

## December General Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6**

New Berlin Banquet Center • 16000 W. Cleveland Ave.

(Meeting rooms on east side of building)

6 pm: Check-in at Welcome Area begins

6:30 pm: Socializing and event sign-ups

7 pm: General Meeting

7:45 pm: Dancing to the music of Danny Moore and the Boogie Woogie Flu

*Guests welcome – \$10 admission*

### Sign up in advance

- ◆ Please register for the meeting online, call (414) 732-9749 or email [Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com](mailto:Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com)

### Reminders

- ◆ Wear your Vagabond name tag
- ◆ Park on either side of the building
- ◆ Update your name tag at the meeting if you renewed your membership online.

### Dinner plans?

- ◆ For a meal beforehand, you might try the New Berlin Ale House (in the same building as our meeting but on the west side).
- ◆ No food or beverages may be carried into the meeting rooms.

### THIS MONTH'S MUSIC

*Danny Moore  
&  
the Boogie Woogie Flu*



Danny Moore, born in Janesville, knew at an early age that he was meant to play piano. After years of studying classical, pop and jazz styles, he discovered the wonderful world of rockabilly and blues piano. Performing in the styles of Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Charles, Dr. John and Fats Domino, Danny has made a name for himself as the Milwaukee area's only boogie woogie rock-and-roll pianist.

Come see for yourself Dec. 6. Your shoes will hit the floor and keep moving until 10, when you go out the door!

Next month: Do Wa Wa

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From the President  
**Mary Beth Braun**

This December brings us opportunities to have fun with other Vagabonds. We have a Fish Fry at Alioto's, Sunday hikes, Friday Bowling on the 8th and Over the Hump night. See details inside this *Life*.

And, of course, we are looking forward to Christmas fun and festivities. Haven't we all heard the phrase: It is better to give than to receive?

*“Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.”*

(RUTH CARTER STAPLETON)

It is so true that we humans feel so good when we offer our time and friendship to someone less fortunate. Today, instead of asking our Vagabonds to volunteer for the Club, I'm asking you to somehow give to someone who could use your help and friendship; someone who is homebound or ill and needs just a one-hour visit to lift their spirits this holiday season. You may have someone you could bring a smile to with homemade cookies or fudge. You may have a neighbor who needs help putting up a tree or decorations. Or maybe you could donate your time to an organization devoted to helping those in need, such as food distribution. Maybe you have a Vagabond friend who is dealing with illness or sadness who you could visit – caring friends like you brighten the holidays for others. We are fortunate to have so much, and we have generous Vagabonds who can do so much for others.

Yes, I'm thinking of all of you and wishing you nothing but the best that this season has to offer. This season is for joy – enjoy it!

May all the celebrations of Christmas, including family, food and fellowship, leave us with hearts full of joy, hopes and happiness – leading to a wonderful year ahead.

*Merry Christmas Vagabonds!*



Membership  
**Jan Breitbach**

**Welcome New or Returning Members**

See the online directory at [VagabondSkiClub.com](http://VagabondSkiClub.com) for an up-to-date list of current members.

**Linda Barisas • Michele Boettcher • Sharon Schramek**

We are looking for friendly and smiling faces to assist at the Welcome Desk on meeting nights. Email [Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com](mailto:Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com) or call (414) 732-9749.

## Recognition Dinner

On Oct. 28, we hosted a Recognition Dinner to say “Thank you” to members who have volunteered many hours to support the club and make events happen. We extended our

thanks to people in all aspects of the club: membership, social, racquet sports, skiing and sporting activities.

As a club, we honored some members with awards because they have

consistently worked for the club for the past three or more years as event planners, league coordinators and overall leaders.

### Recipients of the Outstanding Service Awards 2023



**Cheryl Jaeger** and **Diana Schneider** have coordinated the Monday Night Tennis League since 2017, which takes weeks of planning to acquire courts, match players and schedule games.



**Pat Hummer** has run the summer Pickleball league for several years.



**Dan Heidemann** coordinated the eight-month Sunday hikes for the past three years. He also was co-event leader for the out-of-town bike trips and a frequent Sunday bike ride leader.



**Jim Stephens** has coordinated the Sunday bike rides for the past three years. He is a frequent leader of the rides as well a leader for hikes, and is an event leader for sporting events.



**John Podsedly** has been an active leader in the club since 2017, serving as a director on the board, co-captain of the ski racing team and event co-leader on three Western ski trips. He also has been editor of the *Life* newsletter for three years.

