

# 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](http://www.milwowclub.info)

## President's Message

November's Social Gathering was another fantastic event and was attended by 83 members (2 of which joined that night) plus 4 additional guests! A special thanks to the military men who gave special emphasis to our Veterans with the Presentation of Colors and a beautiful rendition of God Bless America. We also gave our own WOW Veterans an opportunity to share their stories of their service to our Country. What an honor to learn a little bit more about our own Military Veteran members. We salute and appreciate their service.

Our entertainment chair, Dave Hoag, did a fantastic job leading the British Invasion skit as Sargent Pepper, himself, and our own Joy Imms fit the part of an authentic British DJ! The music was fabulous and the costumes really added to the theme!

We bid a fond farewell to George Quisno and Barb Hart, in anticipation of their wedding. They were tickled with the giant greeting card signed by members. We will miss George and Barb dearly and we wish them many, many blessings as they begin their new lives together. I'm thankful for George in his role as "VP." Kim Korth will take over as Interim Vice President effective immediately.

Also, just a quick reminder that our next Social Gathering meeting will

be on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30pm. at the new location - the VFW Post in New Berlin. Note that this will be the only time we will have our gathering on a Thursday.

Post 449 was a great location for the interim but now we look forward to a larger venue space with easy freeway access nearby. We are grateful to the 449's Post Commander, Alex Kolander and Tiffany, the bartender for their hospitality.

Please continue to share your photos using the email address [clubpicswow@gmail.com](mailto:clubpicswow@gmail.com). Bob Hayd and Mary Piekarski are working together to provide all the great event pics that you are enjoying in this newsletter, It's fun to see all the smiling faces and the various events pictured.

As our mission statement says, our WOW Club strives to offer friendship after losing a spouse. We are all here for each other. I am so appreciative to our WOW Board and all of our volunteer Hosts and Hostesses every time we gather to have fun and enjoy each other's company.

After the new year I will share more information on designating the month of February as "WOW Member Appreciation Month."

As winter approaches remember to wear proper clothing and get your cars and homes ready so you can stay safe and warm. See you soon!

*~Diana Yegge*  
**WOW President**



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## WOW Events & Activities — December 2024



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### Event and Article Submissions

Please submit all Event details via the website submission form by the 20th 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 first of every month.

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

**NOTE: Newsletters are  
now available ONLINE!**



### Beautiful Autumn colors for the Walking Group

### Breakfast Together

**Monday, December 2 | 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, December 4 | 10:00 AM**

Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield.

### Friday Movies

**Friday, December 6 | 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 Dave (262-622-2448) or Juli (414-339-1107) know if you will be attending. (Happens the first Friday of every month, November thru April).

### Walking Club

**Saturday, December 7 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

Approximately a one-hour outdoor walk, then 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).

### "The Chosen" Drama Series Watch Party Saturday, December 7 | 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 night we will view Season 1, Episodes 2 & 3. 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).

### 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).

## WOW Events & Activities — December 2024

### Bowling

Monday, December 9 | 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 \$9.00 for three games or \$3.00 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).

### 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 distracting and will keep our group together better. 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)

### General Meeting/Social Gathering

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

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.

### Breakfast Together

Tuesday, December 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).

### Sip 'n Dip

Wednesday, December 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).

### WOW Book Club - Christmas Party

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

The Highlands at Aero Park W197N4950 Hickory St, Menomonee Falls

Our December book selection is Comfort and Joy by Kristin Hannah—the heartwarming story of 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. Contact Phyllis Vaglica phylvaglica@gmail.com or 262-894-9619.





## Member Spotlight



**Tim Mellema**

### Entertainment Committee

Tim said that he joined the WOW Club about 3 1/2 years ago after hearing about it from a WOW member and fellow bowling buddy. At that time, he had been widowed for about a year. He's glad that he found out about WOW from Marty Blazei.

Tim is retired from his position as a dental lab technician. In Tim's spare time he said he enjoys playing chess, gardening, exercising, and motorcycle riding.

Tim's favorite things about being a WOW member are serving on the entertainment committee with Dave Hoag, dancing, bike riding and bowling.

Before he lost his wife, Tim said that they took time to travel all over the United States, but had never been to Alaska. (Perhaps some day in the future).

### Game & Craft Night

**Thursday, December 19 | 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

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

If you have a craft (knitting, coloring, etc) and want to do it in a group setting join us. Would you like to teach a craft? Let us know. Board games, cards like poker, sheephead, or hand, foot & toe, or any game you would like to share. \$4 at the door to pay the rent. Bring a snack to share (optional). Ice water or drinks from the bar are available. Contact Sandy Gast (262-349-0388) or Mary Ann Alberti Kopps (414-405-5147) with any questions. (Happens every third Thursday of the month).

