September 2024

WOW Newsletter

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

This month's meeting/social gathering is held at the American Legion Post #449, 3245 N 124th St, Brookfield www.milwwowclub.info

President's Message

Hello, WOW members and guests. We had another fabulous Social Gathering last month. ALL of our Social Gatherings are quite remarkable! We were entertained by 'The Unrighteous Brothers' and noshed on "tailgate nibble" while socializing. The night just seemed to fly by. Thank you to our loval members who dressed up in Packers garb. And a Big Thank you to Dave Hoag "Oh, what a night!"

I am really thankful to American Legion Post 449 for the use of their facility, however, our Club is growing to the point where we are busting out at the seams! Attendance at the monthly social gatherings have In closing, I just want to extend anhad a total of 108 attending in August (98 members and 10 guests). crease in membership. Our goal is to have fun of course, but it's more are all about fun, fun, fun! about our mission of offering friendship after losing a spouse.

cember we will be meeting at VFW next time. Post 5716, located at 17980 W Beloit Rd in New Berlin. The venue there is larger than what we have

now. This will be a very beneficial move for the Club. We are very pleased and we know that you will be too. Please refer to page 7 of this newsletter for the dates and times of the monthly gatherings starting in December.

Throughout this newsletter you will notice a few photographs of members at various WOW events. Mary Piekarski and Bob Hayd are working together to honor members and the whole Entertainment team. through photographs, so please take lots of pictures at events you attend and send them to the email address printed in red, located on page 2. Who knows, maybe your picture will show up in the next newsletter!

been consistently above 100. We other really big 'thank you' to our Hosts and Hostesses for taking the time to hold all the fun WOW Our website and word-of-mouth events . Let me know if you'd like have been instrumental for the in- to put together a new activity or be a Host or Hostess in the future. We

Enjoy the rest of the summer weather. School is around the cor-That being said, the Location Com- ner: Keep a lookout for students mittee has found a great venue for who are walking or riding their us going forward. Beginning in De- bikes on the street. Stay safe, until

> ~Díana Yegge **WOW President**



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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 that next month's newsletter. Newsletters will be emailed by the 20th of each month.

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

NOTE: Newsletters are now available ONLINE!

Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 4 | 10:00 AM

Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield.

Happens the first Wednesday of every month.

Pickleball

Wednesday, September 4 | 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).

End-of-Summer Picnic Thursday, September 5 | 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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- *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 7 of this newsletter by the August 29th deadline. Contact any of the organizers with questions: Phyllis (262-894-9619), Cindy (414-416-4143), Sue (414-813-0091), Jim (414-429-3917) or Mary (414-828-9222).

Golf

Friday, September 6 | 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.

Bike Riding

Tuesday, September 10 | 10:00 AM

Behind the Elm Grove Sendiks 13425 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove

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.

Free Concert: Foreigner 4 Ever Tribute Sept. 10 | 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Frame Park Amphitheater 1240 Frame Park Dr Waukesha

Rounding out the Tribute Tuesday concert series is "Foreigner 4 Ever," an

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American 7-piece rock band formed in 2017 as a tribute to the music of British/American rock band Foreigner and is based out of Milwaukee. The band is made up of veteran musicians with decades of experience entertaining rock music fans at premier venues, festivals, and concert events. The members of Foreigner 4 Ever, having grown up with the music of Foreigner, are proud to perform for you as they pay tribute to the music of Foreigner! Concessions start at 5:30 pm; Concert 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. No need to RSVP, but bring a lawn chair and snacks if you so desire and relax with great music and even better friends! Look for the "WOW" Flag! Contact Mary Piekarski with questions (414-828-9222)

Pickleball

Wednesday, September 11 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See September 4th event listing for details)

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! For fun, wear glitzy, Vegas-style attire! Social Gatherings are held every second Wednesday of the month and are open to all new and current members and 1st time guests. NOTE: Repeat guests are welcome with payment of a \$10 fee.

East Troy Excursion

Thursday, September 12 | 2:45 PM

Village of East Troy

Come spend an afternoon/early evening in the cute little Village of East Troy, full of historic small-town charm! First Stop: LD's BBQ, 2511 Main Street at 3:30 for supper; Second Stop: The Hive Taproom, W2463 County Road ES for a beverage; Third Stop: Gus' Drive-In, 3131 Main St for dessert. Meet at Hales Corners Park and Ride, S 108th St, Greenfield at 2:45 pm if you want to carpool. Please contact Jo Cross at 515-835-7399 or micross6057@gmail.com if you are interested in being a driver or looking for a ride.

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 6 of this newsletter and submit with payment via mail or at the monthly WOW Social Gathering. Register by September 6th. Contact Jo Cross (515-835-7399) or Dave Hoag (262-622-2448) with questions.