### Outstanding Achievement Awards 2023



**Cindy Hummer** was Social Activities director for six years. She planned, scheduled and led dozens of events to theaters, concerts, plays, sporting events and supper clubs. While on the board of directors, she helped us establish a system through Wild Apricot to accept credit-card payments from members and improve communications.



**Joyce Szulc**, a past president of the club, was secretary and then director of Skiing Activities on the board for many years. With her leadership, the club endured the Covid years. She coordinated many ski trips and led bike rides, hikes and many other events. She helped implement Wild Apricot, and she promotes the club on social media through Facebook and Meetup.



Recognition dinner



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### Lifetime Achievement Award 2023



Ron Sonntag has been our Master marketing director. No one promoted our club quite like he did as president for nine years. The list of his accomplishments and participation goes on and on. ...

Ron led the monthly general meetings, always proclaiming: **Our Vagabond Club is the greatest Club in the world!** He led events to theater, to sporting events, to the symphony, Lake Geneva boat rides, Zany Bowling, Golf Scramble, trips to New York City, foreign countries, and of course, he was the leader of Sunday hikes for years. The list goes on and on. . .

The Vagabond Ski and Social Club thanks Ron for his many years of service and FUN!



Recognition dinner



### Safety Tips for Skiers

Being as safe as possible on the slopes is key to having a good time. Here are some sensible tips for all skiers.

**Ski patrol number:** Add the local ski patrol number to the contacts on your smartphone. Hopefully, you won't need to use it, but if an emergency does occur, you will be glad it is there.

**Wear a helmet:** The most important safety tip is to wear a certified helmet. Both the National Ski Patrol and the Professional Ski Instructors of America recommend wearing a helmet.

**Use proper ski equipment:** Don't borrow equipment. Rent from a ski shop. Make sure your ski boots are fitted properly and that your bindings are properly adjusted. Wear ski goggles that fit correctly around your helmet.

**Take a break:** If you are tired, rest for a while and make sure you eat and drink enough. Skiing burns a lot of energy.

**Ski with a friend:** It is always safer to ski with someone.

**Respect your limits:** Do not ski trails that are above your skill level. Stay in control and focus on the trail you are skiing. Distractions can lead to accidents.

**Follow the rules:** Obey posted trail closures and other warning signs. Remember that skiers in front of you and below you have the right of way.

**Prepare for the weather:** Wear layers of clothes and wear a helmet liner, a hat or a headband under your helmet. Wear mittens or gloves. Bring an extra pair in case the first pair gets wet.

**Get proper instruction:** Even experienced skiers can polish their skills with a lesson now and then, especially at the beginning of the season.



## Ski racing



Your Vagabond Ski Team begins the race season Saturday, Jan. 6, at Sunburst. Spectators are encouraged to come out and watch the team in action, along with a trophy presentation after the race. Several people have joined our club after experiencing a race day.

Metropolitan Milwaukee Ski Council Senior Racing has 14 races scheduled over seven dates this winter. About 40 skiers compete at each race. Awards are presented in each class. The Vagabonds will again compete against three other teams. Last season, the Vagabonds men's and women's teams each finished No. 1 overall.

All MMSCSR clubs practice from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at Sunburst.

All Vagabond skiers intermediate or better are invited to try running race gates with us. Fill out and bring a waiver from the website ([mmscsr.com](http://mmscsr.com)), show up and identify yourself. Skiing down a course at practice, whether starting from the top or halfway down, is a way to make local skiing exciting and fun.

For more information, email [JohnPodsedly@gmail.com](mailto:JohnPodsedly@gmail.com), call (414) 369-4199 or visit [MMSCSR.com](http://MMSCSR.com)

### MMSC Senior Race Schedule

- Jan. 6 – Sunburst
- Jan. 7 – Sunburst (CMSC race)
- Jan. 14 – Sunburst
- Jan. 21 – Little Switzerland
- Jan. 27 – Holy Hill
- Feb. 3 – Holy Hill
- Feb. 10 – Sunburst
- Feb. 18 – Sunburst

## 2024 Ski Trips

Both of the club's Western ski trips are full, but both have waitlists.

### Lift Ticket Options

If you signed up for either of the club's two ski trips and are not purchasing an Ikon Pass, you can buy group lift tickets through the club.

