

# WOW Newsletter

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

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## President's Message

Judging by all the Hawaiian shirts, dresses (and even a few bathing suits) January's social gathering sure was "HOT!" The band (The Hit-Men) played lots of great dance songs. We even had a beach scene for taking photos. If you weren't there, you missed out on meeting the entire Gilligan's Island crew from the shipwreck of the SS Minow! We had 65 (2 brand new) members and 5 guests attend - for a total of 70 this month. It was good to see that the snow didn't deter all that many from coming out to enjoy themselves.

The Nominating Committee has selected 2 candidates for the Membership to vote on in March: Tim Mellema was chosen to take over the Entertainment Chair position and Cindy Reed was selected to take over as Social Coordinator. We extend our deepest gratitude to Dave Hoag & his committee and to Joy Imms for all their work over the past several years serving our Club. My term (as President) and Betty Liebau's term (as Secretary) are up for renewal, so with Board approval, Betty and I have expressed interest in serving additional 2-year terms. Other Board positions will be up for either renewal or nominations next year.

That being said, the roster for

voting in March will be:

Diana Yegge (President)  
Kim Korth (Vice President)  
Betty Liebau (Secretary)  
Tim Mellema (Entertainment)  
Cindy Reed (Social Coordinator)

Members must be present to vote, so be sure to attend the March social gathering!

Just a side note - if anyone is interested in helping on any of the various committees, please let someone on the Board know. Many hands make light work! Our club has been in existence since 1972. Through the years, there have been ups and downs, but we have persevered, thanks to the many wonderful people who come forward to serve and organize activities for all of us to enjoy.

Remember - February is designated as "Member Appreciation Month" because Valentines' Day can be especially bittersweet for those who have lost a spouse. So, this month every event Host and Hostess are called upon to make members attending events feel special by offering a small gift. WOW wants everyone to feel loved, special and appreciated at this unique and special time in their lives.

*~Diana Yegge*  
WOW President



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**Event & Article  
Submission  
Procedure and  
Website Update**



Unfortunately, our previous website administrator has resigned, therefore, please be patient while someone steps up to learn the website application necessary to keep the website up and running. That being said, until further notice, please submit all Event details directly:

**mbpiekarski@gmail.com**

by the 20th of the month in order to appear in the next newsletter. Newsletters will be emailed on or by the first of every month.

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

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

**Walking Club**

**Saturday, February 1 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Brookfield Square 95 N Moorland Rd, Brookfield

We will meet at the east entrance next to Barnes & Noble for our one-hour walk. Brunch afterwards at Maxim's Family Restaurant, 18025 W Capitol Dr., Brookfield, WI. Please RSVP to the organizer, Mary Ann at 262-844-0414 or mworgull@sbcglobal.net, as the restaurant requires a count. .

**"The Chosen" Drama Watch Party**

**Saturday, February 1 | 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 6 & 7. 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 (414-828-9222 OR mbpiekarski@gmail.com). (Happens the 1st Saturday of every month).

**Breakfast Together**

**Monday, February 3 | 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 1st Monday of every month).

**Friday Movies**

**Friday, February 7 | 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 \$7.35 for most movies. Contact Dave (262-622-2448) or Juli (414-339-1107) with questions. (Happens the 1st Friday of every month November thru April).

**Bowling**

**Monday, February 10 | 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 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, October through April).

**Pizza Night - South**

**Wednesday, February 12 | 4:30 PM**

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

Join your WOW friends for PIZZA! Registration starts at 4:30 pm. Pizza is served approximately 5:15-5:30 pm. Choose from seven different toppings served buffet style. Come for the pizza, stay for the fellowship! Please sign up on the "Pizza Clipboard" at the previous month's Social Gathering or by texting, emailing or calling Phyllis or Dave. Registration deadline is the Monday before Pizza Night. Payment of \$10 (cash only) is collected at the door (payment includes tax and tip). **\*\*\* If you register but cannot attend, please contact Phyllis or Dave by the Monday before Pizza Night to cancel your registration. \*\*\*** (Pizza nights happen on the 2nd Wednesday of every month)

**Walking Club**

**Saturday, February 15 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Brookfield Square 95 N Moorland Rd, Brookfield

(See February 1st event listing for details)

**Breakfast Together**

**Tuesday, February 18 | 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 3rd Tuesday of every month).

**WOW Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 19 | 10:00 AM**

Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield

(Happens the 3rd Wednesday of every month)

**Sip 'n Dip**

**Wednesday, February 19 | 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 3rd Wednesday of every month).

**Games & Crafts**

**Thursday, February 20 | Noon to 3:00 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, sheepshead, 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 3rd Thursday of the month).

**February Fish Fry**

**Friday, February 21 | 4:30 PM**

Alioto's 3041 N Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa

Dinners are \$24 per person. Choose from: 3-pc Fried Cod with fries, Coleslaw & Italian Bread - OR - Baked Cod with red potatoes, Coleslaw & Italian bread (sorry, no substitutions). 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 February 18th. Maximum seating is 60. Contact Lynn Marzinski (816-616-6359 or lynnski313@gmail.com) with questions.



