

## **2024-25 PROGRAMS**

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program: The Impact of the 2023-24 Supreme Court Rulings

Speaker: James L. Santelle former US Dept of Justice Attorney

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Program: New Issues for the Supreme Court

Speaker: James L. Santelle former U.S. Dept. of Justice Attorney

Chair of the Day: Bernadette Asiatidis

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program: Human Trafficking 101

Speaker: Dr Debbie Lassiter, CEO of Convergence Resource Center

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Program: Resources for Survivors of Domestic Abuse

Speaker: Sojourner Family Peace Center representative

Chairs of the Day: Linda Brown, Jean Kreul

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program: Milwaukee Water Stories and How They Impact Our  
Environment

Speaker: Michael Alan Timm, Program Manager

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Program: Revitalizing the Menomonee River Valley

Speaker: Nia Smith, Project Manager, Menomonee Valley Partners

Chair of the Day: Bernadette Asiatidis

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

11:00 a.m. – Social Time

11:45 a.m. – Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Program: Rarely Heard Holiday Songs

Performer: Greg Jenks

Chair of the Day: Diane Edward

THURSDAY, January 9, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program: Ideas on How to Grow Milwaukee's High Tech Economy

Speaker: Kathleen Gallagher, Executive Director, 5 Lakes Institute

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Program: Milwaukee Has a Port?

Speaker: Jackie Q. Carter, Port Director, Port of Milwaukee

Chairs of the Day: Linda Brown, Bernadette Asiatidis

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program: Standing Together in Support of Freedom to Read

Speaker: Kristina Gomez , Library Services Mgr, MKE Public Library

Program: Books for Reconsideration in Wisconsin School Libraries

Speaker: Rosanne Hahn, retired Burlington School Board

12:00 p.m.– Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Program: Family Literacy Campaign Read for Your Life

Speaker: Deb Marett, Milwaukee Federated Library System

Chair of the Day: Glenna Vance

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program: The State of Elder Care in Milwaukee County

Speaker: Heidi Toth, PA-C, M.P.A.S., Marquette University

Program: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Speaker: Virginia Zerpa, Outreach Coordinator, Latino Focus

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Program: Early Childhood Education: Current Trends

Speaker: Kelsey Hau, Assoc. Director, Greater Milwaukee Foundation

Chair of the Day: Mary Golden

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program: Journalism Today and in the Future

Speakers: To be announced

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Program: Journalism Today and in the Future

Speaker: To be announced

Chair of the Day: Linda Brown

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – Program: The Importance of Indigenous Voices

Speaker: Anne Egan-Waukau, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon

1:00 p.m. – Program: Educating Indigenous Children

Speaker: Jason Dropik, Administrator, Indian Community School in Franklin

Chairs of the Day: Linda Brown, Mary Golden

## **2023-24 CONFERENCES**

### **SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

Program: The Impact of The 2023 Supreme Court Rulings

Speaker: James L. Santelle, former U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Dept of Justice

Program: New Issues for The Supreme Court

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### **OCTOBER 18, 2023**

Program: Food Insecurity in The Milwaukee Area

Speakers: Matt Stienstra, Feeding America Wisconsin; Casey Hoff, Food Equity and Nutrition Policy Analyst

Program: Getting To Know Your Neighbors Without Homes

Speaker: Shelly Sarasin, Executive Co-Director of Street Angels

### **NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

Program: Vaping Dangers for Young People

Speaker: Dr. Louella Amos, Children's Wisconsin, Pediatric Pulmonary Specialist

Program: Lessons And Gifts from Pierre

Speaker: Paula Loubier, Mother of Pierre

Program: From Awareness to Action: Substance Misuse Prevention in Your Community

Speaker: Megan Conway, Coordinator of the Franklin Drug-Free Coalition

**DECEMBER 20, 2023**

Program: Caroline Ingalls, Mittens on The Tree

Performed by: Jessica Michna, Entertainer

**JANUARY 4, 2024**

Program: Discovering Your Power

Speaker: Luann Bird, former Executive Director of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters

Program: Empowering Women

Speaker: Judge Ana Maria Berrios-Schroeder

**FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

Program: UWM's Zilber College of Public Health: Promoting Health In Milwaukee And Beyond

Speaker: Elise Papke, DrPH: Assistant Dean for Accreditation

Topic: Overview of the Zilber College of Public Health

Speaker: Lori Klos, PhD, RDN: Associate Professor and Nutrition Programs Director

