

WOW Newsletter

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

Monthly meeting/social gatherings are held at the
American Legion Post #449, 3245 N 124th St, Brookfield
www.milwowclub.info

President's Message

We had a very nice Social Gathering, for the month of June with 96 members, 1 new member and 8 guests!! That is over 100 people in attendance! The Entertainment Committee has done a really great job getting the best bands and entertainment for us. The band (Close Enuf) was super and our decorations were so much fun! Our club is growing and with all of our activities we want to reach out to those who live in the Greater Milwaukee area. Review our Newsletter and our website for all the latest activities and updates in your area and beyond.

I saw a lot of smiling faces with most saying they are happy with the location change. We are now meeting at the American Legion Post 449, 3245 N 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005.

Summer is the time for the WOW Club to really shine with all of its activities. Check the newsletter and website for events that fit your interests. We try not to schedule activities that overlap, but some may be close so you may have to make some tough choices.

Our Board members are taking an inventory of items that belong to WOW. If you are storing anything that belongs to WOW please let any

Board member know so that we can compile an inventory list.

We are looking forward to the End of Summer Picnic, which will be held on Thursday, September 5th at ProHealth Care Park in New Berlin. Sign up forms are in this newsletter will be at the Social Gatherings. Sign up to bring a baked good for the "Bake Walk" game and/or make a salad and enter it into the "Summer Salad" contest!

The membership application has been updated to reflect an additional fee for members who prefer to have the newsletter mailed out rather than emailed. The upcharge will cover the cost to print and mail the newsletters. This change is necessary in order to keep costs down, avoid increasing membership dues for everyone and still offer great entertainment at the Social Gatherings.

Now that Summer is here we have lots and lots of activities that will be performed out in the sunshine. Do your best to cover up if necessary. Put on that sunscreen and remember to drink lots of water. We need you. You are important to us! Happy Summer!

~Diana Yegge

WOW President



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July 2024 Events & Activities

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

Breakfast Together

Monday, July 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.

Mini Golf

Monday, July 1 | 12:30 PM

Moorland Rd Golf Center 5900 S Moorland Rd, New Berlin

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.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 3 | 10:00 AM

Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield.

Happens the first Wednesday of every month.

Pickleball

Wednesday, July 3 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

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).

Golf

Friday, July 5 | 1:00 PM

Brookfield Hills Golf Course 16075 Pinehurst Dr. Brookfield

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.

Walking Club

Saturday, July 6 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Frame Park 1240 Frame Park Dr, Waukesha

Approximately one hour walk on paved trail with brunch to follow at Maxim's Family Restaurant 18025 W. Capital Dr, Brookfield. Meet at the east parking lot off of Moreland Boulevard. Please RSVP to Mary Ann (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. (i.e. The July issue will be sent out on June 20th; August will be sent out on July 20th, etc.)

July 2024 Events & Activities (continued)

Bike Riding

Tuesday, July 9 | 10:00 AM

Glacial Drumlin Trailhead 810 College Ave, Waukesha

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, July 10 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See July 3rd event listing for details)

General Meeting/Social Gathering

Wednesday, July 10 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM

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

Following the Meeting, come to the “WOW Prom” featuring Peppermill Music with DJ Tony and Dancer Carol. Bring your high school yearbooks, your school banners/pennants, and any memorabilia from Prom or High School. For fun, wear Prom (or High School) attire. Wear your Letter Jacket, find your Sports uniform, put on your Cheerleader outfit. Wear your Class Ring! Let’s see some creative corsages and boutonnieres. 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.

Mini Golf

Monday, July 15 | 12:30 PM

Moorland Rd Golf Center 5900 S Moorland Rd, New Berlin

(See July 1st event listing for details)

Breakfast Together

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

Pickleball

Wednesday, July 17 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See July 3rd event listing for details)

Sip ‘n Dip

Wednesday, July 17 | 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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

Come and enjoy an afternoon of sipping and snacking with the fellowship of WOW friends. It’s Wing Wednesday, at 75 cents/wing (in increments of 6). Or order off the menu. Great food with great servings!! Call Diana Yegge with questions (951-452-9087). Happens the third Wednesday of every month.

Game Night

Thursday, July 18 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

Board games, cards like poker, sheepshead, or hand, foot & toe, or any game you would like to share. \$4 at the door. Bring a snack to share (optional). Ice water or drinks from the bar are available. Contact Joanne Majstorovic (414-427-9324) or Sandy Gast (262-349-0388) with any questions. Happens every 3rd Thursday.



Member Spotlight

Introducing our current Social Coordinator in this edition of "Member Spotlight!"



Joy Imms

Joy has been widowed for almost 5 years and a member of WOW for three. She credits her dear friend, Lisa Clapsaddle, for the referral and is grateful and feels blessed to have made so many new friends. Joy says her favorite part about WOW is the great fellowship, dancing and good, clean fun! Joy retired as VP at a manufacturing company that built portable buildings for the telecommunication industry. Now, aside from serving as WOW's Social Coordinator, she volunteers at her Church. She focuses on enjoying each and every day by staying active: walking, lifting weights, yoga, or dancing. Joy said that she was an avid and accomplished runner "back in the day" and says she misses those endorphins! For relaxation she reads, listens to music or watches movies. Next time you see her, give her a high-five and maybe even a hug!