## WOW Events & Activities — February 2025



**LOOK!**

Please NOTE the Social Gatherings are now at:

**VFW Post 5716 -  
17980 W Beloit Rd,  
New Berlin**

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**Meetings will begin at 1:00  
PM until the April  
Meeting, when they will go  
back to 6:30pm**

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**February Meeting -  
Wed, Feb 26th 1:00pm**

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

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

### **Bowling**

**Monday, February 24 | 12:30 PM**

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

(See February 10th event listing for details)

### **General Mtng/Social Gathering Wed, February 26 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

VFW Post 5716 17980 W Beloit Rd, New Berlin

Following the Meeting, the TaxMen will bring their diverse repertoire to the dance floor. Known for their Beatles covers, they also encompass “classic rock with a modern edge” and their original compositions. FOR FUN, wear red or hearts to celebrate Valentine’s Day. Social Gatherings are held every fourth 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, February 27 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Joney Cafe 17700 W. Capitol Ste 20, #3, Brookfield

For the month of February we are reading *The Time Left Between Us* by Alicia DeFonzo. It's a blend of memoir, history and oral storytelling. The book bridges the gap between the generation that fought WWII and the generation who has forgotten it. Alicia DeFonzo takes an unplanned trip to Normandy while staying in Paris. Her grandfather fought in WWII, and she becomes distraught on how little she knows about the war and his experiences. The book is a meditation on how deeply connected the past is to the present. We always welcome new members! Join 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, but feel free to contact Sue at [sue.siewert55@gmail.com](mailto:sue.siewert55@gmail.com) or 414-813-0091.

### **Karaoke**

**Thursday, February 27 | 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 4th Thursday of every month).



**March Fish Fry**

**Thursday, March 20 | 4:30 PM**

Hickory Sticks Restaurant & Pub at Morningstar Golfer’s Club, S77W26285 Prairieside Dr, Waukesha

Choose from Beer Battered Fried Cod with house-made coleslaw and choice of potato (\$25) or Oven-Baked Cod with house-made glazed carrots and choice of potato (\$26). 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 March 10th. Contact Mary Piekarski (414-828-9222 or mbpiekarski@gmail.com) or Jim McMahon (414-429-3917 or mcmahon.jim@gmail.com) with questions.

**A Night of Laughter at CSZ-MKE**

**Saturday, March 29 | 7:30 PM Showtime**

ComedySportz–Milwaukee, 420 South 1st Street, Milwaukee

ComedySportz is a family friendly improvisational comedy show. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. There is NO requirement to purchase food or drink, but both are available before, during, or after the show. Bar & Restaurant opens at 6 pm. See menu and information at : [www.cszmke.com](http://www.cszmke.com). There is ample parking nearby and no steps at this venue. Sign up using the registration form below. Deadline to register is Monday, March 24th and seating is limited to the first 30 registrations, so don't wait! Let's laugh together! Contact Cindy Reed with questions (414-416-4143 or ccrn980@gmail.com).

**A Night of Laughter with ComedySportz  
Saturday, March 29th, 2025 | 7:30pm Showtime**

420 South 1st Street, Milwaukee

There is ample parking nearby with no stairways

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

**Tickets are \$12.00 per person**

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

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Seating is limited to 30 guests.

**Make check payable to: WOW Club**

Please submit reservations along with payment **by March 24th to:**

Cindy Reed  
4453 N 69th St  
Milwaukee, WI 53218

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

WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.







### *In Memoriam*

January has been an unusual and difficult month for our WOW membership. It is with the heaviest of hearts, that we mourn the passing of two of our beloved friends and WOW members; however, we can also rejoice because they are now reunited with their late spouses. Please keep their family members in your prayers.

#### **Carl Fisher**



Carl joined WOW in 2021 after being widowed in 2019. He was an enthusiastic ambassador for WOW and was passionate about helping new Members feel welcomed. (And he gave the best hugs). Carl is credited for organizing Pickleball games throughout the summers and for taking the time to help others learn the sport. Carl belonged to the league of twinkly-eyed fellas - you know the group that included Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Santa Claus, and others—only Carl had more mischief that lay behind his eyes! We will miss him and a core group of pickleball players will be challenged and honored to figure out how to continue and grow his legacy. Carl was passionate about his Christian faith and served as a mentor in the GriefShare program. We will certainly miss you, Carl!

#### **Linda Boucher**



Linda joined WOW in 2022 after losing her spouse in 2021. There was nothing vanilla or lukewarm about Linda Boucher. A highly educated woman, she was steadfast in her opinions and acted on them. She served honorably a member of the Elmbrook School Board and was a passionate advocate for special needs students. Linda added deep and reflective insights to the WOW Book Club meetings, whether it be warm & charming or divisive & thought-provoking. Linda took joy in being flamboyant and unique. Those who didn't know her, personally, knew her by the beautiful hats she wore, as only she could pull-off. A lesson to learn from Linda is to be comfortable wearing your own shoes (or in her case - HATS). She exuded so much energy and we can only imagine how she is stirring things up across the veil. We will miss you, Linda!

**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) with an email address to ensure that you won't miss an issue.

## **February 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.

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