

**NEWS AND VIEWS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

*From*  
**PAUL RUSK**



**DISTRICT 12 SUPERVISOR**

**2008 Budget.**

With a 3.36% increase in spending there will be almost no increase in the county portion of your property tax bill, which is important to many seniors on fixed incomes. Since only 25% of the county's \$460 million budget comes from property taxes, maximizing state, federal, and local dollars and internal efficiencies can keep the regressive property tax in check. The overall budget thrust implementing the criminal justice audit is already saving about \$2 million in jail shipping costs by expanding electronic monitoring. Unfortunately, not all partners in our criminal justice system are as willing as the sheriff to implement innovations, but we came to an understanding with the chief judge. Significant additional improvements are needed to save dollars and improve efficiency.

As chair of public protection and judiciary, I shepherded through amendments adding round the clock jail mental health and a jail services

coordination study. I worked hard with the chief juvenile judge to ensure that Children in Need of Protection & Services (CHIPS) cases were transferred to the corporation counsel from the district attorney. This change frees up personnel for the understaffed district attorney while allowing two new federally funded positions to assist children. Vulnerable children must move through the system faster to ensure their health and safety.

The budget includes new job-based alternatives to gangs and a Timebank initiative to work with developmentally disabled individuals. In addition to the \$5 million Conservation Fund, the budget contains \$2.66 million in the Land & Water Legacy Fund to improve our lakes. Working with the DNR, UW-Madison researchers will determine precisely how, when, and in what amount algae-feeding nutrients are entering the lakes and how to reduce them.

**Otto Festge.** It was an honor to present a special resolution commemorating the accomplishments of our former mayor and county clerk who passed away Nov. 4.

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*From*  
**DOROTHY WHEELER**



**DISTRICT 18 SUPERVISOR**

**The County Budget**

Some of you may be wondering how the county passes its budget with short deliberations after the city council endured marathon budget talks into the wee hours. We have a different system of hammering out our differences. After the county executive submits her budget very often restoring some cuts that were made to keep the budget in her mandated boundaries of tax increase, the supervisors get to work making amendments. All of these early amendments are drafted with the help of staff and introduced in the standing committees (There are six of these committees.) whose discussions are open to the public and sometimes well attended!

After the amendments are voted up or down in committee, the committee chairs take them to the seventh standing committee, Personnel and Finance where seven supervisors get to listen decide and vote on each amendment. It

is here the supervisors lobby for their amendments and where the controller does a quick calculation to determine the impact on the property tax. There is usually a large audience at these meetings counting supervisors, staff and public citizens. This year the Personnel and Finance Committee heard all the evidence and then voted on the amendments as the last step of the process. That system worked very well and most of our amendments were passed with no impact on the property tax. County property taxes will go down slightly in the City of Madison. My standing committee, Health and Human Needs, submitted 17 amendments that passed Personnel and Finance restoring funds and key positions such as two JFF workers for much needed services.

**Lake View Hill**

After 18 months from county resolution to city council action, Lake View Hill Park and all the property there are finally rezoned from R-1 to Conservancy. This park now has all the protection the government can provide.

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**Dane County Board of Supervisors Upcoming Meetings:**

**Dec. 6 ~ Dec. 20**

2008 Calendar will be set in December.

All County Board meetings are on Thursdays at 7 pm in Rm. 201 at City-County Bldg. 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

*From*

**KATHLEEN M. FALK**



**DANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

County Executive Falk's column will return in the next issue of the *Northside News*.

*County Executive Falk can be reached at 266-4114 or falk@co.dane.wi.us*

**Lakeview Lutheran Church**

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**Christmas**

*Sunday School Christmas Program*

Dec 9, 10:30 am, Sanctuary  
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*Christmas Concert*

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~ Carol sing-along ~ Figgy pudding, Yule log, coffee & wassail served  
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*From*  
**JON ERPENBACH**



**STATE SENATOR**

**Safe Neighborhoods:  
Renewed Call for Traveling Sales  
Crew Regulation**

While the state budget was crawling forward this fall, a Dunn County court decision made major headway for community victims of traveling sales crews, which was recently upheld by an Appeals Court. The decision held liable the traveling sales crew company for the hiring of an individual they knew was a risk with a criminal history. Traveling sales crews can often be safe harbor for criminals moving from state to state. This decision has highlighted a string of crimes committed by traveling sales crews, many of the same companies that have crews in Wisconsin going from door to door.