July 2024 Event & Activities (continued)

Golf

Friday, July 19 | 1:00 PM

Brookfield Hills Golf Course 16075 Pinehurst Dr. Brookfield

(See July 5th event listing for details)

July Fish Fry

Friday, July 19 | 4:30 PM

Open Flame Restaurant 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield

Your choice of 4 different Entrees. Each option comes with fresh bread and coleslaw plus your choice of Soup OR Salad AND your choice of Potato (French Fries, Baked Potato w/sour cream, or Homemade Potato Pancakes). Entrees to choose from are: Beer Battered Cod served with roasted corn; Beer Battered Lake Perch served with roasted corn; Baked Cod served with lemon cream sauce and broccoli spears; or Baked Cod Oscar topped with real crab meat, scallops, shrimp, asparagus and Hollandaise sauce. Your soup choice (clam chowder or chicken orzo) or your salad dressing choice will be ordered at the table. Make your selections on the registration form on page 7 of this newsletter. Reservation deadline is July 12th. Contact Mary Piekarski (414-828-9222) or Jim McMahon (414-429-3917).

Walking Club

Saturday, July 20 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Frame Park, Waukesha

(See July 6th event listing for details)

Bike Riding

Tuesday, July 23 | 10:00 AM

Glacial Drumlin Trailhead 810 College Ave, Waukesha

(See July 9th event listing for details)

Pickleball

Wednesday, July 24 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See July 3rd event listing for details)

WOW Book Club

Thursday, July 25 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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

The July book club selection is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Based on one of America's most notorious real life scandals in which Georgia Tannes, director of a Memphis based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country. 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, July 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

July Events & Activities (continued) & Beyond

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. Text Diana Yegge at 951-452-9087 with questions. (Fourth Thursday of every month)

Minor League Baseball & Pre-game Picnic

Friday, July 26 | 5:30 PM (picnic) 6:35PM (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. Contact Sue Siewert with questions (414-813-0091 or sue.siewert55@gmail.com). Mail your checks (made payable to WOW) to 11921 N Solar Ave, Mequon WI 53097.

Pizza Night - North

Tuesday, July 30 | 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 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 262-894-9619 or phylvaglica@gmail.

Pickleball

Wednesday, July 31 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See July 3rd event listing for details)

August Fish Fry

Friday, August 16 | 5:00 PM

Brass Key Restaurant & Lounge 4952 W Forest Home Ave, Milwaukee

Your choice of Fried Cod (\$22), Baked Cod (\$23), or Fried Shrimp (\$27). Dinners include your choice of soup or salad and your choice of French fries or baked potatoes and a dessert. Make your selections on the registration form found on page 7 of this newsletter and submit with payment via mail or at the monthly WOW Social Gathering (look for the “Fish Fry Basket” at the Pizza Registration Table). Register by August 14th. Maximum seating is 50. Contact Chuck Keaton (608-495-2663) or Faith Gilhuber (414-243-4810 or faithdoes1@aol.com) with questions.

WOW Annual End-of-Summer Picnic

Thursday, September 5 | 11:00AM to 6:00PM

ProHealth Care Park 2950 S Sunnyslope Rd, New Berlin

A great way to close out the Summer with good fellowship, music, games, contests and great food! Sign up to participate in one or both OPTIONAL events: #1) Bring a wrapped baked good for the “**Bake Walk**” game. #2) Enter your favorite salad to win the “**Summer Salad**” contest! There will be various outdoor games and activities as well. A hot buffet, catered by Bunzel's, consisting of *Pulled Pork, Baked Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw and Rolls* will be served from 12:00 Noon to 2:00PM. Fresh fruit, Cookies, Iced Sun-Tea & Water will be provided. If desired, bring your own lawn chair and alcoholic beverages (no glass bottles please). All this for only \$19.00 per person. Sign up using the registration form on page 6 of this newsletter. Registration deadline is August 29th. Contact any of the organizers with questions: Phyllis Vaglica (262-894-9619), Cindy Reed (414-416-4143), Sue Siewert (414-813-0091), Jim McMahon (414-429-3917) or Mary Piekarski (414-828-9222).



July 2024 Birthdays!

July 1 Vivienne Botsch

July 1 Megan McGovern

July 1 Judy Miller

July 1 Karen Stankowski

July 1 Kay Wasielewski

July 10 Mary Ellen Comp

July 11 Lori Duginski

July 12 Chris Millay

July 15 MaryAnn Alberti-Kopps

July 15 Nancy Freitag

July 16 Kathy Mateicka

July 17 Elsie Dircks

July 18 Donna Graebel

July 19 Dennis Cantrall

July 21 Kathleen Radaj

July 24 Kathleen Mueller

July 27 Ron Wrycza

July 29 Barbara Shelley

July 30 Rayond Ciszewsk

July Membership Dues Renewal Notice

The following members are scheduled to renew their membership dues this month. **Annual Dues are \$50.00 for members who receive the monthly newsletter via email or \$80.00 for those who prefer to receive it by US mail.** 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.

