

the WIM
experience
calendar
season 6



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WIMMERS**



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The WIM Experience™

Our new logo

We are pretty excited about our new look and feel for our upcoming season. We have evolved as individuals because all of you have evolved as a group, hence the name change, and the new logo as we begin our 6th season!



What is changing....

...we have decided to re-name WIM (Women in Motion) to the WIM Experience and shift our reference of our members from WIMMIES to WIMMERS!! We are also changing up our traditional meeting format to be more activity based while still maintaining important content via discussions, newsletters etc.

Why the change? Over the previous five seasons of WIM, we have found that although our members truly enjoy our meetings, it is the activity driven meetings where we get together and mingle, are the ones that everyone remembers the most. Hence the change of direction for our 6th season as we embark on the WIM Experience!

What is the WIM Experience?

...it is a place for women of all ages to come together, educate, encourage and energize one another

...it is a place for women to build new friendships

...it is a place for women to try something new, go someplace different, and perhaps experience a new adventure outside one's comfort zone

...it is a place which encourages volunteerism

...it is a place which stresses financial literacy

...it is a place which promotes travel throughout the country and the world

...it is a place which believes that everyone has a gift, and everyone has a voice

...it is a place where positive energy and optimism is paramount

...it is a place where differences are encouraged and celebrated.

this is the WIM Experience....

YOU have to try it on to see if it fits YOU!

GIVE ME A FEEL ABOUT WHO IS PART of this experience?

This all-womens group is comprised of WIMMERS who span almost 5 decades of life. Having this great collection of ages allows each of us to connect across generations and understand each other and the world so much better. We always encourage our "WIMMERS" to bring along "positive" minded female friends who would like to connect with other interesting women.

Throughout the year we will meet up monthly for WIM CONNECT breakfasts which are an informal gathering of women who wish to share a breakfast at a revolving list of restaurant spots in the area. Then at another time of the month, we gather either in the evening to do an activity, or on a weekend to explore somewhere new.



And through all of these events we look towards exploring matters of the mind, body and soul sometimes with interesting outside speakers,

as well as learning from the talents from within our group. Our goal at these events is also to offer interesting insights into travel,

Annual dinner and drinks on the patio at Graystone Grill!



A large number of WIMMERS made it out to enjoy a beautiful evening at Graystone at Aldeen Golf Course. It was like a mini-reunion and a great time to see all of you again!

volunteering, and financial education, not to mention fun, food and laughter! The overall tone of the group is engaging, optimistic and friendly.

Our calendar is booked with activities for most of the year and WIMMERS can choose which activities they would like to attend.

There is no cost to be part of WIM, and members can come whenever they are available. However, there may be costs associated with the various activities that we schedule which will be the responsibility of each member.

Klaas Financial helps to sponsor some of the activities of this group.

MONTHLY FEATURES

TRAVEL TIPS FOR WIMMERS

Hey Wimmers, consider this for now, or when you retire the cost plummets from \$80 to only \$10!

America the Beautiful Passes

The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series

A pass is your ticket to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites. Each pass covers entrance fees at national parks and national wildlife refuges as well as standard amenity fees (day use fees) at national forests and grasslands, and at lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A pass covers entrance, standard amenity fees and day use fees for a driver and all passengers in a personal vehicle at per vehicle fee areas (or up to four adults at sites that charge per person). Children age 15 or under are admitted free.

* Annual Pass: \$80 annual pass

Available to everyone. Can be obtained in person at a [federal recreation site](#), or by calling 1-888-ASK USGS (1-888-275-8747), Ext. 3 (Hours of operation are: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Mountain time), or online.

Non-transferable.



Senior Pass

- \$10 Lifetime pass
- For U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over.
- May be obtained [online](#), in person at a [federal recreation site](#) or through the mail using this [application form](#). The cost of obtaining a Senior Pass through the mail or online is twenty dollars (\$20). Ten (\$10) for the Senior Pass and ten (\$10) for processing the application. Applicants must provide documentation of age and residency or citizenship.
- May provide a 50 percent discount on some amenity fees charged for Annual Pass.

WHERE CAN I VOLUNTEER?

Again, here at the WIM experience we always encourage volunteering whenever and wherever you can find time in your own schedules. Here are some suggestions for this month:

1. Volunteer with The Literacy Council of Rockford, spending time teaching adult learners how to read and making a difference in their lives. Contact them at 815-963-7323 (READ) today!

2. CASA-

Advocating for one child at a time.

CASA recruits, trains and supports community volunteers who advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in our community. CASA volunteers gather their own information, get to know each child and write reports directly to the judge making recommendations on what's in the child's best interests.

CASA volunteers get cases moving through the child welfare system and advocate strongly to help ensure each child is in a secure, safe home. Our program succeeds with help from dedicated staff, caring volunteers and generous donors like you.

Meet a child that you could be helping:

Anthony, 6



This is Anthony. Anthony loves school and is a very bright student, however Anthony's mom never gets him there on time and he misses a lot of days at school. Due to Anthony's school absences the school had to file paperwork with the court for educational neglect. Even though Anthony gets good grades, teachers and staff have noticed sporadic unprompted outbursts, and recently disturbing pictures. His most recent masterpiece depicted a man holding a weapon at his mom. When asked to talk about his drawing he describes that Roger points a gun at his mom and uses it to hit her when she doesn't listen. Anthony has shared other similar stories about the domestic violence in the

home, but when investigators ask mom, she claims that "Anthony just has a very creative imagination."