In September of this year, six individuals were arrested in Mequon for violating solicitation laws. The 43-year-old crew chief had a felony war-

rant from Colorado and a record with 15 known alias names. His extensive criminal history includes several drug offenses, assault with a deadly weapon, domestic abuse and battery.

Every day people with known criminal history go from door to door in this state. Our neighbors, family members, and baby sitters that answer the door are at risk. Some members of the Legislature call themselves tough on crime, yet the simple registry of sales crews cannot move forward in the Assembly. The traveling sales crew bill has languished in the Assembly Small Business Committee chaired by Representative Moulton since April.

It is my hope that Representative Moulton, R-Chippewa Falls and the rest of the Assembly Small Business Committee will stand up for safety in our communities and pass the simple regulation of traveling sales crews in Wisconsin.

For more information on Malinda's Law, Senate Bill 80 please contact my office at 608-266-6670.

*State Sen. Erpenbach can be reached at 266-6670. 1-888-549-0027 or senator.erpenbach@legis.state.wi.us*

*From*  
**DAVE TRAVIS**



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

As colder weather approaches, our home thermostats are being turned up and residents are already concerned about the additional financial strain higher energy bills will place on their family budget.

Energy experts suggest that residents replace their home furnace air filter; seal air leaks around windows or doors; and lower furnace thermostats when away or sleeping. In addition, long-term savings initiatives including choosing energy efficient appliances and lighting could reduce yearly energy bills by hundreds of dollars per residence. Dane County residents interested in receiving information on energy home-improvement ideas; energy efficient appliances and a Cash-Back Rewards program for purchasing Energy Star qualified appliances should call: 1-800-762-7077 or go online at [www.focusonenergy.com](http://www.focusonenergy.com).

Wisconsin's Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) also provides home heating assistance to eligible households. The application period for this program is from Aug. 1 to May 15, 2008. As of mid-November, 62,800 households have applied and received an average payment of \$327.00 for heating assistance while the electric assistance program has remitted checks averaging

\$232.00 to 56,500 Wisconsin households. Last year, over 140,000 households received one-time benefit payments that in most cases are applied directly to the household's utility bill.

Households must complete a Home Energy Plus application through the local WHEAP agency. Households need to provide information on their income and heating costs.

For more information call 1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947) or visit [www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov).

**2007-08 WHEAP Heating Season  
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	One Month	Three Months	Annual
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2	1,711	5,134	20,535
3	2,146	6,439	25,755
4	2,581	7,744	30,975
5	3,016	9,049	36,195
6	3,451	10,354	41,415
7	3,886	11,659	46,635
8	4,321	12,964	51,855
Each +	435	1,305	5,220

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

From  
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Dennis McQuade's column will return in the next issue. Please see his article on page 4 regarding The Homeless Prevention Fund fundraising efforts.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORKER

**MGE Energy Assistance**

Households with low to moderate income may be eligible for assistance from the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program. Many households with income from farms, offices, factories and other work places receive this assistance that helps with space-heating and electricity costs. Funds are limited, so apply early while money is available.

To be eligible for assistance, you must pay heating costs directly to a fuel or utility company or heating costs are included in the rent and meet income guidelines.

For more information, contact MGE at 252-7000 or visit [www.mge.com/Home/services/energy\\_assist.htm](http://www.mge.com/Home/services/energy_assist.htm)

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**Blue Willow Chinese Dance** Sat., Dec. 8 at 11 am. Chinese dance with Joy Chen, with traditional costumes, props, and music.

