

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.milwowclub.info

President's Message

The October Social Gathering was attended by 76 members (including 6 new) plus 6 guests. Downtown Harrison performed lots of great dance hits and his lively Tina Turner impression! Thanks to those who dressed up, adding to the fun with creative Halloween costumes!

November will be our last gathering at the American Legion Post 449. December's gathering will be at the VFW Post 5718, located at 17980 W Beloit Road in New Berlin. Please see the "LOOK!" section of this newsletter on page 7 for an up-to-date list of dates, times and location changes for the next several months. Also, watch your email inboxes for gentle reminders from Betty, the Club secretary.

The New Berlin location may be farther to go for some, but will be closer for others. I suggest that members consider carpooling. Check out the "Members by City" list in the binder located at the next Social Gathering if that is something you would like to do.

Remember to send pics taken at WOW events to Rob Hayd, Historian, at clubpicswow@gmail.com so they can be enjoyed by others and possibly show up in the Newsletter! Please remember to call event hosts if you plan to attend events that need reservations. Our proprietors can then be sure to accommodate everyone.

Please note - The WOW Board has appointed Kim Korth as the Interim Vice President, beginning in November, as we bid farewell to outgoing VP, George Quisno. George and Barb Hart are getting married! We certainly will miss them but we congratulate them and wish them the very, VERY best!

Speaking of the "Board" - the Entertainment Committee Chair and the Social Coordinator position terms are coming to an end and will be opened up for nominations. If anyone is interested in serving, please let Kim Korth or me know. The nominating committee will be searching for candidates between now and the end of December.

Please remember to bring WOW equipment and/or supplies that you may have to the next Social Gathering so we can get everything stored in one place.

Remember to fly your flags November 11th to honor all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

One last gentle reminder for all - I've been made aware that some are having difficulty hearing at the meeting portion of the Social Gatherings because others continue chattering while speakers are making announcements. Let's remember to extend courtesy to everyone who is at the mic by refraining from talking while they speak.

Thank you everyone!

~Diana Yegge
WOW President

VETERANS DAY



— Honoring All Who Served —



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WOW Events & Activities — November 2024



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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!**



Friday Movies



Friday, November 1 | 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 5pm. A group email will be sent out to all. Cost is \$7.00. Please let Barb: (414-421-1956) or George (414-882-1138) know if you will be attending. (Happens the first Friday of every month, November thru April).

“The Chosen” Drama Series Watch Party **Saturday, November 2 | 6:00 PM**

Highlands at Aero Park W197N4950 Hickory St, Menomonee Falls



The Chosen is the first ever multi-season, historical Christian drama series about the most revolutionary person in history, Jesus Christ, and those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of the Roman oppression of first-century Israel, the series shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' life and teachings. This first night will begin with Season 1, Episode 1. Come for the fellowship, stay for the show! Bring a snack to share and, if desired, a beverage of your choice. The main lobby (large building) is locked, so please arrive between 5:45pm and 6:15pm. Contact Mary Piekarski with questions (mbpiekarski@gmail.com or 414-828-9222). (Happens the first Saturday of every month).

Breakfast Together

Monday, November 4 | 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).

WOW Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 6 | 10:00 AM

Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield.

(Happens the first Wednesday of the month).

Walking Club

Saturday, November 9 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

Approximately a one-hour outdoor walk at the Mitchell Park Pavilion. Brunch afterwards at Maxim's Family Restaurant, 18025 W Capitol Dr., Brookfield, WI. Reservations required, so please RSVP to Mary Ann (262-844-0414 or mworgull@sbcglobal.net).

Bowling

Monday, November 11 | 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. (Happens the second and fourth Mondays of the month, October through April).

General Meeting/Social Gathering

Wednesday, November 13 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM

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

It's the BRITISH INVASION! Following the Meeting, we'll have a Guest DJ (all the way from England) as Tim & Dave play rock and pop hits from the United Kingdom. Experience "Beatlemania" and the British influence on the music of the US. We'll be snacking on British treats and drinking tea. For FUN, dress like styles during the British Invasion of the mid-60s. Social Gatherings are held once a 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. This is the LAST time we will meet at this location. December's meeting will be at the new location (see Dec 12th listing for details).

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 6 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 (262-844-0414 or mworgull@sbcglobal.net) with questions.

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, November 19 | 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).