For **Winter Park**, lift tickets are **\$89** per day. Deadline to purchase is **Dec. 1**. Go to [VagabondSkiClub.com](http://VagabondSkiClub.com) and look for Winter Park Lift Tickets.

For **Aspen/Snowmass**, there are a variety of options. Purchase by **Dec. 15**. Look for Aspen/Snowmass Lift Tickets on the club website.

Questions? Contact **Joyce** at  
262-902-3248 or [jszulc@wi.rr.com](mailto:jszulc@wi.rr.com).



**WINTER PARK** (Waitlist only)

Zephyr Mountain Lodge Condos

**Jan. 6-12 (Saturday – Friday –updated return flight WN2022: DEN-MKE, 2:30 - 5:45 p.m.) • \$1,765**



**SNOWMASS** (Waitlist only)

Top of the Village Condos

**Feb. 10-17 (Saturday – Saturday) • \$2,170**





Sporting Activities  
Mary Beth Braun

### Sunday Hikes

Meet at 1:30 p.m., hike from 1:45 to 3:45

*Walk for the Fun – or Just for the Health – of It!*

We welcome volunteers to lead hikes in future months. Please contact **Dan Heidemann** at [danlmark@gmail.com](mailto:danlmark@gmail.com) or (414) 416-1678 if you know you can be a leader.

**Hikes without leaders will be canceled.**

**Dec. 3 – Minooka Park:** Meet at 1:30 in the parking lot on Sunset Drive in Waukesha, just west of Hwy. Y (Racine Ave.) and just east of Hwys. 164 and 59 or park on the street. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45, then to The Neighbor's Bar and Grill on S16 W22255 Arcadian Ave in Waukesha to eat and drink. County sticker or park entrance fee is required to park vehicle within park. Hike Leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

**Dec. 10 – Greendale Village and Scout Lake:** Meet in front of Greendale Public Library, 5647 Broad St. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45. After the hike, food at downtown Greendale restaurant. Hike Leaders: **Jay** and **Terese Zinn** (414) 708-1663..

**Dec. 17 – Glacier Hills Park near Holy Hill:** Head north on 41/45 to Hwy. 167 West (Holy Hill Rd.) west to road for Fox & Hounds, south to park entrance. Be prepared for wet or snowy and icy conditions with proper footwear (e.g., Yak Trax) and/or hiking poles. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45, then to Sawmill Inn & Pub in Richfield, 1729 Wolf Road, for early dinner at 4. Please note that a \$5 park entrance fee may be required. Pay online or use mail-in envelopes provided at entrance. Hike leader: **Gary Kovach**, (414) 712-3897.

**Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve;** no hike scheduled.

**Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve;** no hike scheduled.

### Weekly Walks

Our Thursday walks will not be scheduled during November and December. We do encourage everyone to get out and exercise with a walk on your own or with friends, even if nothing is formally scheduled.



Hidden Lake Trail.



Racquet Sports  
Linda Horn



### Indoor Tennis & Pickleball Party

Saturday, Jan. 20

Elite Brookfield Tennis Club

13825 W. Burleigh Road

### More fun TENNIS and PICKLEBALL

#### Time:

4:00 p.m. – Check in

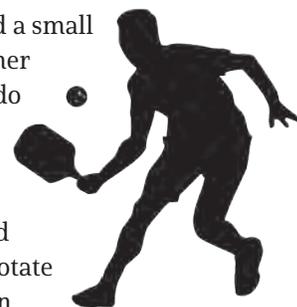
4:30 p.m. – Tennis/Pickleball

6:00 p.m. – Potluck and Social Time

Please bring your own water. Alcoholic beverages must be purchased at the tennis club. You may bring your own soda or buy it there.

#### Please bring a dish to pass.

The Elite Club has a refrigerator and a small microwave, but no stove/oven or other means to heat dishes or pans. They do not have serving dishes or serving utensils. Paper plates, napkins and plasticware are provided. Tennis and Pickleball matches are arranged according to playing level. We will rotate partners and courts to add to the fun.



Social participants are also welcome!

#### Fees:

- **Tennis: \$27.** Includes 90 minutes of tennis, tennis balls, and social time.
- **Pickleball: \$18.** Includes 90 minutes of pickleball, pickleballs, and social time.
- **Social only: \$10**

Pay online (preferred), at a general meeting, or by check payable to VSSC and mailed to Diane Schmitt, 6031 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy, Glendale, WI 53209

Event Coordinators: **Diane Schmitt**, (414) 690-4689, and **Connie Sandell**, (414) 712-3817.



