

April 2026

MATURE SINGLES PLUS

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NEWS & UPDATES

There are no April Birthdays

All around us prices seem to be endlessly rising...groceries, utilities, transportation, rent, home maintenance, medical expenses, clothing, and on and on! Restaurants, too, especially locally owned venues, struggle to remain open as they deal with rising costs of food, supplies, utilities, insurance, leases, and staff salaries. A very small number of us can afford to dine at every event offered by **Mature Singles Plus** each month. But, one of the great things about our club is that the monthly *Jingle* gives us advanced notice about upcoming venues. Members can choose the dining choices that best fit the needs of their wallets and their palates! Available websites are listed so members can explore menus and costs.

At our recent monthly meeting the Board of Directors of **Mature Singles Plus** discussed these concerns. Here are a few considerations that may help all of us as we dine out together.

- Check out the restaurant websites ahead of time to make your best choices of meals and their costs.
- Look for “daily specials” which may be posted on the websites or on boards near restaurant entrances. Ask your server about any “specials”.
- Consider your beverage choices. Water is a free and healthy choice!
- Be aware of any “up-charges” when selecting side dishes. Some “premium” choices can cost quite a bit more. If your server doesn’t explain these be sure to ask!
- Always bring cash and whenever possible pay with cash to avoid extra credit card fees.
- When considering the cost of your meal be sure to include the tax and gratuity. Minimum suggested tip costs have also risen as servers work to support themselves and their families. Currently, the standard 20% tip is what our club recommends.

Perhaps you prefer venues that offer lower prices and or other food options. Consider hosting a dining out event for **Mature Singles Plus**! You get to choose the venue and the day and time that you prefer! It isn’t difficult and your friends in the club will enjoy trying new restaurants! Just call Barb Johnson at 414-543-6245 and she will be happy to add your event to our monthly calendar.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Passover begins at sundown	2	3 Drink & Dine Bonefish Grill 5-7 (Jackie J)	4
5 Easter	6	7 LUNCHEON Al Pastor 11:30 (Kristie)	8	9	10 Drink & Dine Bullwinkle's 5-7 (Beth)	11
12	13 Board Meeting Double D's 11:30 (Neil)	14 Pizza Night Lou Manati's Pizza 5-7 (Ken)	15	16	17 Drink & Dine Cleveland Pub 5-7 (Tammy)	18
19	20 Luncheon Meyers 11:00 (Mary Thomas)	21	22	23	24 Drink & Dine Machine Shed 5-7 (Neil)	25
26	27	28	29 Drink & Dine St. Francis Brewery 5-7 (Susan)	30		

Membership

We would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to all of you who have renewed your membership in Mature Singles Plus for 2026! Although our numbers have declined slightly this year, we are happy that you have chosen to remain a part of our club. Whenever possible please promote our club to friends or neighbors who may be interested. While technology and printed materials are helpful to advertise, "word of mouth", shared by YOU is still the best way to promote our social club! And we will offer a \$10 gift card as a thank you to YOU when you successfully recruit a new member to Mature Singles Plus!

April 2026, Activities Detail

Date	Day	Activity	Host	Details
3	Fri	Drink & Dine 5-7	Jackie Jacobs, 414-687-6592 RSVP by Thursday Noon	Bonefish Grill , 18355 W. Bluemound Rd., Brookfield https://www.bonefishgrill.com/locations/wi/brookfield
7	Tue	Luncheon 11:30	Kristie Ashley, 414-587-1548 call before noon on Monday	Al Pastor , 6533 W. Mitchell St., West Allis website not working / Restaurant is opening special just for us!
10	Fri	Drink & Dine 5-7	Beth Voelker, 414-218-2902 RSVP Thursday noon	Bullwinkle's , 18900 W. Bluemound Rd, Suite 100, Brookfield www.bullwinklesbrookfield.com
13	Mon	Board Meeting 11:30	Neil Wojtal, 262-309-2594 RSVP by Sunday, Noon	Double D's Sports Pub & Eatery , 5171 S. 108 th St., Hales Corners doubledspubandeatery.com
14	Tue	Pizza Night 5-7	Ken Heckel 414-258-1840 RSVP by Monday noon	Lou Malnati's Pizza , 15795 W Bluemound Road, Brookfield, https://www.loumalnatis.com/brookfield
17	Fri	Drink & Dine 5-7	Tammy Wroblewski, 414-581-2987 RSVP by Thursday noon	Cleveland Pub & Grill , 14000 W. Cleveland Ave., New Berlin clevelandpubandgrill.com
20	Mon	LUNCHEON 11:00	Mary Thomas, 414-704-7230 RSVP by Sunday Noon	Meyers Restaurant and Bar , Located in: Spring Mall 4260 S 76th St., Greenfield, https://www.meyers.restaurant/
24	Fri	Drink and Dine 5-7	Neil Wojtal, 262-309-2594 RSVP by Thursday, Noon	Wisconsin Machine Shed , N14W24145 Tower Place, Pewaukee (I-94 & Wis 164, Exit 294) https://machineshed.com/pewaukee/
29	Fri	Drink and Dine 5-7	Susan Szymczak 414-525-1375 or email her at members4msp@gmail.com	St. Francis Brewery , 3825 S. Kinnickinnic Ave, St. Francis (Howard Ave & Kinnickinnic, just east of Hwy 794) https://stfrancis-brewery.com