Jim Baker

Chuck Cass

Raymond Ciszewski

Mary Ellen Comp

John Cseri

Bonnie Dudley

Dennis Haberman

Monty Johnson

Barbara Klabunde

Karen Krysinski

Robert Lambert

Megan McGovern

Ruth Ann Petroff

Mary Sherman

Dave Zuehlke

End of Summer Picnic Registration

Thursday, Sept 5, 2024 11:00am - 5:00pm (Food served Noon to 2:00pm)

ProHealth Care Park, 2950 S Sunnyslope Rd, New Berlin

(Please only 1 member per registration form. Registration deadline is **August 29th**)

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

YES—I'll be at the Picnic!

I would also like to participate in the following (optional) game and/or contest:

____ I will bring a wrapped **BAKED ITEM** on a disposable plate for the “BAKE WALK” Game

____ I will bring a **SALAD** to enter the Second Annual **FOOD CONTEST** (Summer Salad Contest)

\$19.00 check payable to **WOW Club** bring to Monthly Meeting or mail to:

Jim McMahan

5527 W. Jerelyn Place

Milwaukee, WI 53219

NOTE: WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.

Registration Forms:

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

Open Flame Restaurant 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

___ **Beer Battered Cod** with Soup or Salad (circle one) @\$21.00* = _____

Select Potato: ___ Fries ___ Baked w/sour cream ___ Pancakes

___ **Beer Battered Lake Perch** with Soup or Salad (circle one) @\$22.00* = _____

Select Potato: ___ Fries ___ Baked w/sour cream ___ Pancakes

___ **Baked Cod** with Soup or Salad (circle one) @\$22.00* = _____

Select Potato: ___ Fries ___ Baked w/sour cream ___ Pancakes

___ **Baked Cod Oscar** with Soup or Salad (circle one) @\$25.00* = _____

Select Potato: ___ Fries ___ Baked w/sour cream ___ Pancakes

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

NOTE: Limited to 50 persons

Make check payable to: WOW Club

Please submit reservations along with payment **by July 12th to:**

Jim McMahon
5527 W Jerelyn Place
Milwaukee, WI 53219

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

WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.

August Fish Fry - Friday, August 16, 2024 | 5:00pm

Brass Key Restaurant & Lounge, 4952 W Forest Home Ave, Milwaukee

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

___ **Fried Cod** with Soup or Salad (circle one) @\$22.00 = _____

Select one: ___ French Fries ___ Baked Potato

___ **Baked Cod** with Soup or Salad (circle one) @\$23.00 = _____

Select one: ___ French Fries ___ Baked Potato

___ **Fried Shrimp** with Soup or Salad (circle one) @\$27.00 = _____

Select one: ___ French Fries ___ Baked Potato

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

NOTE: Each dinner comes with a dessert. Seating is limited to 50 guests.

Make check payable to: WOW Club

Please submit reservations along with payment **by August 14th to:**

Faith Gilhuber
7300 W Van Beck Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53220

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

WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.



We are so excited to welcome the following NEW members who joined the Club last month. Look for these names at future events and social gatherings and be sure to extend a warm "Hello!"

Cathy Day
Mickie Laing
Nancy Freitag
Mary Holzhauer
Shirley Lieber
Mike Piwaron

Milwaukee Widows or Widowers (WOW) Club

S66W24310 Skyline Ave
Waukesha WI 53189

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www.milwowclub.info

***** Important Membership Dues Update *****

Due to rising printing & postage fees and in an effort to keep membership dues affordable - as of July 1, 2024 - Annual Dues will be \$80.00 for those who receive the monthly newsletter by US Mail, but will stay \$50.00 for members who opt to receive it via email. If you currently receive the newsletter via US Mail but don't wish to pay the adjusted fee please provide the club Secretary (at 262-229-5286 or liebaubetty@gmail.com) with an email address to ensure that you won't miss an issue.

Creating a WOW Event

- "IDEA" for example: "luncheon" or "fish fry" - 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 a manager or contact person at the 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 a contract is required, give that information to Joy. She will get Board approval for it and will contact the Treasurer who will issue a check for the down payment.
- When you have all information completed, you MUST enter 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.
- All checks should be made payable to WOW and mailed to the event coordinator. Choose a cutoff date about a week prior to the event. If the event has a limited capacity note that in your information.
- After the event, checks should be given to the Treasurer. If the Treasurer is attending, they will pay the bill. If they are not attending, they will designate the event coordinator to make payment.
- If someone is unable to attend and the restaurant charges for the meal, no refund is given.
- If you are booking a non-dining event you will still need to follow the directions above, omitting non-essential information.