Topic: Nutrition Education & Research at the Zilber College

Program: Overview Of Public Health Research at The Zilber College

Speakers: Lance Weinhardt, PhD: Professor and Associate Dean for Research; Priya Nambisan, PhD, Associate Professor: Research on Aging and Digital Technologies at the Zilber College

**MARCH 20, 2024**

Program: Helping Adults with Autism Lead Productive Lives

Speaker: Tim Kabara, Director of the Maplegrove Treatment Center

Program: Disabilities: Identification, Ableism, & Other Topics

Speaker: Colleen Barnett, Retired Accessibility Coordinator for Alverno College

**APRIL 17, 2024**

Program: The Exploitation and Trafficking Of Workers In Wisconsin

Speaker: Mariana Rodrigues, Director of UMOS Latina Resource Center

Program: Helping Women in The Criminal Justice System Live Healthier And Safer Lives

Speaker: Jeanne Geraci, Executive Director of the Benedict Center

**MAY 15, 2024**

Program: Housing, Race and Equity Workshop

Speakers: A Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity staff member and a homeowner

Program: What Is Marquette Law School's Andrew Center for Restorative Justice?

Speaker: Mary Triggiano, Adjunct Professor of Law at Marquette University Law School and Director of the Andrew Center of Restorative Justice

## **2022-23 CONFERENCES**

### **SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

Program: Current Practices Teaching Spanish in Today's High Schools

Speaker: Jessica Santiago, BA, MA, AATSP President, 2020 Kohl Fellow, International Study Abroad Leader

Program: Bilingual Education, Urban Education and First Language Maintenance

Speaker: Tatiana Joseph, PhD, Assistant Professor, UWM; MPS Board of Directors

Program: Immigration Issues Affecting the Milwaukee Latino Community

Speaker: Kevin Layde, Attorney with Layde & Parra, S.C., Specialists in Immigration Law

### **OCTOBER 19, 2022**

Program: 2022-23 Supreme Court Rulings that Impact Our Nation

Program: Gerrymandering and Other New Issues for the Supreme Court

Speaker: James Santelle, Former U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Dept. of Justice

### **NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

Program: The State of Education in Wisconsin

Speaker: Alan Borsuk, Senior Fellow at Marquette Law School

Program: St. Augustine Prep—The Opportunity of Choice

Speaker: Abby Andrietsch, President and CEO, St. Augustine Preparatory Academy

Program: What's Happening at Milwaukee Public Schools

Speaker: Bob Peterson, President of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors

**DECEMBER 7, 2023**

Program: The Hidden History and Mystery Behind Charles Dickens Writing A Christmas Carol

Performed by: Rochelle Pennington

**JANUARY 4, 2023**

Program: Reconciling Our Differences

Speaker: Phillip Chard, Psychotherapist, Book Author, Newspaper Columnist, Speaker

Program: How We Get Along

Speaker: TBA

**FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

Program: Healthy Families = Healthy Communities

Speaker: Amy Harley, PhD., UW-Milwaukee Zilber School of Public Health

Program: Fathers Making Progress

Speaker: Terron Edwards, Founder of Fathers Making Progress

**MARCH 15, 2023**

Program: PFAS in Our Water

Speaker: Mimi Johnson, Wisconsin DNR

Program: Citizen's Climate Lobby and Carbon Pricing

Speaker: Phil Smith

**APRIL 19, 2023**

Program: Exciting New Developments Downtown

Speaker: Dave Misky, Milwaukee City Development



Program: What is the Grand Avenue Club?

Speaker: TBA

**MAY 17, 2023**

Program: Personal Safety

Speakers: TBA

Program: Frauds and Scams

Speaker: Lisa Schiller, Better Business Bureau

## **2021-22 CONFERENCES**

### **SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

Program: My Two Elaines—Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer’s Caregiver

Speaker: Martin Schreiber, former governor of Wisconsin

Program: Role of The Alzheimer Association in Helping Families

Speaker: Tim Harrington, Community Outreach Coordinator

Program: Time Slips—Supporting People Living with Dementia

Speaker: Elaine Maly, Master Trainer

### **OCTOBER 20, 2021**

Program: Historical and Current Legal Issues Related to Voting and Elections in America

Program: Voting in America—Supreme Court Decisions, Legislative Responses and Civil Litigation

Speaker: James Santelle, Former U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Dept. of Justice

### **NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

Program: Resource Recovery at MMSD

Speaker: Ms. Bre Plier, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District Manager of Sustainability

Program: Be Part of the Change

Speaker: Antonio Butts, Executive Director, Walnut Way Conservation Corp.