**Gingerbread Cookie Fun** Mon., Dec. 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Catch stories, games and more at this fast-paced family program. Take home your own decorated (sugar) cookie. Children ages 6 and under need an adult helper.

Call to register.

**Pretty Bad Jugglers**

Sat., Dec. 22 at 10:30 am. Come watch a juggling extravaganza, see the fastest apple-eating juggler in the Midwest and be entertained by flying juggling clubs and pretty bad jokes. Includes audience participation!

**Heartbeats** Sat., Jan 26 at 11 am. Join Jahmes Tony Finlayson for

music, songs and stories of Africa, the Caribbean, the Americas, and beyond. This engaging and interactive presentation will be enjoyed by all. Come share the magic!

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Preschool Storytime** Tuesdays through Dec. 11 and beginning again Jan. 29 at 10:15 am. Stories, songs, and fingerplays for children ages 3-5. Siblings welcome.

**Baby & Toddler Time** Tuesdays starting again Feb. 5 at 11:15 am. Stories, songs and rhymes for children ages 0-35 months.

**Music Together** Wed., Jan. 2, 11-11:30 am. An interactive music program for children 5 and under and their families, including play-along time with fun instruments.

**SCHOOL-AGED PROGRAMS**

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Discussion** Sat., Jan. 5 from 10:30-11:30 am. Come discuss this funny graphic novel. For ages 11-13.

**Invention of Hugo Cabret Book Discussion** Sat., Feb. 2 from 10:30-11:30 am. This ground-breaking illustrated novel grabs you from the beginning. Discuss it with your friends! For ages 11-13.

**TEEN/MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Yu-Gi-Oh** Sat., Dec. 8 from 2-3 pm. Come play Yu-Gi-Oh at the library! Bring your friends!

**Video Madness** Thurs., Dec. 12 and Thurs Jan. 24 from 5-6 pm. Eat pizza, and play video games with friends from the neighborhood! Try out our new Wii. Ages 12 and up.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

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HEALTH TIPS



**From Your Neighborhood Chiropractor**

By Dr. Ross Royster, D.C.

**Chart Your Course**

Are you where you want to be in life? If you are, or you know you are on your way, congratulations! If not, read on. The key to success is deciding what you want and doing what you need to do to get it. If you are not already actively planning your future, here are some tips to get started!

1) Imagine your future life with no limitations. Ask yourself, "What would I do if I could not fail?" Think of all aspects of your life: physical, emotional, financial, spiritual and social. List all the things you would like to accomplish, to do, to be and to have. Don't hold back. List them all.

2) Set up a goal book. A three-ring binder works great. Each of your goals will have a separate page.

3) Write one goal to a page in the present tense. Example: "I have a beautiful new house." Then, explore that goal more thoroughly, and write down all the details. "My house has

five bedrooms with separate baths, an office, a vaulted ceiling great room, a media room with a 62 inch flat screen TV, etc." Find pictures of the things you would like to include in your life and add them to your page.

4) Write down a plan to achieve your goal in the past tense, as though you have already done the things necessary to reach your goal.

5) Review your book daily. Let your imagination get into it. The more you sense your success, the deeper it ingrains into your subconscious mind.

6) As you achieve a goal, do not throw away that page. Place it in the front of your book in a section of "Successes".

Does this all sound crazy to you? That's alright. Just do it! What do you have to lose?

I did this a few years back. I listed all kinds of goals and desires, but I didn't follow through with it. I read my book for a while, and then I must have become distracted and forgot about it. Well, I just found my goal book, and to my surprise, all of my goals and wishes have been met.

The power of making up your mind and writing it down cannot be overestimated. Now, I'm in the process of making a whole new list. How about you?

NUTRITION TIPS



By Deborah Roussos, MS, RD & Ann Martin, RD



**Simple ways to workout and stay active this winter**

Many people find it much harder to be active during the winter months. There are multiple excuses that we make to convince ourselves that it's okay not to exercise. Whether it be the freezing cold thermometer readings, the minimal hours of daylight, or simply the comfort of hibernating in front of the television, the obstacles are sometimes easier to find than the motivation.

