

WOW Newsletter

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

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In Memoriam Ronald Wrycza

July 27, 1940 – May 31, 2026

Reunited with his late wife, Gloria, we now bid farewell to Ron. His quick wit, infectious sense of humor, and legendary Sheepshead card-playing skills were a true joy to experience. Rest well, dear friend. We will miss you.

WOW Events & Activities – July 2026

Pickleball **Wednesday, July 1 | 11:30 AM**

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

Bring your paddle, water bottle, sunscreen & lawn chair. Happens every Wednesday June to mid-October, weather permitting. Contact Sue Siewert (414-813-0091 or sue.siewert55@gmail.com) with questions.

Breakfast Together **Monday, July 6 | 10 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, July 6 | 12:30 PM**

Moorland Road Golf Center 5900 S Moorland Rd, New Berlin

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 June through October)

A Night of Story Telling **Tuesday, July 7 | 5 PM – 7 PM**

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

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 "love" - come and join to celebrate and experience this universal topic. Feel free to order off Double D's menu. Call John Herod with any questions (262-352-5822).

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WOW Events & Activities – July 2026

Pickleball

Wednesday, July 8 | 11:30 AM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See July 1st event listing for details)

Learn to Play Mahjong!

Wednesday, July 8 | 1 PM – 4 PM

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

Hosts will be available to teach the basics and to share their passion for the game. We meet in the same space as “Pizza Night.” All levels of players are welcome, especially those new to the game. No registration or fee required. Games, cards, written instructions and 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, July 8 | 4:30 PM

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

Check-in begins at 4:30 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. “No shows” will be charged.

July Fish Fry

Thursday, July 9 | 4:30 PM

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

Sorry, registration is full to capacity. If you’re still interested in going – contact Joy Imms (262-391-3606 or joyimms@gmail.com) to ask if you could be put on a waitlist.

Starry Nights Concert & Car Show

Friday, July 10 | 4 PM & 6:30 PM

Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Arts 3270 Mitchell Park Drive, Brookfield

Join your WOW friends for a night of Classic Cars (show starts at 4:00) and music by the Rockin’ Robins (starts at 6:30). This free event does not require registration. There’s plenty of free parking too. Just bring a chair and look for the aqua colored “WOW” flag. Bring your own food & beverages or check out the food trucks. This event is hosted by Joy Imms (262-391-3606)

Walking Club

Saturday, July 11 | 10 AM

Mitchell Park Pavillion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

Join your WOW friends for an approximate one hour walk at Mitchell Park. Afterwards, join us for brunch at Maxim’s (18025 W Capital Dr, Brookfield). Please RSVP to Mary Ann at mworgull@sbcglobal.net or 262-844-0414, as the restaurant requires a count.

Bike Riding – Oak Leaf Trail

Tuesday, July 14 | 10 AM

Grant Park Clubhouse 100 East Hawthorne Ave, South Milwaukee

Our goal is to get outside, get a little exercise and have fun doing it! We will be riding along the Oak Leaf Trail, approximately 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 (262-622-2448 or bosshoag@gmail.com). Happens the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, June through October,

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Pickleball

Wednesday, July 15 | 11:30 AM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See July 1st event listing for details)

Sip'n Dip

Wednesday, July 15 | 2 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, July 16 | 5 PM to 9 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. The Legion is providing food with a new menu. Come check it out!! Libations are offered at the bar as well. 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)

Starry Nights Concert – Kal Bergendahl

Friday, July 17 | 6:30 PM

Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Arts 3270 Mitchell Park Drive, Brookfield

Join your WOW friends for a night of smooth jazz music by Kal Bergendahl. This free event does not require registration. There's plenty of free parking too. Just bring a chair and look for the aqua colored "WOW" flag. Bring your own food & beverages or check out the food trucks. This event is hosted by Phyllis Vaglica (262-894-9619).

Mini Golf & Lunch

Monday, July 20 | 12:30 PM

Moorland Road Golf Center 5900 S Moorland Rd, New Berlin

(See July 6th event listing for details)

Breakfast Together

Tuesday, July 21 | 10 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).