Program: Know Before You Throw—Recycling Right

Speaker: Jennifer Semrau, Waste and Materials Management Program, WI Dept. of Natural Resources

**DECEMBER 15, 2021**

Program: TBA

Performed by: TBA

**JANUARY 19, 2022**

Program: The Joseph Project is Making a Difference

Speaker: Markeitha Smith, Executive Director, The Joseph Project

Program: Project RETURN—Transitioning for a Change

Speaker: Amanda Smit, Project Coordinator, Project RETURN

Program: Recommendations for Criminal Justice Reform in Wisconsin

Speaker: Michael Jahr, Senior Vice President, Badger Institute

**FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

Program: Unconscious Bias

Program: Blacks in History—Things You Were Not Taught in School

Speaker: Derek Mosley, Milwaukee Municipal Court Judge

**MARCH 16, 2022**

Program: Revenue Sharing

Speaker: Rob Henken, President of Wisconsin Policy Forum

Program: Advancing Towards Equity in Development

Speaker: Lafayette Crump, Milwaukee Commissioner of Development

**APRIL 20, 2022**

Program: The Effects of Violence and Trauma on Children

Program: Shine Through—A Program Addressing Depression in Children

Speaker: Jenny Walczak, Clinical Director of Mental and Behavioral Health, and Tracy Oerter, Director of Mental Health Services at Children's Wisconsin

**MAY 18, 2022**

Program: Welcome to our 100th Anniversary Celebration

Program: Telling Our Story 1922-2022 and Beyond

## **2020 CONFERENCES**

### **JANUARY 15, 2020**

Program: "Overview and History of the FBI"

Program: Cyber Security

Speaker: Gina McDonald, Community Outreach Specialist, FBI

Program: "Presentation of an Actual FBI Case"

Speaker: Special Agent Bisswurm FBI

### **FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

Program: "Express Yourself Milwaukee: A Therapeutic Arts Approach to Juvenile Reform"

Speaker: Lori Vance, Executive Director

Program: "Impact 100, Greater Milwaukee: A Women's Collective Giving Organization"

Speaker: Ann Homstad, President of Impact 100, Exect

## **2018 CONFERENCES**

### **JANUARY 17, 2018**

Program: "Activities of The Nature Conservancy"

Speaker- Mary Jean Huston, Wisconsin Director of TNC Program

Program: "The Health of the Great Lakes"

Speaker-John Janessen, Professor, Fresh Water Sciences, UWM

### **FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

Program: "Port Milwaukee: Connecting to the World"

Speaker: Jazmine Jurkiewicz, Trade Development Representative, Milwaukee Harbor Commission

Program: "North Point Lighthouse"

Speaker-Mark Kuehn, Curator, North Point Lighthouse Museum

Program: "The U.S. Coast Guard Role in Milwaukee"

Speaker-Joel Washbond, Petty Officer 2nd Class, BM2, U.S. Coast Guard

### **MARCH 21, 2018**

Program: "Issues Facing Unions Today"

Speaker: Darrick Jordan, Vice Chairman of Teamsters Local 200, and Phil Carroll, President And Business Representative Of Teamsters Local 344

Program: "Arbitration/Mediation/Fact-Finding for Private And Public Sector Labor Disputes"

Speaker: Danielle Carne, Mediator and Arbitrator With The Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission

**APRIL 18, 2018**

Program: "History of The Middle East/The Middle East Today"

Speaker: Phillip C. Naylor, PhD. Professor Of North African & Middle Eastern Studies, Marquette University

Program: "Living with a Turk and Living In Turkey"

Speaker: Sunny Boehm, Author

**MAY 16, 2018**

Program: "Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court"

Speaker: Presiding Judge Ellen Brostrom and A Panel of Team Participants

Program: "Perspective on The Criminal and Civil Dockets of The Milwaukee County Circuit Court"

Speaker: Judge Ellen Brostrom

## **2017 CONFERENCES**

### **JANUARY 18, 2017**

Program: "Should Toll Roads Exist in Wisconsin?"

