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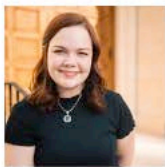
**----- eBlast! May 2024 -----**

**Greetings WIN members!** Here's a recap of one of our most successful seasons yet... First

**SAVE THE DATE**

for an in-person program at Oakhurst Clubhouse on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 10:30 AM. It will be a time to renew your friendships with other WIN Women and hear about...

***Food and Religion: What's the Connection?***



Our guest speaker Allison van Tilborgh, who works at the intersection of religion, food, and feminism will lead us through a discussion exploring *Sacred foods*, *Forbidden foods*, *Symbolic foods*, and

*Fasting* across the spectrum of world religions. Look for our notice to be mailed next week.

***Our Most Successful Winter Program***

*A female priest, minister, and rabbi walked into* the Oakhurst Clubhouse on February 10, 2024 and discussed the history of women ordained in their religions; their personal calling and experiences; the scope of their responsibilities; the expectations of their communities; and what the future holds for women in the clergy. This was the best-attended program to date!



The Rev. Nikki Seger is Assistant Rector at St Boniface Episcopal Church on Siesta Key.



Jeanette Sherrill is an Ordained Minister in the United Church of Christ.



Dr. Goldie Milgram graduated as Rabbi from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

## - WIN Common Tables -

*Bring your lunch to a member's home and participate in a friendly, animated discussion. Your host will serve refreshments and dessert. Hosts and topics alternate through the year.*

- **WIN's newest Common Table** meets on the first Monday monthly with lively discussions. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, we discussed "What are your expectations of your clergy? What is/has been the role of clergy people in your life? So many different reactions! If you would like to join us next month, contact Melanie Marcus - melamarcus777@gmail.com.

- **At our Tuesday Common Table** in March, a rather serious discussion (though still sprinkled with laughter) ensued on the topic of *Mortality*. What does *your* religion say about death and afterlife? What are *your* views? What are *your* family rituals and practices surrounding a death? If you are interested in joining this group, perhaps for a lighter discussion, contact Susan Boston.  
at: sgboston@verizon.net.

- **A third Common Table** of WIN members from diverse backgrounds meets monthly with 7th and 8th grade girls from the Community Day School of Sarasota. The girls come from various cultures, and topics discussed are wide-ranging, energizing, and enriching. WIN is fortunate to have this unique connection with the Day School and its students.

## - Other Groups -



**Our Movie Group** continues in person on the third Thursday of the month at 3 PM.

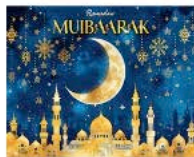
Selections are viewed at home, then women meet together in person for discussion. Are you a film buff or just want to meet interesting women? Join WIN's Movie Group by contacting Susan at: [susanskovronek@gmail.com](mailto:susanskovronek@gmail.com). If there are enough of us interested in a week-night ZOOM, then we will start an **evening Movie Group**. Just email Susan with your preferred night and time and let's make it happen!



**The Faith/Spirituality Reading Group** meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in the morning via Zoom. The last meeting was held on April 25, 2024 when *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World*

by Sharon ~~Brous~~ was discussed. If you wish to participate, contact Hope Black @ [hblack04@icloud.com](mailto:hblack04@icloud.com) for more information on the chosen book and the ZOOM link.

## **Celebrating Iftar at the Mosque**



WIN was honored to receive an invitation from the Islamic Society of Sarasota Bradenton (ISSB) to the breaking of the Ramadan fast at sunset on March 22. Our

attendees enjoyed a fabulous international meal provided by the gracious and welcoming members of the mosque. Thank you to the Islamic Society.

### **How to stay up-to-date-with WIN:**

- *Check your emails often.*
- *Send in your completed membership form and other forms attached to this email so you connect with our on-going programs.*
- *Let us know how you want to be involved in making WIN a better organization at: [winsarasota@gmail.com](mailto:winsarasota@gmail.com).*
- *WIN would especially appreciate hearing from women with communication skills, graphics ability and a willingness to help us grow.*
- *Check WIN's website, [www.womensinterfaithnetwork.org](http://www.womensinterfaithnetwork.org), as additional information becomes available.*

### **--WIN's Leadership Circle--**

*Jo Arora, Susan Boston, Marguerite Chabau, Sharron Howard, Susan Keal, Melanie Marcus, and Susan Skovronek*

### **--Our Mission Statement--**

*The Women's Interfaith Network invites women of all ages, abilities, beliefs, cultures, faiths, races, gender identities, and political parties to learn about and value our faith similarities and differences. We work to eradicate stereotypes and prejudice beginning in our own communities by listening, learning, respecting, and building connections to create a more humane and peaceful world.*

*Our members include women across many faith traditions, including Bahai, Christianity, Hinduism, Humanism, Islam, Judaism, and New Age, among others. Some of us aren't sure exactly what we believe, but we believe in something!*