Courtesy Reminder

We realize it is sometimes necessary to change your plans, but **you are expected notify the host if you are unable to attend an event that you have already called to RSVP. and always bring cash to pay for your meal in case separate checks are not offered.**

Get a Gift Card

In our ongoing effort to expand membership in 2026, we will maintain our policy of providing a gift card as an incentive to members who successfully refer new individuals to join our club.

Picnic and Annual Meeting - BIG ANNOUNCEMENT



We are excited to tell you about our picnic and Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 11:30 AM. It will be at Pro Health Care Park located at 2950 S. Sunny Slope Rd., in New Berlin, same as last year. It is located about 2 blocks north of National Ave. and Sunny Slope.

We changed our caterer to Charlie's Catering of South Milwaukee. Now, our admission fee will drop from \$15 to only **\$10.00** and \$15.00 for a guest. You pay at the picnic. More details in the next Jingle.

**Mature Singles Plus
Board of Directors
Minutes**

February 9, 2026

11:32 AM at Double D's Restaurant

Roll: Neil, Barb, Jim, Tammy, Susan, Beth

Minutes: The January minutes were approved by Tammy and Beth.

Treasurer Report: Account Balances: \$6,583.24; Income: \$432.50; Expenses:\$433.46.

Calendar: We have 10 activities scheduled for March. "Cats" on March 11th will be offered. Coach bus to Skokie, IL. Also, a Polish restaurant on March 18th.

Membership: As of February 9, 2026 our members total 63. To date we have 34 renewals, which is ahead of last year. 29 no response. There will be a reminder in the Jingle. Neil and Susan will make sure the membership form is available on the website. The renewal form will continue in the March Jingle.

Picnic: The picnic will be on June 13th at ProHealth Care Park on Sunny Slope Rd. Same as last year. Matty's Restaurant and Pub Catering was very expensive. We secured Charlie's Catering in South Milwaukee at estimated \$500.00 compared to \$1,400 to Matty's. We also are reducing the cost to members from \$15 to \$10.00 and \$15 for guests.

Adjournment at 12:37 PM

Jim Wroblewski, Secretary



The History Of Easter Basket, Explained

Learn all about the history of Easter baskets, and share it with your kids as they unwrap their springtime goodies!

Tricia Drevets

The Easter basket — typically filled with jelly beans, marshmallow chicks, chocolate bunnies, and small toys — is part of many Americans' childhoods. But how did this tradition become part of a day on which Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection?

The answer dates to Anglo-Saxon folklore. Historians believe that the word "Easter" derives from "Eostre," the pagan goddess of spring and fertility. Drawings of Eostre often depict her holding a woven basket on her arm. Eggs, which have been considered a sign of new life in many cultures, were eaten and even buried as part of the Eostre festival.

The hare or rabbit also is a symbol of fertility in Western culture. By the early 17th century, some German parents began telling their children stories of the *Osterhase* (Easter Hare) delivering colored eggs to the baskets of well-behaved children. As part of this tradition, children left small nests or baskets lined with grasses to look like nests left outside overnight for the *Osterhase*.

Another theory of the origin of the Easter basket comes from the early medieval Catholic church. Worshipers brought baskets of food with them to church to be blessed by the priest as part of the celebration of the end of Lent.

Many of the other secular traditions connected with Easter — such as candy eggs, the Easter egg hunt, the Easter parade, and sending Easter cards — began in earnest in the Victorian era.

Today, Easter is second only to Halloween in terms of U.S. candy sales, and it is the fourth most popular day for sending greeting cards, behind Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Mother's Day.

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Deadline

The deadline for articles and events to be listed is the 2nd Monday of each month. This is the same date as the board meeting. You may bring your articles or event listing (approved by Barb Johnson) to the board meeting. The Jingle is in production and mailed on or before the third Monday of the month.

Change of Address?

If you have moved, call or email Sue Szymczak at 414-525-1375. Her email is: members4msp@gmail.com. If you did not receive your copy of the Jingle by the last week of the month, call Jim Wroblewski at 414-581-4305 or email him at jimwrobl@gmail.com.

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