Sip 'n Dip

Wednesday, November 20 | 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, November 21 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

The WOW book club read for November is *The Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis. An enchanting novel about fate, second chances, hope, lost and found. Soline Roussel is well schooled and in the business of happy endings. For generations her family has kept an exclusive bridal salon in Paris, where magic is worked with needle and thread. It is said that 'the bride that wears a Roussel gown is guaranteed a lifetime of joy.' But devastating loss during WW2 changes all of that... We always welcome new members! 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. Note: Normally Book Club meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, but this month we will meet on the 21st, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Game Night

Thursday, November 21 | 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 third Thursday of the month).

WOW Events & Activities – November and (Partial) December 2024



Member Spotlight

Introducing our President
in this edition of
“Member Spotlight!”



Diana Yegge

Diana’s husband of 44 years passed away 6 1/2 years ago. She retired from her position as Principal at an elementary school in California where she also served as President for the American Legion Auxiliary. About two years after the loss of her husband Diana left California and moved to Wisconsin. Diana says that she attended her first WOW meeting about 4 years ago and decided to join that very first night. She said that joining WOW has been the very best thing she’s done. She said, “WOW has helped me meet some wonderful people! WOW’s mission is true: I am finding friendship after the loss of my spouse.” When she’s not attending WOW events Diana has many hobbies such as gardening, sewing, traveling, making jewelry, and collecting anything “oranges.”

Walking Club

Saturday, November 23 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

(See November 9th event listing for details)

Bowling

Monday, November 23 | 12:30 PM

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

(See November 11th event listing for details)

Pizza Night - North

Tuesday, November 26 | 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” Pizza Night. 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. *****

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).

Christmas Pizza Night

Wednesday, December 11 | 4:30 PM

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

Bring your Christmas Cheer and join your WOW Pizza Friends for our first WEDNESDAY NIGHT PIZZA at the Ale House. We will now be seated in the “lower level” of the restaurant (this section was not available to us on Tuesday nights). We will be at larger tables with standard-height chairs. Our Pizza Buffet will be served right in that same area. This area will be less crowded, a bit less distractable, and will keep our group seated together. Registration starts at 4:30pm. Pizza will be served buffet-style beginning about 5:15pm-5:30pm. There will be 7 different choices of toppings. Come for the PIZZA–stay for the FELLOWSHIP! Payment of \$10 cash will be collected at the door (includes tax and tip). 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. ***** (Pizza nights will be happening on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from here, forward)

WOW Events & Activities – Partial December 2024 and Beyond

General Meeting/Social Gathering

Thursday, December 12 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Hoepfner-Horn Bros VFW Post 5716 17980 W Beloit Rd, New Berlin

Join us for our FIRST Meeting at the new venue! (this is the ONLY time the Meeting will be on a THURSDAY). Sing and dance to the awesome American Graffiti Band! Participate in the second annual "Twelve Days of Christmas" legendary sing-along. Visit the Santa's Ice Cream Shop to enjoy a Root Beer Float. Spin the Casino Wheel for festive prizes. Watch the lively performance from the famous "WOW Marching Elves". Welcome the return of the Photo Booth! Be prepared for a jolly visit from "Disco Santa"! For FUN, wear red/green or festive Christmas 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.

WOW Book Club

Thursday, December 19 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Highlands at Aero Park Apartment, W197 N4950 Hickory Street, Menomonee Falls

Our December book selection is *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah. This is a heartwarming story about a woman at a crossroads, caught between two lives, who finds a second chance at happiness. During our discussion, we will enjoy POTLUCK APPETIZERS. Bring your own beverage. Dessert will be provided. Please arrive between 12:45-1:00 so we can meet you at the locked Lobby entrance. We always welcome new members! There's always good fellowship. No RSVP needed. Contact Phyllis Vaglica (262-894-9619 or phylvaglica@gmail.com). Note: Normally Book Club meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, but the December Book Club will meet on this date and at this location due to the Christmas holiday.

New Year's Eve Concert

Tuesday, December 31 | 7:30 PM

Sunset Playhouse 700 Wall Street, Elm Grove

The production is called "Bee Gees, Bowie, Beatles, & Bubbly!" You'll "B" rockin' with Johnny Rodgers, groove to hot '70s tunes including The Bee Gees, Bowie, The Beatles and more. 40 Center Seats have been reserved (not all as a B group). Cost is \$30.00 per person. Use the registration form on page 7 of this newsletter or contact Robert Lambert (414-333-5015 or boblambert2216@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot.