Pickleball

Wednesday, July 22 | 11:30 AM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See July 1st event listing for details)



Biking Group



Pizza

WOW Events & Activities –July 2026

General Meeting & Social Gathering

Wednesday, July 22 | 6:30 PM

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

Following the short meeting celebrate Our Country's 250th Birthday with the exciting soul, r&b, jazz, and rock of the 22nd Street Horn Band. Get into the Spirit of '76 by wearing red , white, blue and feel free to bring along flags, streamers, and patriotic decorations. 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, July 23 | 1 PM – 3 PM

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

This month we will discuss the book *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. When a teenager vanishes from her Adirondack summer camp, two worlds collide. Early morning, August 1975: a camp counselor discovers an empty bunk. Its occupant, Barbara Van Laar, has gone missing. She's the daughter of the family that owns the summer camp and employs most of the region's residents. Her older brother disappeared 14 years ago, never to be found. As a panicked search begins, a thrilling drama unfolds. 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).

Starry Nights Concert – The Driveway Thriftdwellers

Friday, July 24 | 6:30 PM

Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Arts 3270 Mitchell Park Drive, Brookfield

Join your WOW friends for a night of old school country music by the Driveway Thriftdwellers. This free event does not require registration. There's plenty of free parking too. Just bring a chair and look for the aqua colored "WOW" flag. Bring your own food & beverages or check out the food trucks. This event is hosted by Kathy Headson (239-290-1092).

Walking Club

Saturday, July 25 | 10 AM – 11 AM

Mitchell Park Pavillion 3140 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield

(See July 11th event listing for details)

Bike Riding – Oak Leaf Trail

Tuesday, July 28 | 10 AM

Grant Park Clubhouse 100 East Hawthorne Ave, South Milwaukee

(See July 14th event listing for details)

Taco Tuesday & Bingo

Tuesday, July 28 | 2 PM to 4:30 PM

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

Come join the fun of Bingo and Taco Tuesday! New games and new ways to win! 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 – July, August & September 2026

Pickleball

Wednesday, July 29 | 11:30 AM

Oakwood Park Dennis Droese Dr, Menomonee Falls

(See July 1st event listing for details)

Starry Nights Concert – BD Greer & The Gents

Friday, July 31 | 6:30 PM

Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Arts 3270 Mitchell Park Drive, Brookfield

Join your WOW friends for a night of 60's Love & Rockin' Soul by the BD Greer & The Gents. This free event does not require registration. There's plenty of free parking too. Just bring a chair and look for the aqua colored "WOW" flag. Bring your own food & beverages or check out the food trucks. This event is hosted by Mary Piekarski (414-828-9222).

August Wednesday Night Fish Fry

Wednesday, Aug 19 | 4:30 PM

The Mineshaft 22 N Main Street, Hartford

Gathering starts at 4:30 with meal served around 5:00. Drinks are ½ priced until 5:00 (at the bar). Choose from Fried Haddock (\$13), Fried Perch (\$19), Fried Shrimp (\$19) or Poor Man's Lobster (a.k.a. baked fish \$19) and your choice of French Fries, Tater Tots or Baked Potato. All entree's include coleslaw and rye bread. Make your selections on the registration form page 7 or 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 August 9th. Contact John Docter (262-488-5793 or jlsmdocter@yahoo.com) or Mary Piekarski (414-828-9222 or mbpiekarski@gmail.com) with questions. Plenty of parking available in the lot east of the building, on Mill Street. Take the elevator entrance to "dining room."

Milwaukee Milkmen Game, Meal & Fireworks

Friday, Aug 21 | 5:30 PM

Franklin Field 7034 S Ballpark Dr, Franklin

Let's cheer on our Milwaukee Milkmen to a WIN at the beautiful Franklin Field and end our evening with FIREWORKS! On Friday August 21st at 5:30pm meet Cindy at the main gate for your wristband (for your meal) and your reserved ticket. Plenty of free parking is available. You'll get your choice of hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog or brat and your choice of chips plus a soda, beer or water. (There's no need to choose your menu item ahead of time, though.) Game starts at 6:30 pm. Call Cindy with any questions at 414-416-4143. Registration deadline is July 31, 2026, seating is limited to 35. SORRY, NO LATE REGISTRATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

End of Summer Picnic

Wednesday, Sept 2 | 11 AM – 3:30 PM

ProHealth Care Park 2930 S Sunny Slope Rd, New Berlin

Let's celebrate the end of Summer at WOW's biggest event of the year. Enjoy a delicious hot buffet catered by Bunzel's with Root Beer floats and cake for dessert. Enter the 3rd annual Salad Contest with prizes for each entry and awards for the crowd favorites. Plenty of fun games including "Bake Walk," Team Mat Roll, Booty Boxes, bags, and more (or bring your own games or cards). Covered seating at Picnic Tables (or bring a lawn chair). Cold water and Iced Tea will be provided. Bring your own alcoholic beverage (but no glass bottles) Registration still only \$19. Registration deadline is August 26th.



