

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
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President's Message

We had a fabulous WOW Senior Prom Night at our July Social Gathering! It was reminiscent of the good ol' days with lovely ladies in gorgeous gowns and dapper men in dinner jackets. I even saw a pink sportscoat. Reliving our youth was fun. The Kodak moment was when I called "the prom court" to come forward for pictures. Thanks to all who rose to the occasion and dressed up! Moreover, thanks to our amazing "DJ" (Tony Madrigal), the Entertainment Committee and all the helpers who constructed the ballon garland and other decorations - all of their efforts certainly made for a memorable event! July's social gathering had a record attendance of 105 members (which included 4 brand new members) PLUS 12 guests!

Every Social Gathering is always over the Top with great attendance. Our Sergeants at Arms made sure all members and guests wore name tags for our safety. Thanks, also, to JoAnn Stabenfeldt, Pamela Roy and Mary Piekarski, for keeping track of member attendance and to Bob Vallis, Lisa Clapsaddle and Kathy Mueller for overseeing the guest registrations.

We had lots of helpers who made the night eventful: our bartender,

the SAL cook team, the 1st Commander of the Legion, and our Sergeant at Arms committee: Mike, Michele, Richard and Corky. We are also grateful to Tim Mellema for making arrangements for the US Navy to present the Colors as our members stood to salute. It was a glorious presentation. They even stayed afterwards and danced!

A big Thanks go to many hosts and hostesses of the various activities and events that we offer throughout the month. We are a working club with lots of individuals who strive to present and make possible the wonderful events we provide to our members. We try to make sure events and activities do not overlap. Please plan accordingly

Another thank you goes out to Mary Piekarski for compiling this lovely newsletter. It contains a comprehensive listing of monthly activities and events. Also make sure to check the online website for future and up to date events for your participation. The summer picnic and Christmas party are detailed in our newsletter along with our monthly Fish Frys.

Have a great Summer. And stay safe. You are important to us!

~Diana Yegge

WOW President



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WOW Events & Activities — August 2024

We don't stop
having fun because
we get old, we get old
because we stop
having fun!



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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 August issue will be sent out on July 20th; September will be sent out on August 20th, etc.)

**Please share your photos
of WOW events by
emailing them to
Clubpicswow@gmail.com**

Golf

Friday, August 2 | 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.

Starry Nights Free Concert

Friday, August 2 | 6:30 PM

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

Featuring music by The 5 Card Studs, a Las Vegas-styled revue, performing over-the-top, swinging covers of pop and rock songs from the 60's and 70's. Bring your lawn chair and snacks, if desired, and look for the WOW banner. There will be food trucks & a full bar available. Contact Mary Piekarski with questions (414-828-9222 or mbpiekarski@gmail.com).

Walking Club

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

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

Approximately one hour walk with brunch to follow at Maxim's Family Restaurant 18025 W. Capital Dr, Brookfield. Please RSVP to Mary Ann (262-844-0414 or mworgull@sbcglobal.net).

Breakfast Together

Monday, August 5 | 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, August 5 | 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, August 7 | 10:00 AM

Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield.

Happens the first Wednesday of every month.

Pickleball

Wednesday, August 7 | 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).

Bike Riding

Tuesday, August 13 | 10:00 AM

Grant Park Clubhouse 100 East Hawthorne Ave, South Milwaukee

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, August 14 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See August 7th event listing for details)

General Meeting/Social Gathering

Wednesday, August 14 | 6:30 - 9:00 PM

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

It's PACKER Night! Following the meeting, enjoy the "Unrighteous Brothers" with the sounds of Motown, classic rock, soul and contemporary hits. We are going to party - you can bet your sweet bippy on it! Enjoy snacking on some tailgate treats. For fun wear PACKER colors! 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.

Game Night

Thursday, August 15 | 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.

Golf

Friday, August 16 | 1:00 PM

Brookfield Hills Golf Course 16075 Pinehurst Dr. Brookfield

(See August 5th 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.

Walking Club

Saturday, August 17 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

(See August 3rd event listing for details)

Mini Golf

Monday, August 19 | 12:30 PM

Moorland Rd Golf Center 5900 S Moorland Rd, New Berlin

(See August 5th event listing for details)

WOW Events & Activities — August 2024



Member Spotlight

Introducing our current Historian in this edition of "Member Spotlight!"



Robert Hayd

Robert (Bob) has been widowed since 2020 and a WOW member since December 2022. He said that he Attended a WOW social gathering after seeing an ad in a "55 & Over" magazine. He spoke with Harlan Mueller (from the welcoming committee at the time) and subsequently joined right away. Bob spent much of his career in consumer sales with national consumer product companies and retired in 2010 as sales manager with the Wisconsin Lottery. He has been asked many times - and the answer is, "Neither I nor my family could play." In his spare time Bob enjoys working around the house or traveling and visiting his 3 sons and 5 grandkids. Bob's favorite part of being a WOW member is the wide variety of activities offered and he is impressed with how friendly and interesting other WOW members are.

