

WOW Newsletter

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

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President's Message

February's Social Gathering was another big hit! Many thanks go out to the entertainment committee's choice of "The TaxMen" with their dance-worthy, modern-edgy, classic rock stylings! Our emcee, Tony Madrigal, kicked it up a notch to keep us all on our toes and even gave a mini-line dance lesson!

Mike Hyland did a great job decorating the venue for Valentine's Day and even left some sweet valentines all around the room for everyone to enjoy.

I hope everyone got a chance to check out the scrolling picture slideshow on the big screen TV in the back of the room. Who doesn't like to see themselves in pictures? Thanks to our Historian, Bob Hayd, for his work on that.

A special "Thank you" goes out to all the February event hosts and hostesses who handed out goodies in light of "Member Appreciation" month. I heard lots of expressions of gratitude from many members.

I'm so excited - as the weather starts to warm up, we will begin to see new events and activities being added to our monthly event calendar. We are looking forward to new events such as Story Telling, Bourbon Tasting, Wine Tasting, Beer Tasting & Brewery Tours. Summer activities like

Golf, Mini-Golf, Pickleball, Bicycling and Summer concerts should also be starting back up soon. We always welcome new and unique activities and events, so if anyone has any other ideas for events, just reach out to the Social Coordinator or any Board member and they will help provide assistance in organizing. We love having a variety of different things to do together and I love how everyone pitches in!

Be sure to attend the next Social Gathering on March 26th, when we will be electing the following nominees for Board positions:

Diana Yegge - President

Kim Korth - Vice President

Betty Liebau - Secretary

Tim Mellema - Entertainment
Chair

Cindy Reed - Social Coordinator

Pamela Roy - Membership
Chair

Mary Piekarski - Newsletter/
Website Editor

If anyone else is interested in helping out in future Board duties, feel free to let me or any Board member know. Many hands make for light work!

~Diana Yegge
WOW President



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**Event & Article
Submission Procedure
Good news!
The Website is back!**

Event details can be submitted to Mary at:

wowclubwi@gmail.com

or by filling out an event submission form found on the website by the 20th of the month in order to appear in the next month's newsletter. Newsletters will be emailed on or by the 1st of every month for which they are pertain to.

If you are enjoying the photos contained within the monthly newsletters, please remember to share your photos! Please email them to:

clubpicswow@gmail.com

NOTE: Newsletters are now available ONLINE at www.milwowclub.info!



There are always yummy snacks at The Chosen Watch Parties!

Walking Club

Saturday, March 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, March 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, episode 8 and if the group chooses, we can show Season 2, episode 1 as well. 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, March 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, March 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, March 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 - North

Wednesday, March 12 | 4:30 PM

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

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 call, text or email Phyllis at 262-894-9619/phylvaglica@gmail.com or Dave at 262-622-2448/bosshoag@gmail.com). 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, March 15 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Brookfield Square 95 N Moorland Rd, Brookfield

(See March 1st event listing for details)

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, March 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, March 19 | 10:00 AM

New Berlin Public Library, 15105 W National Ave, New Berlin

(Happens the 3rd Wednesday of every month)

Sip 'n Dip

Wednesday, March 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 85 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, March 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).

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.

WOW Events & Activities — March 2025

WELCOME

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

Look for their names at future events and social gatherings and be sure to extend a warm



“Hello!”



Bob Smits

Jacqueline Benavides



Book Club Fun!



Please NOTE the Social Gatherings are at:
**VFW Post 5716 -
17980 W Beloit Rd,
New Berlin**

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

**March Meeting -
Wed, March 26th 1:00pm**
**April Meeting -
Wed, April 23rd 6:30pm***

Bowling

Monday, March 24 | 12:30 PM

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

(See March 10th event listing for details)

Taco Tuesday & Bingo!