Game Day **NEW!**

Thursday, January 2 | 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Highlands at Aero Park W197N4950 Hickory St, Menomonee Falls

Join your WOW friends for an afternoon of board games, cards, and great fellowship. We'll provide some games. You are also welcome to bring your favorites. Bring your own beverage (alcohol is OK). Optional – bring a snack to share. Meet in the Apartment Lobby 12:30-1:00. No registration needed—join us if you can! Contact Phyllis Vaglica with questions (262-894-9619 or phylvaglica@gmail.com). (Happens the first Thursday of every month)





November Birthdays!

- Nov 1 Karen Hofmeister
- Nov 3 Diane Moraza
- Nov 6 Betty Liebau
- Nov 7 Bonnie Meulemans
- Nov 7 Lynn Powers
- Nov 10 Kathleen Damro
- Nov 10 Jerry Lind
- Nov 11 Martin Blazei
- Nov 12 Wayne Nettessheim
- Nov 13 Charles Keaton
- Nov 13 Barbara Moore
- Nov 15 Ruth Ingraham
- Nov 15 Bob Sala
- Nov 21 Jackie Bach
- Nov 18 Mary Burnham
- Nov 18 Kathy Steinberg
- Nov 20 Mary Karfonta
- Nov 20 Diane Krolnik



Congratulations goes to **Dorothy Plahmer**
2024 Mini-golf "Hole In One"
Champion!

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: _____

Check One: ___ Fried Cod \$20.00

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 to:**

Judi Wysocki

533 Westfield Way Unit D

Pewaukee, WI 53072

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

WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.

Annual Club Charity Project

We are excited about our Charity Project in a very special way this year!

Daily, we hear about how inflation has effected the cost of food and other basic necessities, which especially impacts those who are vulnerable. Therefore, the Board has chosen to support the **Hunger Task Force** again this year. The Hunger Task Force is Milwaukee's Free and Local food bank and Wisconsin's leading anti-hunger organization. They have been serving the Milwaukee area to combat food insecurity for more than 25 years. The Hunger Task Force also supplies food to other pantries across the entire state. Every penny donated goes directly to supplying food to those in need. Monetary donations will be collected this October through December. Hopefully we can significantly increase our donations this year, as our membership has increased.

To donate cash or check (please make checks payable to "Hunger Task Force") and give to Mary Sherman (WOW's Past President) or Jim McMahon (WOW Treasurer) at any WOW gathering or event between now and the end of the year. - OR - You may also mail your donation to:

Jim McMahon

W197N4950 Hickory Street #218

Menomonee Falls, WI 53051-1596.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation!

Registration Forms:

**Annual WOW Christmas Party
Sunday, December 8th
Cocktails 5:00 PM; Dinner 6:00 PM**

Davians N56W16300 Silver 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 Enclosed \$ _____ *Price includes tax and gratuity

Make check payable to: WOW Club

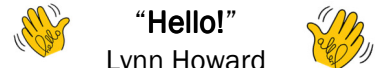
Please submit reservations along with payment **by November 25th to:**

Judy Harmon
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.



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!”
Lynn Howard
Joseph Hughes
Susan Simon
Lucy Smith
Renee Varland
Bev Voelkel
Charon Lohman

New Year’s Eve Concert

**“Bee Gees, Bowie, Beatles, & Bubbly!”
Tuesday, December 31st
7:30 PM**

Sunset Playhouse 700 Wall Street, Elm Grove

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Cost is \$30.00 per person for center seating.

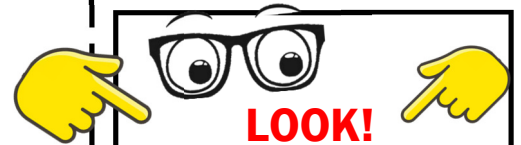
NOTE: Seating is limited to the first 40 registrations.

Make check payable to: WOW Club

Please submit reservations along with payment **ASAP** to:

Bob Lambert
4565 N 133rd St
Brookfield WI 53005

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



LOOK!

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**

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WOW Club
event information
visit us as:**

www.milwowclub.info

NOTE: Check www.milwowclub.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.

November 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.

MaryAnn Alberti-Kopps

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Gary Durham

Robert Hayd

Dave Hoag

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