



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

www.milwowclub.info

President's Message

We are grateful for the Board members who will be serving another year; however, several positions will become available next year as those term-limits will have been reached. We ask that everyone consider stepping into a Board position that may suit their talents. The next term will begin April 2027. Our Club is a top-notch, vibrant organization because of the people who contribute. If you are interested, simply talk to any current Board member. You will see that the calendar of events is blooming! Check out all the new, warm-weather activities in this issue. Just like the flowers that are popping up, I am

reminded of our club members who will be able to "pop up" and get out of the house and mingle with others. What a blessing it can be to have others who provide "friendship after losing a spouse." Everyone in the Club understands how hard it can be to navigate life as a widowed person. Sometimes even just being with family can feel awkward. Oftentimes, others just don't know what to say to us and loneliness can be a struggle. That's why WOW exists. Hopefully, being a member of this Club has proven to be a soft landing for you!

~Diana Yegge
President

WOW Events & Activities – May 2026

Saturday Game Afternoon **Saturday, May 2 | 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Martin Luther Lutheran Church 9235 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, game playing, snacks and laughter. Cards are provided for card games, Dominoes, Cribbage, and Sequence will also be available. You may also bring your own games. \$4 per person. Bring an optional snack to share and your own beverage. Any questions call Sandy Gast 262-349-0388 or Mary Ann Alberti Kopps 414-405-5147. (Happens the 1st Saturday of every month).

ComedySportz – SOLD OUT **Saturday, May 2 | 7:30 PM**

ComedySportz 420 S 1st Street, Milwaukee

Sorry, this event is sold out, but feel free to contact Cindy (414-416-4143 or ccrn980@gmail.com) to be put on a waitlist in case someone cancels. Tickets are \$12 per person. Show starts at 7:30 pm but come at 6 pm if interested in ordering a bite to eat from the ComedySportz menu (www.cszmke.com) prior to the show. Purchase of food or drink are not required but are available before and during the show. Plenty of FREE parking in the lot.

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WOW Events & Activities – May 2026

Breakfast Together

Monday, May 4 | 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).

Mini Golf & Lunch

Monday, May 4 | 12:30 PM

Moorland Road Golf Center 5900 S Moorland Rd, New Berlin

Enjoy a relaxing game of mini golf and lunch with your WOW friends! The \$15 fee includes 18 holes of mini golf, a sandwich & chips plus a soft drink. Meet at the Center at 12:30pm for 1:00PM tee time! No pre-registration required. Just show up ready to have some fun! Contact Roy with questions (414-467-9800). (Happens 1st & 3rd Monday of the month May through October)

A Night of Story-Telling

Tuesday, May 5 | 6:00 PM

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

Let's get together to enjoy a night of story telling! With all of our experiences, there are certainly 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. Our theme tonight will be "Trouble." Feel free to order off Double D's menu. Call John Herod with any questions (262-352-5822).

Pickleball

Wednesday, May 6 | 11:00 AM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

If you've never played Pickleball, we have good news! Come at 11:00AM (an hour prior to game-time) to attend "Camp Carl" in honor of WOW's late-pickleball founder, Carl Fisher, to focus on familiarizing newbies with the rules and techniques of the game as well as give experienced players a chance to brush-up on their skills! Regular play will begin at 12:00 Noon. Bring your own pickleball paddle along with outdoor pickleballs, a water bottle, sunscreen and lawn chair if you have them. There will be some outdoor pickleballs on hand. Happens every Wednesday from May to mid-October, weather permitting. Contact Sue Siewert (414-813-0091 or sue.siewert55@gmail.com) with any questions. In case of inclement weather, check email notifications and/or the website for updates.

May Fish Fry

Friday, May 8 | 4:30 PM

Double Ds Sports Bar and Grill 5171 S 108TH St, Hales Corners

Your choice of Fish Tacos (\$22.00), Breaded Perch (\$23.00), or Baked Cod (\$20.00). Fish Tacos come with Chips & Salsa, Perch and Cod entrees come with Coleslaw, Rye Bread and choice of Tator-Tots or Potato Pancakes. All meals include a choice of dessert cake: Chocolate, Carrot or Cheese. Make your selections on the registration form on page 7. Register by April 23rd. Seating is limited to 45. STANDARD RULES APPLY - MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO DEADLINE, NO ORDERING OFF THE MENU. Contact Diana Yegge (951-452-9087 or 5dnyegge@gmail.com) with questions.

WOW Events & Activities – May 2026

Walking Club

Saturday, May 9 | 10:00 AM

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

Let's get some exercise and get back outdoors with our WOW friends! Meet at the Mitchell Park Pavilion. 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.