Speaker: Jim Goetz, Co-Owner of Goetz Companies

Program: "Are You Worried About Hazardous Materials Traveling on Our Roads and Railways?"

Speakers: Sgt. Mark Abrahamson, WI State Highway Patrol, Motor Carrier Enforcement Investigation Unit Supervisor; Matt Thompson, Hazardous Materials Manager, Chicago, Union Pacific Railroad

### **FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

Program: "The Changing Face of Milwaukee"

Speaker: Rocky Marcoux, Commissioner, Dept. Of City Development

Program: "Creative Place Making"

Speaker: Julia Talor, President, Greater Milwaukee Committee

### **MARCH 15, 2017**

Program: "Republican Perspective on the Primary Process"

Speaker: Jon Wacławski, Political Activity Lawyer, Partner at Ashby Law LLC

Program: "The Role of Super Delegates in the Presidential Nomination Process"

Speaker: Charles Bensen, TMJ4 News Anchor

Program: "What We Have Learned From and About Polls In 2016"

Speaker: Charles Franklin, Professor of Law and Public Policy and Director, Marquette Law



**APRIL 19, 2017**

Program: "Giving Back to Our Communities,"

Speaker: Sherrie Tessler, Executive Director, Hunger Task Force

Program: "Health of Our Most Vulnerable Population,"

Speaker: David Nelson, PhD, MS Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Partnering With Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities

Program: "Habitat For Humanity-Building Houses, Restores, and AmeriCor..., "...

**MAY 17, 2017**

Program: "Responsibilities of The Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court,"

Speaker: Patience Roggensack, Chief Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court 95th Anniversary

**SEPT. 20, 2017**

Program: "Milwaukee Area Education Scene: Many Changes in Landscape, Little Change In Outcomes"

Speaker: Alan Borsuk, Senior Fellow in Law and Public Policy, Marquette University

Program: "State of Education in Wisconsin"

Speaker: Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Program: "Community Partners/New Initiatives/Health Care Pipeline'

Speaker: Darienne B. Driver, Superintendent, MPS

**OCTOBER 18, 2017**

Program: "Women in Politics"

Speakers: Kathleen Dolan, PhD, Professor and Chair, UW-Milwaukee; Sandy Pasch, Former 22nd Assembly District Representative

Program: "Women in Politics"

Speaker: Senator Lena Taylor, 4th Senate District And TBA

**NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

Program: "Legislation, Prosecution, and Consequences of OWI Driving"

Speakers- Jim Ott, 23rd Assembly District Representative; John Chisholm, Milwaukee County DA; Paul Jenkins, Sharing A Personal Story

Program: "A View of OWI from an Officer's Perspective"

Speaker: Officer Anton (Tony) Fus, New Berlin Police Department

**DECEMBER 20, 2017**

Program: "Golda Meir-The Journey Home"

Speaker: Jessica A. Michna, First Impression

Program: "Ukuladies"

Speaker: 30 Women playing Ukuleles

## **2016 CONFERENCES**

### **JANUARY 20, 2016**

Program: "What's Happening In The Water Industry"

Speaker: Rich Meeusen, President/CEO/Chairman Badger Meter, Inc., Milwaukee Water Council Co-Founder, Co-Ch, Board of Directors

Program: "UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences: Training Students In The Current And Future Freshwater Problems And Solutions"

Speaker: Rebecca Klaper, PhD, Professor, UW-Milwaukee School of...

### **FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

Program: "Violence in Milwaukee"

Speakers: William Jessup, Milwaukee Police Dept. Assistant Chief; Glenn Frankovis, Milwaukee Police Dept. Retired Police Captain

Program: "Unite Milwaukee"

Speakers: Bianca Shaw; WI State Senator Harris Dodd Staff, Community Outreach Specialist; Gloria Stearns, 38th Street Corridor, Executive Director

### **MARCH 16, 2016**

Program: "Journalism Ethics and Media Literacy in Changing Times"

Speaker: Jill Geisler, Bill Plante Chair in Leadership and Media Integrity, Loyola University Chicago

Program: "No Quarter (In Person)"

Speaker: Dan Bice, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Columnist

**APRIL 20, 2016**

Program: "Questioning the Jury System"

Speaker: John Barrett, Clerk of Circuit Courts

Program: "How Government Is Run"

Speaker: Paul Ziehler, Past City Administrator, West Allis

**MAY 18, 2016**

Program: "USO" and "Honor Flight"