Registration Forms

September Fish Fry

Friday, Sept 11 | 4:30 PM

Bandero County Wood Grill N96W16865 Cumberland Ct, Menomonee Falls

Meal served around 5:00. Choose from Fried Fish Dinner (\$23) or Broiled Fish Dinner (\$24), Entree's come with your choice of French Fries, Baked Potato or Garlic Mashed Potatoes. All entree's include tartar sauce, coleslaw and rye bread. Make your selections on the registration form on page 7 and submit with payment at the next monthly WOW Social Gathering or send by mail.

Registration deadline August 31st. Contact Lynn Marzinski (816-616-6359 or lynnski313@gmail.com).



July Birthdays

- 1 Vivienne Botsch
- 1 Kelly Fortino
- 1 Megan McGovern
- 1 Linda Napieralski
- 1 Kay Wasielewski
- 4 Debra Jochims
- 10 Mary Ellen Comp
- 10 Lilli Schwantes
- 11 Lorraine Duginski
- 12 Christine Millay
- 13 Dennis Walkowiak
- 14 Kathy Headson
- 15 Mary Ann Alberti-Kopps
- 15 Nancy Freitag
- 16 Kathy Mateicka
- 17 Elsie Dircks
- 17 Joan Leifel
- 19 Dennis Cantrall
- 20 Len Kelter
- 20 Susan Miller
- 21 Kathleen Radaj
- 24 Kathleen Mueller
- 30 Raymond Ciszewski

August Fish Fry

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 | 4:30pm

The Mineshaft Restaurant

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Name: _____

Contact Method for Confirmation: _____

Entree' Choice - Check One:

___ Fried Haddock (\$13)

___ Fried Perch (\$19)

___ Fried Shrimp (\$19)

___ Poor Man's Lobster (\$19)

Potato Choice - Check One:

___ French Fries

___ Tater Tots

___ Baked Potato

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

Deadline for registration is August 9, 2026.

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

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

John Docter

136 S Golden Lake Ln

Oconomowoc, WI 53066

OR register at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.

WOW policy does not provide refunds for cancellations.

Milwaukee Milkmen Game, Meal & Fireworks

Friday, Aug 21, 2026 | 5:30pm

Franklin Field 7035 S. Ballpark Dr, Franklin

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Name: _____

Contact Method for Confirmation: _____

Game, Meal & Fireworks Show \$22 per person

Ticket Fee Enclosed \$ _____ *Price includes tax

Seating is limited to 35; Deadline for registration is July 31, 2026.

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

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

Cindy Reed

W197N4950 Hickory St #355

Menomonee Falls WI 53051

OR register at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.

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Registration Forms

Website & Newsletter

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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.



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!"

Diane Plantenberg

Judith Ross

Kay Babcock

Terry Buckley

Dennis Cantrall

Kathleen Roth

End of Summer Picnic

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 | 11:00 AM

ProHealth Care Park

2930 S Sunnyslope Rd, New Berlin

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Name: _____

Contact Method for Confirmation: _____

I will attend the End of Summer Picnic (\$19.00)

I will enter a SALAD for the Summer Salad Contest
(Mary Piekarski will contact you)

I will bring a BAKED ITEM for the Bake Walk Game
(Sue Siewert will contact you)

Enclosed \$_____ Deadline for registration is August 26, 2026.

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

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

Phyllis Vaglica

W197N4972 Hickory Street # B5

Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

OR register at the monthly WOW Social Gathering.

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September Fish Fry

Friday, September 11, 2026 | 4:30pm

Bandero County Wood Grill

N96W16865 Cumberland Court, Menomonee Falls

Limit ONE person per registration form, please.

Name: _____

Contact Method for Confirmation: _____

Entree' Choice - Check One:

Fried Fish (\$23)

Broiled Fish (\$24)

Potato Choice - Check One:

French Fries

Baked Potato

Garlic Mashed

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

Maximum Seating 50; Deadline for registration is August 31, 2026.

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.

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**Milwaukee Widows or
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New Berlin WI 53151

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

July 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 can 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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Mary Sherman

Gail Stiemke
Gerianne Vande Visse
Karen Wilson
Dave Zuehlke



Lake Geneva US Mailboat Tour



Mini-Golf