Tuesday, March 25 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Bullwinkle's 18900 W Bluemound Rd, Brookfield

Come and play some Bingo while enjoying Taco Tuesday with your WOW friends! Tacos are just \$2.50 each. Your choice of chicken or beef - Or - feel free to order off the lunch specials menu until 3:00 pm. Bingo starts after 1:30 pm. Event takes place in Bulwinkle's Clubhouse. Contact Kim Korth (608-220-1536 or kimkorth.21@gmail.com) or Lynn Powers (262-378-9477 or lynn.powers66@gmail.com) with questions.



General Meeting/Social Gathering

Wed, March 26 | 1 PM - 4 PM

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

Following the Meeting, enjoy the high-energy performance of Eric Diamond, a Neil Diamond tribute artist. This is our third consecutive March Meeting to feature Eric's highly interactive show. Get ready to sing and dance along to one of WOW's favorite Entertainers! FOR FUN, wear green or Shamrocks to celebrate St. Patrick'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, March 27 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

For the month of March we are reading *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker. 1975 is a time of change in America. The Vietnam War is ending. Muhammed Ali is fighting Joe Frazier. And in a small town of Montana Clara, Missouri, girls are disappearing. When the daughter of a wealthy family is targeted, the most unlikely hero emerges - Patch, a local boy with one eye, who saves the girl, and in doing so, leaves heartache in his wake. Patch and those who love him soon discover that the line between tragedy and triumph has never been finer. A missing person mystery, a serial killer thriller, a love story, and a unique twist on each. 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 or 414-813-0091.

Karaoke

Thursday, March 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).

WOW Events & Activities – March/April 2025

Walking Club

Saturday, March 15 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Brookfield Square 95 N Moorland Rd, Brookfield

(See March 1st event listing for details)

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. There is ample parking nearby and no steps at this venue. Sign up using the registration form on page 6 of this newsletter. 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 Story Telling

Tuesday, April 1 | 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

Double D's Pub and Eatery, 5171 S 108th Street, Hales Corners

Let's get together to enjoy some food & beverages and a night of story telling! With all of our life experiences, there are certainly amongst us some tales to share. Come to share or just to hear. Bring your personal stories, great and small, and perhaps some embellished ones too. Make it impromptu or planned, you decide. Stories should be two to four minutes in length and rated PG-13 or milder, please. Feel free to order off Double D's menu. Call or email John Herod with any questions (262-352-5822 or Hjohn56@hotmail.com).

Good times & good food at the February Fish Fry





March Birthdays!

- March 2 Lynn Howard
- March 11 Marlene Synhoven
- March 14 Harlan Mueller
- March 15 Deborah Klement
- March 15 Lynn Marzinski
- March 16 Beverly Subel
- March 24 Charon Lohman
- March 27 Joanne Majstorovic
- March 31 Pat Joschko



Celebrating Birthdays at the February Social Gathering—Happy birthday Roy, Ruth & Janet!

Registration Forms:

March Fish Fry - Thursday, March 20, 2025 | 4:30pm

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

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

- Check One: ___ Beer Battered Fried Cod with Coleslaw \$25.00
 Choice of Potato (**circle one**) Baked - or - French Fries
- ___ Baked Cod with Glazed Carrots \$26.00
 Choice of Potato (**circle one**) Baked - or - French Fries

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

Make check payable to: WOW Club

Please submit reservations along with payment **by March 10th to:**

Jim McMahon
W197N4950 Hickory St #218
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

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

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.

There was lots to LOVE about February's Social Gathering!



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

S66W24310 Skyline Ave
Waukesha WI 53189

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WOW Club
event information
visit us at:

www.milwwowclub.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.

March 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 the US Postal Service.** 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.

Mary Brandis

Maxine Mellantine

Sandy Gast

Chris Millay

Kathy Kalvaitis

Judy Miller

Bob Lawrence

Kathleen Radaj

Susan Mack

Dan Rieck

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:



We are in need of Fish Fry event hosts & hostesses for the coming months! Our club is successful because of all those who step up to host events throughout the year. Don't worry if you've never done hosting before, there are lots of others to lean on when it comes to organizing events.

Call or email our Social Coordinator for assistance!