But have no fear, there are plenty of exercise options, both indoor and outdoor, that can help you stay active and healthy this winter season.

If getting out into the snow appeals to you, try one of these more popular winter sports: downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing or winter running. If those seem too adventurous for you, try ice-skating or snowshoeing. Both are great cardiovascular workouts.

The equipment for these activities, however, can get expensive. So, if cost is an issue for you, or the sheer idea of plunging into the snow makes you

want to dive under the covers, you may choose one of the many indoor workout options. Following are just a few ideas: walk at an indoor location, like a mall, climb the stairs in your house, find a local pool and try swimming or water aerobics, take up a dance or yoga class create a home-gym using water bottles as weights, jump ropes and an exercise ball or join your local health club. Remember Warner Park Community Recreation Center.

Before trying any of these activities, however, remember to keep safety in mind. Always warm-up properly to loosen tight muscles and reduce the risk of injury. If choosing to exercise outdoors, wear bright clothing or reflective strips on your arms and/or legs to ensure that you are visible to motorists. Most importantly, remember to drink up. The human body is

less effective at regulating body temperature in cold weather, so it is very important to stay hydrated while exercising in winter. Water is the fluid of choice.

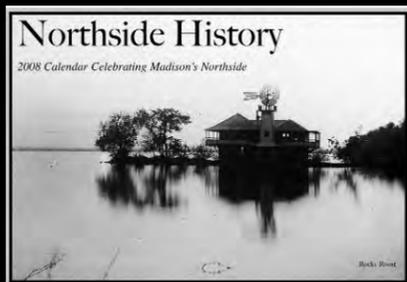
Exercising just one half hour on most days of the week can help you lose weight, reduce stress, prevent some illnesses and promote an overall sense of health and well-being. So this winter, don't hibernate, activate!

*Remember to eat as well as you can as often as you can.*

*Margaret Gilbert, Dietetic Intern, contributed to this column.*



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# SENIOR Activities

From  
**CHERYL  
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**NESCO Executive Director**



**Who Do You Call?**

Have you ever been in the middle of a busy day and had something cause you to step back and pause? Pleasant interruptions can come in the form of a passing comment, an unsolicited phone call or even a slip of paper tucked inside your fortune cookie. All three examples testify to the impact the North/Eastside Senior Coalition has on the lives of senior adults.

"Since being with the Coalition, I know who to call now!" was a comment made by a senior adult during a home visit with our Lead Case Manager, Amy Elske. This statement touched Amy so much she wrote it down to share with the entire NESCO staff. Amy is working with this senior to assess his needs and then match him with available community resources. Their goal is to enable him to remain living in his home longer. Amy has built a special relationship with this senior, periodically checking with him to ensure these resources are still effectively working and addressing his needs.

Another Case Manager, Erica Eul, recently received a phone call from a

family member to set up services for her aunt living in the Madison's Northside. After completing a home assessment, Erica quickly completed an application for food share benefits, enabling the senior to maintain her daily nutrition needs while also affording rent money. "Erica is right on top of stuff!" stated the senior.

With the increasing number of seniors and their complex needs, our case managers work hard to respond quickly yet effectively to requests for services. These referrals come from hospitals, neighbors, relatives, agencies, businesses, churches and by seniors themselves.

We also provide case management services to Spanish-speaking seniors. Case Managers Aaron Dickson and Susi Sirianni are bilingual and make a large impact to seniors living throughout Dane County. "Muchas gracias!" is a comment heard from their clients.

During a particularly hectic period of time planning for our annual fundraiser, I found this statement in a fortune cookie, "You can undertake and complete anything." This is true in life: in the midst of a stressful period, one should take a few minutes to take a deep breath. And that's what NESCO staff and volunteers do everyday. We take lots of breaths and work extra hard to enhance the lives of senior adults. Contact us (243-5252 or [www.nescoinc.org](http://www.nescoinc.org)) and see what we can do for you today!

