

WOW Newsletter

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

www.milwowclub.info

President's Message

Dear members and guests, The Board and I are wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday season.

If there are any local activities that are posted throughout your neighborhoods, consider letting us know of any special holiday activities that Club could join in for more chances to get together!!

Thanks to those who have already donated to our annual Hunger Task Force food drive. There will be a drop box available at the next two Social Gatherings for everyone's convenience or refer to page 5 for a mailing address if you prefer to mail your check. The Hunger Task Force is an excellent way to show our gratitude for the blessings we have by giving back to those in need. Hunger knows no boundaries. In addition to this campaign, our Club will have the opportunity to pack boxes for the Hunger Task Force on January 19th

(Martin Luther King, Jr, Day) as a Community Service Day. Please consider giving a few hours of your time. Thank you in advance for stepping up, not only for WOW, but the Hunger Task Force too. Stay tuned for more info on this.

With the Holidays near, it can be a difficult time for many of us. Remember to look for healthy ways to stay connected with family and friends. Perhaps consider calling a new WOW friend and get out to take in Holiday lights and sights around town. Our club's focus is on you... our members' wellbeing. We are here for you. I challenge each of you to get out of your comfort zone and meet new members. We focus on offering "friendship to those who have lost a spouse." My hope is that everyone enjoys a meaningful and memorable Holiday season this year. Blessings to you all!

~Diana Yegge
President

October Fish Fry



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WOW Events & Activities – December 2025

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Event Submission Procedure

Contact Cindy Reed at 414-416-4143 to confirm that your event date is available, then submit event details to the website editor by filling out an online "EVENT SUBMISSION FORM" found on the WOW website located under the heading: "EVENTS & ACTIVITIES → CREATING AN EVENT."

Submit all events by the **15th** of the month to have it appear in the next month's newsletter. All newsletters will be distributed by the 20th of each month.

NOTE: Newsletters are now available ONLINE at the top of the "HOME" page on the website: www.milwowclub.info



If you enjoy all the photos that scroll on the screen at the monthly Social Gatherings and in these newsletters, please share yours by emailing them to clubpicswow@gmail.com

Breakfast Together

Monday, Dec 1 | 10:00 AM

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

Hosted by Joy Imms and Lisa Clapsaddle. 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).

Movie Friday

Friday, Dec 5 | Time TBD

(Theater Location To Be Determined)

This Friday's movie selection title, time and location will be announced on Tuesday of this week, so watch your email inboxes or check the website for details. Movies usually start between 2:00PM and 3:00PM. We often go out to dinner afterwards. We hope to see many of you there to share in the fun and camaraderie! Contact Dave (262-622-2448) or Juli (414-339-1107) with questions. (Happens the 1st Friday of every month October thru April).



Saturday Game Afternoon Saturday Dec 6 | 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Martin Luther Lutheran Church 9235 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee

November's Game Afternoon was a hit! So, after this date, we will try to make this a permanent Saturday, recurring event. Games provided will be poker, dominoes, May I, and cribbage. Please bring any other game and a widowed friend to have a relaxing afternoon of socialization. Cost is \$4.00 (\$3.00) of which will be donated to the church and \$1.00 to be used for plates and napkins). Optional: bring a snack to share. Any questions call Sandy Gast at 262-349-0388 or email sandygast8001@gmail.com.

Annual Christmas Party Dinner & Dance

Sunday, Dec 7 | 5:00 PM

Davians N56W16300 Silver Spring Drive, Menomonee Falls

Join fellow WOW members as we celebrate our friendships and the Holidays on Sunday, December 7th at Davians in Menomonee Falls. We will start the evening with cocktails at 5pm, then dinner at 6pm, and dancing to follow. Music will be provided by "CLOSE ENUF" playing pop hits from the 50's, 60's, & 70's. The party will come to a close by 9 pm. Dinner Choices are Pecan Chicken \$44.00 (6 oz hand breaded chicken breast with Davian's signature butter pecan sauce) or Pork Tenderloin \$49.00 (8 oz sliced pork medallions with balsamic & cherry demi-glace). For special dietary needs, please contact Cindy (414-416-4143 or ccrn980@gmail.com). Dinners include Wisconsin Crisp Salad, bread, roasted herb fingerling potatoes and brown butter green beans. Also includes decaf or regular coffee. Tea or milk are available upon request. Dessert will be served. Price includes entertainment, food, tax, tip, room rental and bartender fee. Seating is limited to 100. Deadline to register is November 21st. If you haven't registered by the release of this newsletter, call event organizer for possible availability.

WOW Events & Activities – December 2025

Bowling **Cancelled**

Monday, Dec 8 | 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM

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

Sign in will be at 12:30 PM so bowling can begin at 1:00 PM. The cost will be \$3.00 per game, and shoes will be available for \$3.00 per rental. If you don't have one, bowling balls are available for use. If you plan to participate, please contact Tim Mellema in advance at 262-722-0295. (Happens the 2nd and 4th Mondays, Oct through April).

