



Greetings WIN members and future members. We are eager to begin a NEW YEAR of programs and explorations. An inspiring array of discussion groups, field trips, and guest speakers awaits your participation. There are so many opportunities to learn, grow, serve, and laugh together. Let's get started!

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**“ Getting to Know You,
Getting to Know All About You”***

WIN is women of many faiths, backgrounds, and talents, who gather to build connections by getting to know and accept one another. We invite you to join in as we meet to learn new and interesting things about each other. Learn why each of us is here and maybe you would like to be here too, connecting through our offerings: ✨

Skip the same old blah, blah, blah... and join us for conversations that **MATTER!** We would love to see you again—or meet you for the first time.

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This program is **FREE** and open to all interested women. Just bring your inquiring minds and your questions.

WIN will supply snacks and water.

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Please register in advance to reserve a seat.

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* "Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me..."

Gertrude Lawrence - From the King & I

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At one of our...

Common Tables form the heart and soul of WIN. These monthly bring-your-lunch discussions include five to eight women of various faiths who explore challenging topics of interest to all. The breaking-bread and bonding conversations take place on a rotating basis at the homes of members who wish to host. Each host provides beverages, dessert and a welcoming atmosphere. Here is where assumptions and stereotypes begin to fall away, while learning and understanding come into sharper focus. While the conversations are serious, laughter abounds and close friendships are formed.



First Monday of the Month

A new year of fun, meaningful conversations with cool, interesting women will kick off at noon on

Monday, October 7th at the home of co-facilitator Melanie Marcus. Anyone interested in joining— or at least checking out— our Monday Common Table please contact Melanie at: melamarcus777@gmail.com or 617-610-1372.

She will provide details on the proposed topic, directions, etc. We all enjoy launching each new month among pleasant, deep- thinking, lively lunch partners who come from a wide variety of faith traditions. Please join us!



The Fourth Wednesday at noon is hosted by our long-time member, Jo Arora. The next meeting will be on January 22, 2026. Join the inquisitive women who will, indeed,

choose provocative topics to discuss. For this month's topic, and to register, contact Jo at: tajdurbar@yahoo.com



The Third Thursday Common

Table at noon is hosted by Susan Skovronek. The next meeting is September 18, 2025. Listening as

we share traditions has enhanced our knowledge and understanding over the years. For more information, this month's topic, and to register, contact: susanskovronek@gmail.com

The Faith/Spirituality Reading Group will meet on Thursday, October 9th, from 1 PM to 2:30 PM. We



are reading Chapters 1-5 of *I Am Part of Infinity: The Spiritual Journey of Albert Einstein*, by Kieran Fox. We will continue with the remaining 5 chapters in December. Please contact Marguerite Chabau for the Zoom link for our gathering at dr.mrchabau@gmail.com or text her at: 941-504-6187. We look forward to having your presence and your voice with us.

Betty's Book Club (BBC) meets on the fourth



Monday of the month from 10:30 - noon on Zoom. Email Sue Ladwig susanladwig@gmail.com to receive the link to join.

Here are our reading plans for the remainder of 2025:

September 22 - ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE/Anthony Doerr (May 2014)

October 27 - FRAMED/John Grisham and Jim McCloskey (October 2024)

November 24 - THE FROZEN RIVER/Ariel Lawhon (December 2023)

December 22 - THE BLUESTOCKINGS/Susannah Gibson (July 2024)

Special note: some publication dates vary pending reprints and updates

--How to stay up-to-date-with WIN--

- Check WIN's website, www.womensinterfaithnetwork.org, which is updated as information becomes available.
- Check your emails to stay informed about WIN.
- Send in your completed membership form and any other forms on our website to register for our ongoing programs.
- Let us know how you want to be involved in making WIN a better organization at winsarasota@gmail.com. We need women with communication skills, graphics ability and a willingness to help us grow.

--WIN's Leadership Circle--

Susanne Allen, Susan Boston, Barbara Briggs, Marguerite Chabau, Marianne Erdelyi, 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 Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Bahai, Humanism and New Age. Some of us aren't sure exactly what we believe, but we believe in something!

The Membership Form

Please join us. Membership is \$20 annually. Our year begins October 1. You can access our membership form at the website below.

Here are the links for responses to programs:

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