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, August 20 | 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, August 21 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See August 7th event listing for details)

Sip 'n Dip

Wednesday, August 21 | 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.

WOW Book Club

Thursday, August 22 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

The WOW Book Club read for August is Verity by Colleen Hoover. A sublimely creepy psychological thriller. Writer Lowen Ashleigh is hired by Jeremy Crawford to complete the remaining books in a successful series his best selling injured author wife Verity, is unable to complete. Lowen uncovers a bone chilling unfinished autobiography that was never intended for anyone to read. 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, August 22 | 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. Text Diana Yegge at 951-452-9087 with questions. (Fourth Thursday of every month)

Bike Riding

Tuesday, August 27 | 10:00 AM

Grant Park Clubhouse 100 E Hawthorne Ave, South Milwaukee

(See August 13th event listing for details)

Pizza Night - South

Tuesday, August 27 | 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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

WOW Events & Activities – August 2024 and Beyond

Pizza (continued) 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. *** If you register but cannot attend, please contact Phyllis or Dave by the Monday before Pizza Night to cancel your registration. ***

Pickleball

Wednesday, August 28 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See August 7th event listing for details)

Walking Club

Saturday, August 31 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

(See August 3rd event listing for details)

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).

General Meeting/Social Gathering *Casino Night!******

Wednesday, September 11 | 6:30 - 9:00 PM

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

Join in the FUN & ACTION with Horse Racing, Blackjack, Craps, Roulette and more!!! Learning the games is easy. No worries, we provide the chips (no monetary value), so there’s nothing to lose! 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.

September Fish Fry

Friday, September 13 | 5:00 PM

Maxim’s Family Restaurant 18025 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield

Your choice of Beer Battered Cod (\$19), Baked Cod (\$21), or Fried Perch (\$24). Dinners include coleslaw, choice of soup or fresh fruit, and choice of potato: French fries, mashed or potato pancake. 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 September 6th. Contact Jo Cross (515-835-7399) or Dave Hoag (262-622-2448) with questions.

Apostle Islands Trip

Monday, September 30 | 7:00 AM - Thursday, October 3 | 7:00 PM

This trip is currently fully booked but call the tour company to get on the wait list. Trip include a 3 night stay at the Bayfield Inn, Ferry to Madeline Island, guided tours, cruise around the islands, 7 meals and free time to explore! \$1,425 (single occupancy) \$1,129 (per guest, double occupancy). A \$100 deposit is all it takes to get on the list. Please let them know that you are traveling with Jo Cross and the WOW group! To reserve your spot call Happy Times with a credit card number! (414) 867-2727 Check out Happy Times Tours & Experiences at <http://www.happytimestours.com>. Any questions - call Jo Cross (515-835-7399).



August 2024 Birthdays!

August 1 Rose Stewart

August 3 Dave Hoag

August 6 Lorin Slauson

August 7 Ann Diamond

August 8 Dave Zuehlke

August 9 Carol Cummisford

August 9 Kevin Wesa

August 12 Carl Fisher

August 12 Carrol Jerdee

August 13 Chuck Cass

August 13 Phillip Desmond

August 17 Roy Blankenheim

August 17 Gregg Karr

August 19 Faith Gilhuber

August 20 Dennis Jakubowski

August 22 Tim Mellema

August 25 Margaret Halsey

August 25 Kathleen Popovich

August 26 Bonnie Dudley

August 27 Mary Holzhauser

August 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.

Bonnie Brannen

Dennis Cantrall

Mary Domino

Sue Dwyer

Faith Gilhuber

Delores Hodgson

Joy Imms

Carrol Jerdee

Charles Keaton

Kim Korth

Joanne Majstorovic

Peggy McGinn

Diane Moraza

Mary Piekarski

Bob Sala

Beverly Subel

Lori Wick

Mary-Ann Worgull-Pivotta

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:

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!"



- Joan Leifel
- Michael Hopkins
- Joan McDermott
- Paul Tanner
- Fred Leverenz
- Linda Napieralski
- Janet Bartz
- John Molzen

September Fish Fry - Friday, Sept 13, 2024 | 4:30pm

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

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

____ Baked Cod with Soup or Fresh Fruit (circle one) @\$21.00* = _____

Select Potato: ___ Fries ___ Mashed ___ Pancakes

____ Beer Battered Cod with Soup or Fresh Fruit (circle one) @\$19.00* = _____

Select Potato: ___ Fries ___ Mashed ___ Pancakes

____ Breaded Perch with Soup or Fresh Fruit (circle one) @\$24.00* = _____

Select Potato: ___ Fries ___ Mashed ___ Pancakes

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

Make check payable to: WOW Club

Please submit reservations along with payment **by September 6th to:**

Jo Cross
10037 W Fiebrantz Ave
Milwaukee WI 53222

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

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We know it's a ways away, but be sure to **SAVE DECEMBER 8th** for the Annual WOW Christmas Party! Details to follow!

Milwaukee Widows or Widowers (WOW) Club

S66W24310 Skyline Ave
Waukesha WI 53189

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WOW Club
event information
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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.