretary)

Betty has been widowed since January of 2020. She is the proud mother of 27 year-old son, Brett. Two years ago Betty retired after 18 years as receptionist at a local freight auditing firm. Now she volunteers two hours every Tuesday morning in the gift shop at Froedtert Menomonee Falls hospital. She attends a Women's Bible Study at her church twice a month. Most amazingly, after her recent visit to Washington State, Betty exclaimed that she will have been to 44 of the 50 United States! Wowza!

About 2 1/2 years ago Betty was introduced to WOW by one of our dearest fellow WOW members, Carl Fisher, while they were both attending a cookout at a mutual friend's house. Betty's favorite part about WOW is all the new friends she's made since joining. She absolutely loves the fun events and all the laughter that breaks out. Betty says "WOW offers events that can appeal to everyone. If you like to laugh and have fun, this is the group for you!"

May 2024 Event & Activities (continued)

Mini Golf

Monday, May 20 | 12:30 PM

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

(See May 6th event listing for details)

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, May 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. (262-722-0295 or at tim.mellema@icloud.com). Happens the third Tuesday of every month.

Pickleball

Wednesday, May 22 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI

(See May 8th event listing for details)

WOW Book Club

Thursday, May 23 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Joney Cafe Shaker House Building 17700W Capitol Dr Ste 20 #3 Brookfield

The May book is *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. *In present day California, Eleanor Bennett's death leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her 2 children, Byron and Benny. It's a black cake made from a family recipe with a long history and includes a voice recording. Eleanor shares a tumultuous story full of secrets which expose betrayal and memories and will shape how the estate will be divided. We always welcome new members! Join in every 4th Thursday of the month or only on occasion. Food and drink can be purchased at the restaurant. There's always good fellowship. No RSVP needed. Contact Sue Siewert at 414-813-0091 or sue.siewert55@gmail.com.*

Karaoke

Thursday, May 23 | 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, May 25 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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

(See May 11th event listing for details)

May Events & Activities (continued) & Some June Events & Activities

Bike Riding

Tuesday, May 28 | 10:00 AM

Abendschein Community Park 1311 E Drexel Ave, Oak Creek

(See May 14th event listing for details)

Pizza Night - North

Tuesday, May 28 | 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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

Join your WOW friends for PIZZA NIGHT on the last Tuesday of every month starting at 4:30 pm. There will be five 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.

Pickleball

Wednesday, May 29 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI

(See May 8th event listing for details)

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 7 of this newsletter. Payment deadline is May 21st. Contact Betty at liebaubetty@gmail.com or 262-22-5286.

Fireside Dinner Theater

Friday, June 7 | 10:00 AM

The Fireside Theatre 1131 Janesville Ave, Fort Atkinson

A madcap revue with a hysterical, anything-goes, good natured sense of fun. The Little Sisters of Hoboken are in dire financial straits. It seems they must raise enough money to bury the last four of 52 dearly departed nuns who were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia (Child of God). The five remaining sisters perform with quick paced, comic flair and high-spirited singing. It's an outrageous premise for a long-running hit show that's "sinfully" hilarious and definitely habit forming! \$85 per person. Choose from 4 entrees. Contact Tom Jones 262-327-7019 or thomisgreatx@outlook.com.

June Fish Fry

Friday, June 14 | 4:30 PM

Bucyrus Club 1919 12th Avenue, South Milwaukee

Dinner Options: Battered Cod, Baked Cod or Shrimp Dinner (\$24.00 each). Dinners include Coleslaw and Rye bread and either French Fries or Potato Pancakes. Make your selections on the registration form on page 7 of this newsletter. Payment deadline is June 6th. Contact Bob Vallis (414-651-5272) or Lisa Clappsaddle (262-501-5575).

July Event:

Minor League Baseball & Pre-game Picnic

Friday, July 26 | 5:30 PM (picnic) 6:35 (game)

Concordia's Scenic Kapco Stadium 12800 N Lake Shore Dr, Mequon

Chinooks play the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters. Reserved grandstand tickets \$27; includes an “all you can eat” picnic by the stands. Picnic begins when gates open (approx. 1 hour before game and concludes 30 minutes after first pitch). Menu: Hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, your choice of 2 sides (chips, potato salad, pasta salad or coleslaw), canned soda, lemonade, water. Vegetarian/vegan options available. Cash bar available. It’s near the lake, so a cool breeze on a hot day is guaranteed! Free parking & free golf cart assistance, if needed. A minimum of 25 must sign-up by the deadline of June 15th in order to reserve. Contact Sue Siewert with questions (414-813-0091 or sue.siewert55@gmail.com). Mail your checks (made payable to WOW) to Sue at 11921 N Solar Ave., Mequon WI 53097.



May 2024 Birthdays!

May 2 Cindy Reed

May 11 Mary Gerber

May 20 Lilli Scheifen

May 5 Arlie Marten

May 11 Ken Szymczak

May 21 Dennis Haberman

May 7 Ron Andryk

May 14 Sue Frank

May 24 Robert Phillips

May 9 Maureen Golan

May 19 Jim Carrington

May 28 Chris Miceli

May 10 Carolyn House

May 19 Sharon Kalupa

May 28 Dorothy Plahmer

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.

Roy Blankenheim

Martha Haas

Jerilyn Seer

Martin Blazei

Pat Hertel

Marilyn Stormowski

Lisa Clapsaddle

Linda Knorr

Ksenija Wasielewski

Clifford Engel

Tim Mellema

Judi Wysocki

Juliann Egide

Darlene Rose

WELCOME

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!”

Roberta Collamore

Gregg Karr

Registration Forms:

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.
WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.

June Fish Fry - Friday, June 14, 2024 | 4:30pm

Bucyrus Club 1919 12th Avenue, South Milwaukee

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

No. of Battered Cod Dinners: _____ x \$24.00* = \$ _____

Select one: French Fries Potato Pancakes

No. of Baked Cod Dinners: _____ x \$24.00* = \$ _____

Select one: French Fries Potato Pancakes

No. of Shrimp Dinners: _____ x \$24.00* = \$ _____

Select one: French Fries 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:

Bob Vallis
5650 S Andrea Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151

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

“Life is like riding a Bicycle - in order to keep your balance, you must keep moving.”

- Albert Einstein



“Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of riding a bike.”

- John F Kennedy

Milwaukee Widows or Widowers (WOW) Club

S66W24310 Skyline Ave
Waukesha WI 53189

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

www.milwowclub.info

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Creating a WOW Event

- “IDEA” for example: “luncheon” research venues and dates.
- If planning a Fish Fry first call Joann Stabenfeldt (414-412-3542) for the month that you wish to host, then check with Joy to reserve the date on the calendar.
- For all OTHER activities check with Joy Imms at 262-391-3606 to ensure that the selected date 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 be 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