Pizza Night

Wednesday, Dec 10 | 4:30 PM

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

Join your WOW friends for pizza! Check-in begins at 4:30 pm near the semi-private lower dining area, which is reserved for our group. Pizza will be served between 5:15 - 5:30 pm. Cost is \$10.00 (cash only. No bills over \$20 please). **NOTE: There is no ordering off the menu allowed** Sign up on the Pizza clipboard at the previous monthly Social Gathering OR by texting or calling one of the PIZZA hosts (Diane 414-587-3448 or Julie 414-477-0410). Registration deadline is the Monday prior to the Pizza Night. If unable to attend, we need & appreciate you notifying Diane or Julie by the day prior to Pizza Night so we can adjust the pizza order with the kitchen. Otherwise, we are still charged for the people that don't show up.

Walking Club

Saturday, Dec 13 | 10:00 AM

Brookfield Square Mall, 95 N Moorland Rd, Brookfield

Baby, it's COLD outside! No worries – let's get some exercise indoors with WOW friends. Meet at the mall entrance near Barnes & Noble on the east side of the mall. Afterwards, join us for brunch at Maxim's (18025 W Capital Dr, Brookfield). Please RSVP to the organizer, at mworgull@sbcglobal.net or 262-844-0414, as the restaurant requires a count.

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, Dec 16 | 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, Dec 17 | 10:00 AM

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

All Board members are required to attend; general members are welcome but not required. (Happens the 3rd Wednesday of every month)

Sip'n Dip

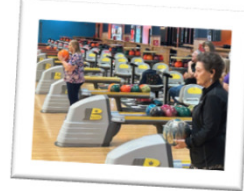
Wednesday, Dec 17 | 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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

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).



October
Bowling



WOW Events & Activities – December 2025 & January 2026



We are so excited to welcome the following NEW members who joined the Club over the past month. Look for their names at future events and be sure to extend a warm



“Hello!”

Gary Leverenz

David Rupnow

Debbie Pluskota

Joanne Tlachac-Hehn

Marlene Kappel

*****PLEASE MAKE A NOTE*****

**Important Social Gathering
DATE & TIME CHANGES
(marked in red)**

For the next few months:

December 18th, 2025 1:00 PM

January 28th, 2026 1:00 PM

February 25th, 2026 1:00 PM

**Then beginning March 25th
we will be back to our normal
start time of 6:30 PM**



HELP!!!

We need

Fish Fry hosts for 2026!

Please contact

Lynn Marzinski at

(816) 616-6359 or

lynnski313@gmail.com



General Meeting & Social Gathering

Thurs, Dec 18 | 1 PM – 4 PM

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

Don't forget that our monthly social gatherings switch to daytime hours (1pm to 4 pm) for December, January and February of 2026! Share warmth and good tidings during our December Holiday Social Gathering! Following the short meeting, the musical team of Joe and Janice will help us celebrate the Yuletide with their delightful blend of toe-tapping tunes. Members are encouraged to dress up in their favorite ugly Christmas sweaters, red & green attire (or maybe even as elves, reindeer, or Mr. or Mrs. Clause). Water is provided. Other beverages may be purchased at the bar (cash only). There is an ATM is on site. Social Gatherings are held every fourth Wednesday of the month and are open to all new and current members and 1st time guests. Repeat guests are welcome with payment of a \$10 fee.

Bowling

Monday, Dec 22 | 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM

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

(See December 8th event listing for details)

Walking Club

Saturday, Dec 27 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Brookfield Square Mall 95 N Moorland Rd, Brookfield

(See December 13th event listing for details)

WOW Book Club

Tuesday, Dec 30 | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The Highlands at Aero Park W197 N4950 Hickory St, Menomonee Falls

December's typically scheduled book club meeting on the 4th Thursday is cancelled. Instead, we will have a year end book club celebration at Aero Park in Menomonee Falls. Enter from Lisbon Road, turn north onto Hickory street, taking the second right turn. Head towards the large apartment building on the right. Use the central main entrance. Someone will meet you at the door. We will be meeting in the private Aviator room on the third floor. This is a white elephant event. Food and drink will be provided via agreed upon spending at the November meeting. Any questions, contact Sue Siewert at 414-813-0091, or sue.siewert55@gmail.com.

January Fish Fry

Friday, Jan 9 | 4:30 PM

Maxim's 18025 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield

Entrée choices are Beer Battered Cod (\$19), Baked Cod (\$20) or Pan-Fried Perch (\$28). All dinners include coleslaw, rye bread and tartar sauce and your choice of potato (French fries, Red Mashed Potatoes, or Potato Pancakes) and your choice of soup (Clam Chowder or Chicken Dumpling). Prices includes tax & gratuity. Use Registration form on page 6. Seating is limited to 40; Deadline for registration is Dec 31st. SORRY, NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS! Contact Lynn Marzinski at 816-616-6359 or lynnski313@gmail.com with questions.