Speakers: Tim Flatley and Doug Bowring

Program: "General Remarks Regarding the Wisconsin State Supreme Court"

Speaker: Annette Ziegler, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

Program: "Funding for the Arts and Giving Back to the Community"

Speaker: David Cecsarini, Producing Artist Director at Next Act Theatre

Program: "Sports Giving Back to the Community"

Speaker: Tom Pipines, FOX 6 Sports Director

Program: "Moving Mountains: How Small Foundations Can Create Major Changes"

Speaker: Bob Chernow, President of Tellier Foundation

**OCTOBER 12, 2016**

Program: "MATC Promise"

Speaker: Trevor Kubatzke, PhD, Vice President, Student Services, MATC

Program: "Rethinking Higher Ed"

Speaker: Steve Burleson, Instructor MATC Virtual Campus Administrator, Business & Information Technology Division,

Program: "Right Path,"

Speaker: Martin Ordinans, MATC Program Administrator for Right Path

**NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

Program: "Crisis in Juvenile Justice,"

Speakers: Hector Colon, Director, Milwaukee County Health and Human Service Department; Dr. Steven Dykstra, Director, Mobile Urgent Treatment Team, Wraparound Milwaukee

**DECEMBER 14, 2016**

Program: "Traditions from Germany and Bavaria,"

Speaker: John Schaefer, Vice President, German Fest, Milwaukee. Accompanied by Cindy Hertz on zither

## **2015 CONFERENCES**

### **JANUARY 21, 2015**

Program: "What Research Tells Us About Year-Round Schools" And "Innovations in Classroom Instruction"

Speaker: Dr. Clavon Byrd, Assistant Professor of Education and Department Chair for Teacher Education At Cardinal Stritch University And

Program: "Sharing Seven Years of Experience in A Year-Round School"

Speaker: Lashawanda Holland, Principal and Vice President of Universal Academy For The College Bound

### **FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

Program: "The Story Behind Our Milwaukee VA Medical Center"

Speaker: Gary J. Kunich, Public Affairs Officer, Milwaukee VA Medical Center

Program: "Fisher House"

Speaker: Diane Ambroziak

### **MARCH 18, 2015**

Program: "Lobbyists-Who Are They? What Do They Do?"

Speaker: Bill Broydrick of Broydrick and Associates (Public Affairs and Lobbying Firm)

Program: "Elections-With a Positive Spin"

Speaker: Monica Schultz, West Allis City Clerk

**APRIL 15, 2015**

Program: "Wisconsin Local Food Network-What It Means to all of Us"

Speaker: Dave Swanson, Owner and Chef of Braise Restaurant and Culinary School; Martha Davis Kipcak, Proprietor of Mighty Fine Foods and...

Program: "The Challenges of Administering School Food Programs"

Speaker: Cindy Jensen, Director of School Nutrition, New Berlin Public Schools

**MAY 13, 2015**

Program: "Taxpayer Advocate Service-Your Voice at the IRS"

Speaker: Barbara Johnson, Local Taxpayer Advocate and Joan Corrao, Senior Program Analyst for TAS

Program: "What You Should Know About the New Bankruptcy Laws"

Speaker: Bruce Lanser, Attorney, Lanser Law Office

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

Program: "Using Visual Arts to Improve Learning"

Speaker: Lynda Kohler, Executive Director of Sharp Literacy

Program: "Leadership as The Lynchpin: Growing High-Quality Schools in Milwaukee"

Speaker: Abby Andrietsch, Executive Director, And April Knox, Director of Coaching At Schools That Can, Milwaukee

Program: "Redefining Possible"

Speaker: Sara Kies,...

**OCTOBER 21, 2015**

Program: "Heroin Addiction"

Speakers: Carlo Devila and David Metz, Detectives, Milwaukee Police Dept.

Program: "Rehabilitation of Heroin Users"

Speaker: Janet Fleece, Milwaukee County Community Access Services

**NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

Program: "What Is New in The Courts"

Speakers: Mary Triggiano, Milwaukee County Children's Court Judge Marshall Murray, Milwaukee County Family Court Judge

Program: "The Victims' Voices in The Criminal Justice System"

Speaker: Justice Janine Geske (Ret.)

**DECEMBER 16, 2015**

Program: "Historical Significance of The Wizard of Oz"

Speaker: Dr. John Horgan, Professor of History, Concordia University