Minooka Park



## Social Activities Denise Kremel



### Scrabble

1-4 pm Tuesday, Dec.5 and 19  
New Berlin Ale House

We play Scrabble every other Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. at the New Berlin Ale House. **Fee is \$1 per person** for the server tip along with a purchase of one beverage, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Next games are Dec. 5 and 19. Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are welcome.  
Contact **Lynn Kozlowski**, (414) 539-8114.

### Game Night!

6-9 pm Tuesdays,  
Dec. 12 and 26  
New Berlin Ale House



The next Game Nights at New Berlin Ale House will be **Dec. 12 and 26**. This is not just for Sheepshead and Dominoes. Whatever game you come for, the rules are the same. Bring your game and invite a few friends to come along. Non-members are encouraged to attend, and all levels of play are welcome!

Everyone is responsible for ordering at least one item from the menu: a drink or something to eat, and include a tip. (The separate \$1 admission fee is not considered a tip.) Call **Jae Hartnell**, (608) 712-7440.

### Fish Fry

Friday, Dec. 8  
Alioto's Restaurant  
3041 N. Mayfair Road  
Meet at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30



Our next Fish Fry menu includes Baked Cod or Fried Cod. The price is **\$21 with tax and tip**. You will need to get your drinks at the bar. **Cash only**, no credit cards.

Sign up online in Wild Apricot. Call **Nancy Drolshagen** at (414) 491-3147 for more details.

### Looking ahead

We are looking for someone to coordinate the late summer/early fall get-away for the Vagabonds in 2024. In the past few years, the location has been Door County (which is beautiful and wonderful), but there's an opportunity to enjoy another location if we receive ideas. If you are interested in discussing, please contact **Mary Beth** at (262) 443-7291.

### Cheer on your Packers

New Berlin Ale House  
16000 W. Cleveland Ave.



Join fellow Vagabonds at the New Berlin Ale House on Sundays when the Packers play. Packer pool, food and fun! **Tom Martini** reserves tables for the club. Contact him at (414) 217-4771 or [martini49@aol.com](mailto:martini49@aol.com). Details are also in the Week at a Glance email message every Friday.

### Over the Hump

4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20  
Alioto's Restaurant  
3041 N. Mayfair Road

Come and spread holiday cheer with your fellow Vagabonds. Questions? Contact **Nancy Drolshagen** at (414) 491-3147.



### Festival City Symphony

The Vagabond Ski and Social Club is pleased to continue a long tradition of promoting the Festival City Symphony to our members. The next Classics concert is **Jan. 27**.

Order tickets online at [FestivalCitySymphony.org](http://FestivalCitySymphony.org), or on the day of the concert at the Bradley Symphony Center box office, 212 W. Wisconsin Ave. The requested donation is **\$8** for seniors.

**Please note:** This event is not sponsored by the Vagabonds.

#### 2 p.m. Saturday Classics concert schedule

**Jan. 27:** Romantic Music: A Classical Affair to Remember

**March 9:** Suite Dreams of France: Music of the French Countryside

**April 27:** Classical Echoes of American Life: Music of Sierra, Bernstein, Price and Copeland

For details, go to [FestivalCitySymphony.org](http://FestivalCitySymphony.org).



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**Deliver by November 27**

**Facebook Help Wanted**

Help us find new members through Facebook: Click Like on the Vagabond Ski and Social Club page. To post pictures from club events, send them to [jszulc@wi.rr.com](mailto:jszulc@wi.rr.com).

**Stay Informed**

For up-to-date information on club events and activities, including news and photos, visit [VagabondSkiClub.com](http://VagabondSkiClub.com).

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 3 General meeting, Do Wa Wa	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Jan. 6 Winter Park							
Jan. 6 Sunburst							
Jan. 7 Sunburst	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jan. 14 Sunburst							
Jan. 20 Tennis/PickleBall	Hike		Scrabble	General mtg		Bowling Fish Fry	
Jan. 21 Little Switzerland							
Jan.26 Zermatt	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Jan. 27 Symphony							
Feb. 10 Snowmass	Hike		Game night				
Feb. 10 Sunburst							
Feb. 11 Punta Cana							
Feb. 18 Sunburst	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
March 1 Val di Fassa	Hike		Scrabble	Over the Hump			
March 9 Symphony							
April 27 Symphony							
<i>Happy Holidays!</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31		Game night				

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