Bike Riding – Hank Aaron Trail

Tuesday, May 12 | 10:00 AM

Sendik's 13425 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove

Our goal is to get outside, get a little exercise and have fun doing it! We will be riding along the Hank Aaron Trail, approximately a 20 miles round trip. Bike at your own pace and distance. No need to sign up. Many times, we stop for lunch along the ride route or afterward. Contact Dave Hoag with questions at 262-622-2448 or bosshoag@gmail.com. Meet behind the Elm Grove Sendik's store. (Happens the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, May through October, weather permitting).

Pickleball

Wednesday, May 13 | 11:00 AM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See May 6th event listing for details)

Learn to Play Mahjong!

Wednesday, May 13 | 1 PM – 4 PM

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

Join us to learn the exciting game of Mahjong! Hosts will be available to teach the basics and to share their passion for it. We will play at the Ale House prior to "Pizza Night" and will gather in the same space. We welcome all levels of players, but especially those new to the game. No registration or fee required. Games, cards, written instructions and website suggestions for practice will be provided. Call/Text Phyllis (262-894-9619) or Sue (414-813-0091) with questions. (Happens the 2nd Wednesday of every month)

Pizza Night

Wednesday, May 13 | 4:30 PM

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

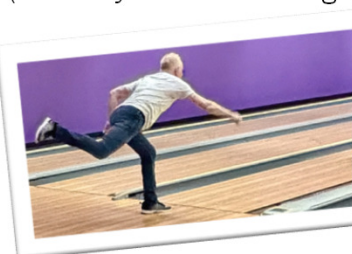
Join your WOW friends for pizza! Check-in begins at 4:30 pm near the semi-private lower dining area. Pizza served between 5:15 - 5:30 pm. Cost is \$10.00 (cash only. No bills over \$20 please). NOTE: There is NO ordering off the menu. Sign up on the Pizza clipboard at the Social Gathering OR text/call one of the Pizza hosts (Diane 414-587-3448 or Julie 414-477-0410). Registration deadline is the Monday prior to Pizza Night. **Cancelled registrations are required to notify Diane or Julie by the day prior to Pizza Night so the pizza order can be adjusted with the kitchen. "No shows" will be charged.**

Mini Golf & Lunch

Monday, May 18 | 12:30 PM

Moorland Road Golf Center 5900 S Moorland Rd, New Berlin

(See May 4th event listing for details)



Bowling



Walking Group



WOW Events & Activities – May 2026

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, May 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 3rd Tuesday of every month).

WOW Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 20 | 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)

Pickleball

Wednesday, May 20 | 11:00 AM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See May 6th event listing for details)

Sip'n Dip

Wednesday, May 20 | 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).

Karaoke

Thursday, May 21 | 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

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 available from Wicked Thyme Catering and libations are offered at the bar. This is a comfortable evening with friends of WOW. Text Diana Yegge at 951-452-9087 with any questions. (Happens 3rd Thursday of every month)

Walking Club

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

Mitchell Park Pavilion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

(See May 9th event listing for details)

Bike Riding – Hank Aaron Trail

Tuesday, May 26 | 10:00 AM

Sendik's 13425 Watertown Plank Rd, Elm Grove

(See May 12th event listing for details)

Taco Tuesday & Bingo

Tuesday, May 26 | 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Bullwinkle's at the Galleria 18900 W Bluemound Rd, Brookfield

Come join the fun of Bingo and Taco Tuesday! Chicken or beef tacos (\$2.50 each or order off the menu). Upon arrival, sign in and order your food and beverage right away. The first game will start while the food is being prepared, then we will continue playing Bingo while noshing. Some games will be \$1.00/card (max of 3 cards/person) and some will be \$2.00/card, or 3 for \$5 (maxi 3 cards/person). Sign up with Diana (951-452-9087 or 5dnyegge@gmail.com) or Rick (414-573-4518 or ropjmp@centurylink.net).

WOW Events Activities – May & June 2026

Pickleball

Wednesday, May 27 | 11:00 AM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See May 6th event listing for details)

General Meeting & Social Gathering

Wednesday, May 27 | 6:30 PM

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

Following the short meeting celebrate **All Things Milwaukee** while enjoying the live music of The Hitmen from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Members are encouraged to wear anything that celebrates the Cream City from sports teams like the Brewers, Bucks, beer and breweries, Harley-Davidson, Summerfest, the Lakefront, boating, etc. 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 for a \$10 fee.

WOW Book Club

Thursday, May 28 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Joney Cafe 17700 W. Capitol Drive, Suite 20, #3, Brookfield

This month we discuss the book, *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America. It's 1938, the Great Depression lingers, Hitler is threatening Europe and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in 2 giraffes who survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a 12-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming of age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it is too late. 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. (Happens the 4th Thursday of every month)