WOW Events & Activities – January 2026 & Beyond

February Fish Fry

Friday, Feb 13 | 4:30 PM

Alioto's 3041 N Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa

Entrée choices are Fried Cod with French Fries & Coleslaw (\$23) or Baked Cod with Red Potatoes & Salad (\$23). Both options come with rye bread, butter, lemon and tartar sauce. Prices includes tax & gratuity. Use Registration form on page 6. Seating is limited to 44; Deadline for registration is February 6, 2026. SORRY, NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS! Contact Sharon Kalupa at 414-899-1265 or sharonk618@yahoo.com with questions.

Annual Club Charity Project



Our organization has chosen to support the Hunger Task Force 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 area to combat food insecurity for more that 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.

We hope that everyone will consider giving a monetary donation to the cause. Please bring your cash or check (made payable to "Hunger Task Force") to any WOW event now through the end of December. There will be a locked drop box available at the December Social Gathering for everyone's convenience. Alternatively, donations can be mailed to our President:

Diana Yegge
2036 S 105th St
West Allis, WI 53227



November
Fish Fry

WOW Registration Forms



December Birthdays!

- 1 Pat Hansen
- 4 Patti Haak
- 5 John Foley
- 6 Mary Brandis
- 8 Peggy Brandt
- 9 Nora Werra
- 11 Judi Wysocki
- 12 Fred Leverenz
- 15 Thomas Bilicki
- 15 Arlie Marten
- 16 Linda Fulkerson
- 17 Mary Piekarski
- 17 Todd Schemenaur
- 18 Cathy Day
- 20 Judy Kaminski
- 21 Kim Korth
- 22 Joyce Sipes
- 24 Mary Ann Worgull-Pivotta
- 25 Karen Unger
- 26 Carl Jerdee
- 29 Janet VanLankvelt



Celebrating October Birthdays

January Fish Fry

Friday, January 9, 2026 | 4:30pm

Maxim's 18025 W Capital Dr, Brookfield

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Name: _____

For Confirmation (call/text/email to): _____

CHOOSE ONE ENTRÉE:

____ Beer Battered Cod (\$19)

____ Baked Cod (\$20)

____ Pan Fried Perch (\$28)

CHOOSE ONE POTATO:

____ French Fries

____ Red Mashed

____ Potato Pancakes

CHOOSE ONE SOUP:

____ Clam Chowder

____ Chicken Dumpling

Entrée Cost Enclosed \$_____ *Prices include tax and gratuity.

Seating is limited to 40; Deadline for registration is December 31, 2025.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED; SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Mail reservation form and payment made payable to "WOW" to:

Lynn Marzinski

W126N7865 Riverview Ln

Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

OR register at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.

WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.

February Fish Fry

Friday, February 13, 2026 | 4:30pm

Alioto's, 3041 N Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Name: _____

For Confirmation (call/text/email to): _____

CHOOSE ONE ENTRÉE:

____ Fried Cod with French Fries & Coleslaw (\$23)

____ Baked Cod with Red Potatoes & Salad (\$23)

Entrée Cost Enclosed \$_____ *Prices include tax and gratuity.

Seating is limited to 44; Deadline for registration is February 6, 2026.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED; SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Mail reservation form and payment made payable to "WOW" to:

Sharon Kalupa

12168 W Virginia Circle, Unit 4

Franklin, WI 53132

OR register at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.

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Event Photos



October Social Gathering & November Pizza



Milwaukee Widows or
Widowers (WOW) Club

S66W24310 Skyline Ave
Waukesha WI 53189

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Stamp
Here

For the most up-to-date
WOW Club event
information visit us at:
www.milwowclub.info

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 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 Pamela Roy, 9329 W Fairlane Ct, Milwaukee, WI 53224. 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
Kathleen Damro
John Docter
Donna Graebel
John Herod

Neil Krumenauer
Betty Liebau
Lynn Marzinski
Kathleen Mueller
Dawn Niemyjski

Peg Oettinger
Lorin Slauson
Leslie Will

Did you know???

- If you sign up for Pizza Night, but find that you cannot come, PLEASE contact Diane Moraza or Julie Solie so the count for the pizza order can be adjusted accordingly.
- If you are hosting an event; but find that you need to make a change or cancel the event; you should email the Club secretary (liebaubetty@gmail.com) AND the website administrator (wowclubwi@gmail.com) to notify them both ASAP.
- That the WOW Club has a set of By-Laws that we adhere to. The By-Laws are in a binder and are available for review at the back of the room at every Social Gathering.