How to start helping today:

Phone (815) 319-6880

Contact info@winnebago-countycasa.org

HOW TO PLAN FOR YOUR RETIREMENT

Make sure that you are planning for the next season of your life TODAY,

by taking the following steps :

1. Maximizing all your retirement account contributions, IRA's under age 50, \$5500 per year; over 50, \$6500 per year; 401ks, \$18,000 per year, over 50, \$24,000 per year.
2. Reducing your debt; paying off all high interest credit, and then finally your mortgage WILL give you the most options in retirement.
3. Making sure that your portfolio is properly diversified and matches with your true risk tolerance.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

WIM CONNECT BREAKFASTS

2nd Saturday of every month, 7:30am-9:00am

(location changes monthly, breakfast is on your own)

These breakfasts are simply a time to connect and re-connect with WIM friends. You are always welcome to bring along other female friends or female family members.

Saturday, August 13th- Stockholm Inn

Saturday, September 10th- Mary's on State

Saturday, October 8th- Magpie (downtown)

Saturday, November 12th- Fresco's (Anderson Gardens)

Saturday, December 10th- Stockholm Inn

Saturday, January 14th- Egg Harbor

Saturday, February 11th- Camp Grant

Saturday, March 11th- Machine Shed

Saturday, April 8th- Perkins

Saturday, May 13th- Stockholm Inn

NO BREAKFASTS in JUNE OR JULY

Please RSVP to jeanl@klaasfinancial.com one week ahead so that we can reserve enough seats each month.

the WIM Experiences

these are gatherings that hopefully you will get to know someone ***new***, learn something you never ***knew***, and perhaps experience some fun doing something ***you never knew YOU could do!***

(these occur on different days and times depending on the activity)

the WIM Experience #1

Thursday, August 18th- Dining and drinks on the Patio at Graystone Grill (Aldeen Golf Course)
6-8:30pm

the WIM Experience #2

Wednesday, September 14th - Potluck & Walk at RockCut Park (Bay View Shelter)
(5-8:30pm)
Sign up to bring a dish

the WIM Experience #3

Thursday, October 13th - Luna Fest at Tebala Shrine, (film festival sponsored by WOMANSPACE)
(6pm-9:00pm)
\$20 ticket in advance w/group, \$25 at the door

the WIM Experience #4

Thursday, November 17th- Pizza, Movie and Sundae night (movie at Showplace 16 TBD)
5pm - Pizza @ Giordanos
7pm – Movie at Showplace 16
9pm- Ice-cream Sundaes at Dairy Queen (Cherryvale)

the WIM Experience #5

Thursday, December 15th - 6th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!
6-9:30pm- Party at Prime Quarter Steak House (Janesville, WI)
(approx. cost \$28 per person/RSVP by Nov. 15th to jeanl@klaasfinancial.com)
Christmas present exchange and white elephant gifts!

Exact Dates for January through August 2017 WIM Experiences will be available after November.

NOTE: There will be no scheduled WIM EXPERIENCES in June and July.

the WIM Experience #6

Evening in January- Painting w/ the Wimmers @ 317 Studio & Gallery, Rockford

Date TBA- private painting party for our WIM members, food & wine

Approximate cost, \$35 per person plus your beverages

the WIM Experience #7

February ICE HOGS GAME (Rockford)

the WIM Experience #8

March Play & Lunch (TBD)

the WIM Experience #9

April Fondue & Fun (Schaumburg)

the WIM Experience #10

Saturday in early May- Flight Deck Bar & Grille at the Chicago Skydiving Center (Rochelle)

Lunch & Skydiving watching

No WIM Experiences in June & July

the WIM Experience #11

Mid-August (SATURDAY) Architectural Tour in Chicago & Lunch

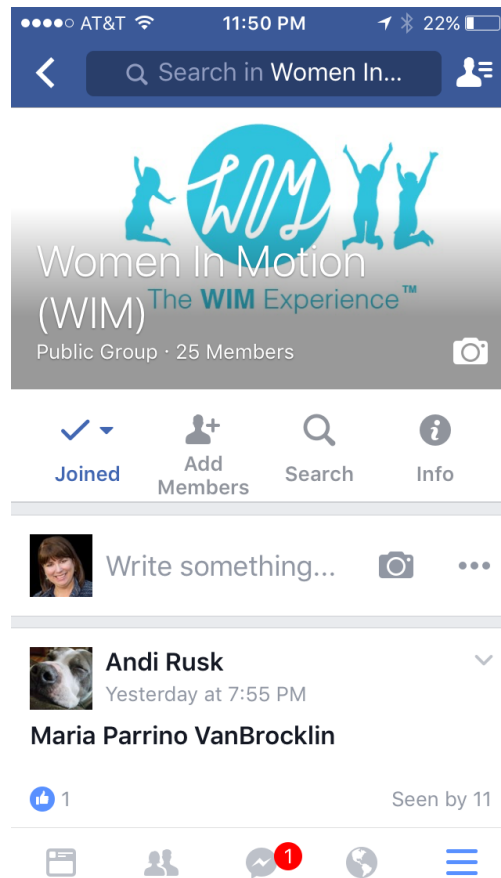
\$36-\$50

the WIM Experience #12

Dining on the Patio (place and date TBA)

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MORE info, updates and pictures every month!