Located in the Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC), the North/Eastside Senior Coalition (NESCO) is a non-profit agency whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for all senior adults by providing programs, advocacy, and resources that assist them to remain independent, active, and influential in the community.

**Special Events**

**16th Annual Come Together Party** Dec. 13, 5-7:30 pm, Madison Senior Center (330 W. Mifflin St.) This traditional end of the year gathering invites African American, Asian and Latino senior adults for an evening of delicious ethnic food and a variety of entertainment. Please bring a gift to exchange (under \$5) if you care to. For more information, contact Pam Bracey ([pbracey@nescoinc.org](mailto:pbracey@nescoinc.org)), Yolanda Salazar ([ysalazar@nescoinc.org](mailto:ysalazar@nescoinc.org)) or call 243-5252. We can't wait to see you there!

**Ho Ho Ho Holiday Party!** Warner Park Senior Dining Site and Bashford United Methodist Church Senior Dining Site Wed., Dec. 19, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. We're putting on a holiday party with great food, good company and fantastic entertainment! What more could you want? Tom Waselchuck will sing his favorites at Warner Park. Randy Kiel (Elvis in disguise) will entertain you with his assortment of songs at Bashford.

**Travelogue Movie: Switzerland and the Alps** Wed., Dec. 5, 10 am-11:30 am at Bashford

**"Preparedness"** with guest speaker Nick Cluppert from the American Red Cross. Tues., Jan. 8 at Warner Park and Wed., Jan. 16 at Bashford United Methodist Church 10:45 am-11:30 am

**Regular Programming**

**Tasty, Nutritious Lunches** Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 am NESCO offers nutritious mid-day meals at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center, (1625 Northport Dr.) and at Bashford Methodist Church, (329 North St.). Reservations for the meal are required by 11:30 am the day prior to the day you will be eating lunch. Transportation is available daily for 50 cents and free on Tuesdays and Fridays. Guests 60 years of age or older are invited to enjoy their meal on an anonymous donation basis.

Anyone under 60 is asked to pay the full cost of the meal (\$5.74).

**Cash Bingo** at Warner Park Tues., Dec. 4 and Fri., Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25.

**Prize Bingo** at Bashford Tues., Dec. 11 and Wed., Jan. 9. All at 10:30 am.

**Nutrition Education** 11 am Bashford: 2nd Thursdays. Warner Park: 4th Wednesdays.

**Senior Exercise** 10:30 am, Wednesdays at Warner Park and 10:15 am, Thursdays at Bashford.

**Book Discussion Group** Noon, Jan. 17, Warner Park.

**Low Vision Support Group** Warner Park, third Thursdays.

**Euchre, Bridge, Dominos and Scrabble** Throughout the month at Warner Park and at Bashford.

**Foot Care Clinics** NESCO and Home Health United co-sponsor six foot clinics each month for individuals who can not do their own foot care and do NOT have diabetes. Cost: \$10 Call 243-5252 for an appointment.

**Home Chore Program** Volunteers needed to shovel snow for seniors this winter. This is a flexible and rewarding volunteer opportunity that can fit into your busy schedule. Call Breena at 243-5252 for more information.

For more information on NESCO programs, please contact Programs Director Betty Lefebvre-Hill at 243-5252 or [blefebvre-hill@nescoinc.org](mailto:blefebvre-hill@nescoinc.org).

<i>North/Eastside</i> <b>SENIOR</b> <i>Coalition</i>	"Thanks!" to the following businesses for their outstanding support of the <b>7th Annual AppleFest</b> (5-7 October 2007). Over \$11,851 was raised, supporting programs & services for senior adults!	
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**WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER NEWS**

*From*  
**BRAD WEISINGER**  
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**WPCRC Facility Manager**

**Holiday Greetings Northsiders**

**Holiday gift certificates**  
Looking for a great gift idea? WPCRC has Holiday Gift Certificates for annual memberships, 20-visit punch passes. This gift is heart felt and is a great stocking stuffer.