Walking Club

Saturday, September 14 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kettle Moraine State Forest - Lapham Peak Unit W329N846 Cty Hwy C, Delafield

Approximately one hour walk on paved trail at the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Lapham Peak Unit. Directions: Highway C entrance; stay left to Homestead Hollow parking lot. State Fees apply. Carpool if possible. Brunch to follow at Lumber Inn, 612 Well St., Delafield. Reservations required, so please RSVP to Mary Ann (262-844-0414 or mworgull@sbcglobal.net).

Mini Golf

Monday, September 16 | 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.

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Member Spotlight

Introducing Welcoming Committee Chairperson in this edition of "Member Spotlight!"



Bob Vallis

Bob has been a member of WOW since Jan '22 after having been a widower for 12 years. He said he was urged to join by Joanne Stabenfeldt, who attended his church with her late husband, Chuck. She also mentioned that Harlan Mueller, who Bob worked with for many years was active in WOW. Bob retired 15 years ago as a civil/environmental engineer, working for a Water Treatment Equipment firm, a Consulting Engineering firm, and various Solid Waste Disposal companies for a total of over 50 years. When he's not volunteering for his church or for WOW. he likes to travel with the Road Scholars, read history books, "chase" lighthouses, bike ride, tend to his home & yard and enjoy family time. Bob likes WOW for the social events and for the opportunity of having met a "nice lady," who he has grown quite fond of.

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, September 17 | 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, September 18 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr. Menomonee Falls

(See September 4th event listing for details)

Sip 'n Dip

Wednesday, September 18 | 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, September 19 | 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, September 20 | 1:00 PM

Brookfield Hills Golf Course 16075 Pinehurst Dr. Brookfield

(See September 6th event listing for details)

Bike Riding

Tuesday, September 24 | 10:00 AM

Behind the Elm Grove Sendiks 13425 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove (See September 10th event listing for details)

Pizza Night - North

Tuesday, September 24 | 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. *** If you register but cannot attend, please contact Phyllis or Dave by the Monday before Pizza Night to cancel your registration. ***

Pickleball

Wednesday, September 25 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See September 4th event listing for details)

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WOW Book Club

Thursday, September 26 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

The WOW Book Club read for September is <u>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</u> by Lisa See. In their remote village, Liyan and her family align their lives around the seasons and farming tea. Slowly Li-Yang, one of the few educated girls in their mountain, begins to reject customs that shaped her early life. She has a baby out of wedlock and instead of handing the baby over to be killed, she leaves her in a nearby orphanage. Her child is raised in California, and over the years both mother and daughter search for meaning. 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, September 26 | 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)

Walking Club

Saturday, September 28 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kettle Moraine State Forest - Lapham Peak Unit W329N846 Cty Hwy C, Delafield

(See September 14th event listing for details)

Apostle Islands Trip

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

This trip is currently fully booked. Any questions - call Jo Cross (515-835-7399).

October Fish Fry

Friday, October 18 | 4:30 PM

North Hills Country Club N73W13430 Appleton Ave, Menomonee Falls

Your choice of Beer Battered Haddock (\$24.00), Broiled Haddock (\$24.00), or Tavern Style Haddock (\$24.00). Dinners include Potato Pancakes or French fries, Coleslaw, Rolls and Butter. Dinner will be served in the Fireplace Room. Make your selections on the registration form found on page 6 of this newsletter and submit with payment via mail or at the monthly WOW Social Gathering. Register by October 11. Maximum seating is 40. Contact Ruth Ann Petroff at 262-227-4156 or rpetroff@wi.rr.com with questions.

November Fish Fry

Thursday, November 14 | 4:30 PM

5 O'clock Club N28W26658 Peterson Dr, Pewaukee

Your choice of Fried Cod (\$20.00), Baked Cod (\$22.00), or Fried Shrimp (\$28.00). Dinners include Baked Potato or French Fires, Coleslaw and Rye Bread. 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. Register by October 30. Maximum seating is 48. Contact Mary Ann Worgull-Pivotto at 262-844-0414 or mworgull@sbcglobal.net with questions.

Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8 | 5:00 PM

Davians N56W16300 Silver Spring Drive, Menomonee Falls

Cocktails begin at 5:00pm; Dinner served at 6pm. Your choice of entrée (Chicken Marsala \$50 or Maple Salmon \$63) . Cash Bar. Following dinner, enjoy dancing to the 5- piece Band "Close Enuf" playing 50s-60s-70s pop & rock hits. Make your dinner choice on the registration form on page 7 - deadline is November 25th. Non-member widows and widowers are welcome as guests. Contact event organizers with questions: Cindy Reed (414-416-4143), Judy Harmon (414-379-7727), Sharon Kalupa (414-899-1265), John Foley (262-720-5915).



September Birthdays!