### Walking Club

**Saturday, December 21 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

(See December 7th event listing for details)

### Bowling

**Monday, December 23 | 12:30 PM**

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

(See December 9th event listing for details)

### Karaoke

**Thursday, December 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. (Happens fourth Thursday of every month).

### 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 6 of this newsletter or contact Robert Lambert (414-333-5015 or boblambert2216@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot.

### Game Day

**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)

**January Fish Fry**

**Thursday, January 23 | 4:30 PM**

North Star America Bistro 19115 W Capitol Drive #100, Brookfield

Choose from Beer Battered Cod (\$22); Pan Seared Cod (\$24); or Macadamia & Coconut Breaded Shrimp (\$27). Each dinner includes Coleslaw and Rolls and your choice of Mashed Potato or French Fries. 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 January 13th. Maximum seating is 48. Contact Mary Sherman (608-385-6585



**Happy Hour at Bar Louie's after Friday Movie Matinee**



**Lunch at Revere's for the last bike ride of the season**



## **Annual Club Charity Project**

Our organization has chosen to support the **Hunger Task Force** for our annual charity project 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.

Please bring your donations to any WOW event now through the end of December. To donate by check, please make checks payable to "Hunger Task Force" and give to Mary Sherman (WOW's Past President) or simply deposit it into the drop box located at the next Social Gathering. You may also mail your contributions directly to Mary at:

Mary Sherman  
74W13737 Appleton Ave #314  
Menomonee Falls, WI 530516

*Thank you in advance for your generous donation!*



## December Birthdays!

- Dec 1 Pat Hansen
- Dec 4 Patti Haak
- Dec 4 Nancy Inzeo
- Dec 5 John Foley
- Dec 6 Mary Brandis
- Dec 8 Peggy Brandt
- Dec 8 Susan Mack
- Dec 11 Judi Wysocki
- Dec 12 Fred Leverenz
- Dec 17 Mary Piekarski
- Dec 17 Todd Schemenaur
- Dec 18 Cathy Day
- Dec 20 Judy Kaminski
- Dec 21 Kim Korth
- Dec 22 Joyce Sipes
- Dec 22 Angela Sisk
- Dec 24 Mary Ann Worgull-Pivotta
- Dec 27 Lori Wick



September Fish Fry at Maxim's

### Registration Forms:

**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.

### January Fish Fry - Thursday, January 23, 2024 | 4:30pm

North Star America Bistro 19115 W Capitol Drive #100, Brookfield

**Limit ONE person per registration form, please.**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**    \_\_\_ Beer Battered Cod \$22.00

Select one:   \_\_\_ French Fries    \_\_\_ Mashed Potatoes

\_\_\_ Pan Seared Cod \$24.00

Select one:   \_\_\_ French Fries    \_\_\_ Mashed Potatoes

\_\_\_ Macadamia & Coconut Breaded Shrimp \$27.00

Select one:   \_\_\_ French Fries    \_\_\_ Mashed Potatoes

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

NOTE: Seating is limited to 48 guests.

**Make check payable to: WOW Club**

Please submit reservations along with payment **by January 13th to:**

Mary Sherman  
 N74W13737 Appleton Ave Unit 314  
 Menomonee Falls, WI 53052

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

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# WELCOME

We are so excited to welcome the following NEW member who joined the Club last month.

Look for her name at future events and social gatherings and be sure to extend a warm

“Hello!”



- LeeAnne Wigdahl
- Todd Schemenaur
- Richard Pfau
- April Truman



**October Fish Fry at North Hills Country Club**



**November Social Gathering**



**LOOK!**

Please NOTE the Social Gatherings will now take place at:

**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**

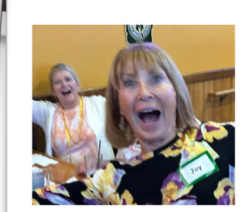
**March Meeting -  
Wed, March 26th 1:00pm**

**April Meeting -  
Wed, April 23rd 6:30pm\***

\*Continuing through the remainder of 2025 all meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday at 6:30pm.



**October Pizza Night at the New Berlin Ale House**



**Milwaukee Widows or  
Widowers (WOW) Club**

**S66W24310 Skyline Ave  
Waukesha WI 53189**

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**\*\*\*\*\* 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](mailto:liebaubetty@gmail.com)) with an email address to ensure that you won't miss an issue.

## **December 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.

Roy Anderson

Betty Liebau

Angela Sisk

Kathleen Damro

Lynn Marzinski

Lorin Slauson

Donna Graebel

Kathleen Mueller

Leslie Will

Toni Gunderson

Peg Oettinger



**Bowling at the New Berlin Ale House**