**Taking a breather**

The staff at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center thank you for your patronage in 2007. Your visits and referrals have made 2007 a banner year for general attendance, classes and rentals. Thank you for your care and respect of your building, which can be seen every day in the way you respectfully use the Center for your exercise, entertainment, and social and business meetings. The diversity of people and activities serviced by WPCRC remains a successful outcome of having a center like this on the north side of Madison.

Expected growth and attendance for 2008 will exceed all years past; thus continued patience and understanding with the staff will be greatly appreciated as we adjust to managing requests and serving the continuing higher volumes of people coming through our doors each day. Please continue to

share your compliments, concerns and suggestions on the customer service cards. This helps us assist you in knowing how to best respond to your needs.

We also give thanks to the Mayor, Northside Alders Satya Rhodes Conway (District 12) and Michael Schumacher (District 18), the Center's Advisory Committee, the Park Commission and the Park Superintendent for their support of your ever-growing community recreation center.

**Free food for fitness**

The 2007 campaign generated over 600 pounds of food and toiletries for the Lakeview Food Pantry. Thanks for your participation.

**Important upcoming dates**

December 24 & 25 closed  
December 31 open until 4 pm  
January 1 closed

**WPCRC Advisory Committee 2007 meeting schedule**

Jan. 24, Mar. 27, May 22,  
July 24, Sept. 25, Nov. 20

**A HolidayFest Thank You**

Thank you crafters and shoppers of HolidayFest 2007. We appreciate your patronage. We'll see you at SpringFest 2008 on Apr. 5. Looking for an application? Log on to [www.wpcrc.com](http://www.wpcrc.com) - look within calendar of events. Register early - spaces fill quickly.

From the WPCRC Advisory Committee and Center staff, "Happy Holidays". Wishing you good health and prosperity in the New Year. See you at the Center.

**Friends raise over \$85,000**

*New members welcome to join*

**By Dorothy Borchardt**

*Circle of Friends*

With your help the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Circle of Friends has raised over \$85,000 in just three years, with \$77,000 earmarked for the Warner Pool. The Friends was started in 2004 to insure the WPCRC continues to grow and serve the community. The Madison Park Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is our fiscal agent allowing all donations to be tax deductible.

Our first goal is raising public awareness and funds for an indoor pool at the Warner Center. We would like to do it without any city taxpayer's dollars. Hopefully, the Friends will catch the attention of some generous donors that want to leave a legacy to

the community. Our board members are all volunteers. We have no paid staff.

**Circle of Friends' events for 2008**

- Election Day Cookie Sale featuring Cookies hot out of the WPCRC oven.
- Celebrity Golf Outing on Wed., June 6
- Pounding the Pavement on Sat., Aug. 23.

Membership in the COF is open to all residents that want to support the Center's continuing growth and success. Board members are selected from COF members that have volunteered to help and have the time to participate on a working board. For more information please contact, Dorothy Borchardt at [dborchardt1@charter.net](mailto:dborchardt1@charter.net) or Steve Nelson at [onelly@charter.net](mailto:onelly@charter.net).

**Please sign me up as member of the WPCRC Circle of Friends**

Here is my membership:

- \$30 Annual Circle of Friends Membership
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Check here if you do NOT want to be acknowledged on the WPCRC Circle of Friends website or in the Northside News.

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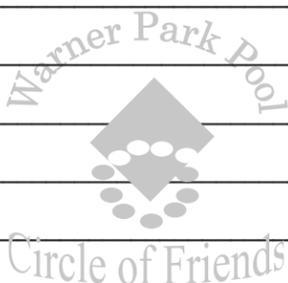
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CELEBRATIONS

# Interfaith Thanksgiving builds understanding

By Dana Slowiak  
The Northside News

Over 150 people celebrated an Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration, joining together to learn from each other on Nov. 18. The event was presented by the Greater Madison Interreligious Association at Lakeview Lutheran Church.