Lake Geneva U.S. Mailboat Tour

Monday, June 15 | 9:00 AM

Lake Geneva Cruise Line 812 Wrigley Dr, Lake Geneva

Take part in one of America's most unique traditions! Join Lake Geneva's daring mail jumpers on this exciting cruise as they leap from the boat to deliver mail to 75 lakeside residents – without waiting for the boat to stop! Witness the thrilling feat up close as the captain and crew share stories of Lake Geneva's historic lakeshore estates. Tickets are \$53 per person (includes tax & gratuity). Deadline to register is June 1st. Use Registration form on page 6. We will plan on catching a bite to eat at a local restaurant after our tour. Stay tuned for more information on lunch plans and possible carpooling options. Contact Mary Piekarski with questions (414-828-9222 or mbpiekarski@gmail.com)

June Fish Fry

Thursday, June 18 | 4:30 PM

North Star America Bistro 19115 W Capitol Drive, Brookfield

June's Fish Fry will be at the North Star American Bistro! Your choice of Pan Seared Cod with Lemon Butter Sauce (\$26), or Beer Battered Cod (\$24), or Hand Breaded Perch (\$28). Dinners include coleslaw and your choice of French fries or potato pancakes. Prices includes tax & gratuity. Use Registration form on page 7 Seating is limited to 55; Deadline for registration is June 9, 2026. STANDARD RULES APPLY - MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO DEADLINE, NO ORDERING OFF THE MENU. Contact JoAnn Stabenfeldt at 414-412-3542 or joannstabenfeldt@yahoo.com with questions.

Celebrating March Birthdays



Upcoming, April Birthdays!

- May 1 Richard Pfau
- May 2 Cindy Reed
- May 3 Lisa Sprink
- May 9 Maureen Golan
- May 10 Carolyn House
- May 11 Mary Gerber
- May 16 Ann Jungbauer
- May 19 Sharon Kalupa
- May 19 Karen Robinson
- May 21 Dennis Haberman
- May 21 Geriann Vande Visse
- May 24 Robert Phillips
- May 28 Dorothy Plahmer
- May 30 William Ribish

July Fish Fry

Thursday, July 9 | 4:30 PM

Schmidty's Bar & Grill 16755 W Lisbon Rd, Brookfield

Choose from Fried Cod (\$22) or Baked Cod (\$24) and your choice of French Fries or Potato Pancakes. Make your selections on the registration form on the website and submit with payment at the next monthly WOW Social Gathering or send by mail (mailing address is located on the registration form). Deadline for registration is July 3rd. Seating is limited to 40. Contact Joy Imms (262-391-3606 or joyimms@gmail.com) with questions.



March Social Gathering

WELCOME

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!”

- Frederick Vergenz
- Karen Robinson
- Lisa Sprink

**Lake Geneva U.S. Mallboat Tour
Monday, June 15, 2026 | 9:00am**

Lake Geneva Cruise Line 812 Wrigley Dr, Lake Geneva
Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Name: _____

Contact Method for Confirmation: _____

- 9:00 AM Tour (\$53.00)
- I plan on joining in for lunch after the cruise (please save me a seat!)
- I would be interested in carpooling as a **Driver - or - Passenger** (circle one)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ *Prices include tax and gratuity.

**Deadline for registration is June 1, 2026. Seating limited to 35.
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED; SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS!**
Mail reservation form and payment made payable to “WOW” to:

Mary Piekarski
S66W24310 Skyline Ave
Waukesha Wi 53189

OR register at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.
WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.

Registration Forms

Website & Newsletter

Layout/Editor

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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



March Social Gathering

Love the photos? Please send yours to clubpicswow@gmail.com

May Fish Fry

Friday, May 8, 2026 | 4:30pm

Double Ds Sports Bar and Grill 5171 S 108TH St, Hales Corners

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Name: _____

Contact Method for Confirmation: _____

****Be sure to Select 1 Entrée, 1 Side AND 1 Desert Choice:**

___ Fish Taco w/Chips & Salsa (\$22)

___ Breaded Perch (\$23) with side choice: ___ Tater-Tots or ___ Potato Pancake

___ Baked Cod (\$20) with side choice: ___ Tater-Tots or ___ Potato Pancake

___ Chocolate Cake ___ Carrot Cake ___ Cheesecake

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

Deadline for registration is April 23, 2026. Seating limited to 45.

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

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

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

OR register at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.

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June Fish Fry

Thursday, June 18, 2026 | 4:30pm

North Star American Bistro 19115 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Name: _____

Contact Method for Confirmation: _____

Entree' Choice - Check One:

___ Pan Seared Cod (\$26.00)

___ Beer Battered Cod (\$24.00)

___ Hand Breaded Perch (\$28.00)

Potato Choice - Check One:

___ Potato Pancakes

___ French Fries

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

Seating is limited to 55; Deadline for registration is June 9, 2026.

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

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

JoAnn Stabenfeldt
W250N5031 William Dr
Pewaukee, WI 53072

OR register at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.

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Milwaukee Widows or
Widowers (WOW) Club

S66W24310 Skyline Ave
Waukesha WI 53189

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WOW Club event
information visit us at:
www.milwowclub.info

April 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.

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Marilyn Stormowski
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Judi Wysocki



March Fish Fry



Pizza Night