Sept 2 Sue Sinclair

Sept 6 Janet Neldner

Sept 9 Kevin Wesa

Sept 12 Robert Hayd

Sept 15 Jim McMahon

Sept 16 Joy Imms

Sept 16 Jan Wickersham

Sept 16 Nancy Yets

Sept 20 Toni Gunderson

Sept 20 Diana Yegge

Sept 22 Kathy Kalvaitis

Sept 22 Don Ropel

Sept 23 Barbara Klabunde

Sept 24 RuthAnn Rheingans

Sept 26 Michael Hopkins

Sept 26 Mickie Laing

Sept 27 Sue Dwyer

Sept 27 Paul Tanner

Sept 29 Leslie Will

Sept 30 Tom Jones

Registration Forms:

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

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

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.			
Member Name:	Phone:		
Check One:	Baked Cod with Soup or Fresh Fruit (circle one) \$19.00		
	Select Potato: Fries Mashed Pancakes		
	Beer Battered Cod with Soup or Fresh Fruit (circle one) \$21.00 Select Potato: Fries Mashed Pancakes		
	Breaded Perch with Soup or Fresh Fruit (circle one) \$24.00 Select Potato: Fries Mashed Pancakes		
Entrée Cost Encl	losed \$ *Price includes tax and gratuity		
Make check payable to: WOW Club			
Please s	ubmit 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.			
,	WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.		
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October Fish Fry - Friday, October 18, 2024 4:30pm			
North Hills Country Club, N73W13430 Appleton Ave, Menomonee Falls			
Limit ONE person per registration form, please.			
Member Name:	Phone:		
_	Beer Battered Haddock \$24.00		
	Select one: French Fries Potato Pancakes		
l	Broiled Haddock \$24.00		
	Select one: French Fries Potato Pancakes		
	Tavern Style Haddock \$24.00		
	Select one: French Fries Potato Pancakes		
Entrée Cost Encl	losed \$ *Price includes tax and gratuity		
NOTE: Each dinner comes with a dessert. Seating is limited to 40 guests.			
Make check payable to: WOW Club			
	Please submit reservations along with payment by October 11th to:		

Ruth Ann Petroff

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

N89W17986 Duke Street

Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Registration Forms:

November Fish Fry - Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024 | 4:30pm 5 O'clock Club N28 W26658 Peterson Dr, Pewaukee Limit ONE person per registration form, please. Member Name: ______ Phone: ______

____ Fried Cod \$20.00

Check One:

Select one: ___ French Fries ___ Baked Potato

___ Baked Cod \$22.00

Select one: ___ French Fries ___ Baked Potato

___ Fried Shrimp \$28.00

Select one: ___ French Fries ___ Baked Potato

Entrée Cost Enclosed \$____ * Price includes tax and gratuity

NOTE: Each dinner includes Baked Potato or French fries, Coleslaw, and Rye bread.

Seating is limited to 48 guests. Make check payable to: WOW Club

Please submit reservations along with payment by October 30th ${f to:}$

Judi Wysocki 533 Westfield Way Unit D Pewaukee, WI 53072

OR Submit registration form and payment at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.
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Annual WOW Christmas Party Sunday, December 8th

Cocktails 5:00 PM; Dinner 6:00 PM

Davians N56W16300Silver Spring Drive, Menomonee Falls

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Member Name:	Phone:	
Check One:	Chicken Marsala \$50.00	
	Maple Salmon \$63.00	
* Dinners include salad, bread, honey baked red potatoes, grilled vegetable medley,		
dessert & coffee or tea. Cash Bar.		
Entrée Cost Enc	osed \$ *Price includes tax and gratuity	

Please submit reservations along with payment by November 25th to:

Judy Harmon

Make check payable to: WOW Club

W172N7625 Shady Lane #1109

Menomonee Falls, 530510R

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

Melcome

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!"
Sue Molenda



Judy Kaminski

Delores Manzeck Kathy Burg

Lacy Rynders

Edith Weil

Joyce Sipes

Mary Burnham

Marcia Bray





The General Meeting/Social Gathering day, time & location will be changing as follows:
The new location will be:

VFW Post 5716 -

17980 W Beloit Rd, New Berlin

December Meeting -

Thurs, Dec 12th, 6:30pm

January Meeting -

Wed, Jan 22nd 1:00pm

February Meeting -

Wed, Feb 26th 1:00pm

March Meeting -

Wed, March 26th 1:00pm

April Meeting -

Wed, April 23rd 6:30pm

Then continuing to the end of the year on the 4th Wed of the month at 6:30pm.

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.milwwowclub.info

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

***** 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.

September 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 Social Gathering/General Meeting or mail a check made payable to "WOW Club" to Mary Piekarski, S66W24310 Skyline Ave, Waukesha, WI 53189. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish to have your new membership card mailed to you, otherwise, you may pick it up at the registration table at the next Social Gathering.

John Foley Cindy Reed Julie Solie

Mike Hyland RuthAnn Rheingans Kathy Steinberg

Pat Joschko Sue Sinclair Ron Tomlin Robert Knudson Marilyn Skony Nancy Yets



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