All religions have traditions of giving thanks that are often tied to the wellbeing of one's own group, said keynote speaker Charles Cohen. People can aim to understand what is similar and what is different and think about what those difference mean. "Thanksgiving celebrations with each and for each other" bring understanding, Cohen

said, a Professor of History and Religious Studies and Director of the Lubar Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions at UW-Madison.

Many spiritual traditions were then shared. Participants included Rev. Selena Fox of Circle Sanctuary who shared the long multicultural and interreligious history of the cornucopia, which represents abundance in many traditions. Youth dancers from the Wisconsin Tibetan Association put on traditional Tibetan dances, and Joe Elder led a Gratitude In Silence on behalf of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Sharing ended with a Dance of Universal Peace, with the audience joining, followed by food and fellowship.



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What is, is simply "The Good In You"

"The Good In You" arrives before your birth  
Your endless source of empathy on this earth  
"The Good In You" transcends trouble and pain  
Open hearts and closed minds to healing change  
"The Good In You" is a selfless place  
No fault, no blame, no need to save face  
A welcome seemingly sent from above  
An eye to eye contact with unconditional love  
If all these things I'm telling you are true  
The best of life is manifest through "The Good In You"

Photos by Dana Slowiak



**Left:** A full audience shared and learned from many spiritual traditions. **Middle:** Tibetan youth dancers shared traditional dance, song and music. **Right:** The audience joined in the Universal Dance of led by the Sufi Order of Madison.

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration



## 'Tis the season of holidays

Our neighborhoods celebrate many holidays at this time of year.

### Dec. 16 ~ Posada

In Mexico, this is the beginning of the Christmas season. Posadas are an enactment of looking for lodging for St. Joseph and Virgin Mary. Groups go to a different home on each of nine nights, seeking a place for the Christ Child to be born. After a service of prayer in each home, there will be a party with a piñata.

### Dec. 20 ~ Eid-ul-Adha

Eid is a religious festival celebrated by Muslims worldwide as a commemoration of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Ismael for Allah. The celebration lasts for three days.

### Dec. 25 ~ Christmas

Christians celebrate the day that Christ Jesus, the son of God, was born on Earth. Families and friends gather and feast, homes are decorated and gifts are exchanged in memory of the gifts that were brought to Jesus.

### Dec. 26-Jan.1 ~ Kwanzaa

Celebration by African-American families of many virtues. Six days of food and candle lighting.

~ compiled by Marlene Hardick

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The Bruns family is proud to carry on the tradition of commitment and service to area residents. This includes professional services and The Trafalgar Apartments as well as the convenient retail establishments customers have come to depend upon. Where once vegetables were grown and dairy goods produced, today's consumer can select year around from fresh fruit, vegetables and a gourmet variety of cheeses at Pierce's Northside Market or enjoy seasonal produce (as well as local arts and crafts) from the indoor Farmer's Market every other Sunday.

Tim, at Sherman Plaza Hairstyling, remembers coming to his dad's new barbershop here when he was six (that was in 1966; after Doug Roberts died, Ross Zanto took over for 13 years; now the business is Tim's though Ross still cuts hair). A haircut only cost \$2 back then, but today the same friendliness

remains. A few years earlier (1959) the Lakeview Branch Library opened in the shopping center. And in 1977, Bob Meikle took over the new True Value Hardware and Garden Center then owned by C & P Stores (True Value is the second oldest tenant after Sherman Plaza Hairstyling).

"Our customers have become our friends," Bob says. Eventually his son, Tom, became owner (five years ago).

Dave Bruns puts it this way, "In these changing time it's great to see good things pass from one generation to the next, though they evolve and sometimes take different forms. Change makes us better. But the bottom line is, the Bruns family is here to stay."

- Many thanks to Jim Powell for his excellent work on the Northside Planning Council and as Editor of the *Northside News*.
- Hats off to the Madison East High School Girls Swim Team for finishing first in the State.
- And thank you to all who participated in this year's Hoses and Handcuffs Scramble making it another tremendous success (by the way the 1899 Maple Bluff Country Club was the first golf course in Madison).

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