



SHARING TRADITIONS

----- eBlast! December 2024 -----

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!



World Peace: Can Interfaith Dialogue Help?

Our first program in 2025 on Sunday, February 9 at 3:30 PM will feature Melissa Nozell, The U.S.

Institute of Peace Officer for Religion and Inclusive

Societies. She will bring her

remarkable global experience

working to resolve violent

conflicts around the world, to the

relative calm of Greater Sarasota.



Registration opens on January 3, 2025. The venue is:

Oakhurst Clubhouse, 4255 Oakhurst Circle East,

Sarasota. Enter from Bee Ridge Road ONLY! To

register, email: melamarcus777@gmail.com



At one of our...

Common Tables. 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 at noon is hosted by Melanie Marcus. The next meeting is Monday, January 6, 2025. For more information and to register, contact Melanie at: melamarcus777@gmail.com



Our newest group meets on the **Fourth Wednesday** at noon with our long-time member, Jo Arora, as the facilitator. The first meeting of 2025 will be on January 22. 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



Susan Skovronek hosts the **Third Thursday** Common Table at noon -next meeting is January 23, 2025 (4th

Thursday this month.) 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

Join us at one of these Common Tables. You do NOT have to be a member of WIN to attend your first Common Table, but we hope you will join us by filling out the application attached to this email.

The Faith/Spirituality Reading Group



On January 16, 2025 our book will be *Soul Boom* by Rainn Wilson. On March 20 at 1PM we will discuss *Cosmogenesis* by Brian Swimme. Please join us in reading and discussing intriguing and informative topics. Contact Hope Black at hblack04@icloud.com to be added to our group and receive the Zoom meeting links for our gatherings. We look forward to having your presence and your voice with us.

Our Movie Group



Our Movie Group is looking for a facilitator so it can continue as an evening ZOOM. We have an eager group of attendees. Will YOU be the leader to step up and get us started again? Films are selected based on their potential for inspiring deep and meaningful discussion on topics related to faith,

ethics, and sharing traditions. Films are viewed at home over accessible platforms. Then participants ZOOM together for discussion. Are you a film buff or just want to meet interesting women? Join WIN's Movie Group by registering at winsarasota@gmail.com or completing the membership form attached to this email.



Visit the *GALLERY* on WIN's website to view photos of our programs and activities from previous seasons. Here is one of our Common Table monthly meetings at which women of the Jewish faith, Latter-day

Saints (LDS), Hindu, and New Thought were represented.

View our website womensinterfaithnetwork.org for all our exciting programs and events. For more information, contact winsarasota@gmail.com

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--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 @ winsarasota@gmail.com. We need women with communication skills, graphics ability and a willingness to help us grow.

--WIN's Leadership Circle--

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

The Membership Form for this season appears several times on our website. Please complete the form and send it with a \$20 check to the address indicated. Our fiscal year begins October 1. The information you provide will link you to a group that is most convenient for you. Even if you do not plan to join a Common Table but may opt for some other WIN activity (or you simply wish to support our important mission), please join now so we can keep you informed and involved.

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