



WOMEN'S CIVIC CONFERENCE CO

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September 2025

Board Meeting – Thursday, September 11, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

New Berlin Library Conference Room, 15105 W Library Ln, New Berlin, WI 53151

General Meeting – Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuckaway Country Club, 6901 W Drexel Ave, Franklin, WI 53132

General Meeting - Wednesday, September 17, 2025 Chairs of the Day: Glenna Vance, Marge Madura

10:00 am – Business Meeting

10:15 am – **“Immigration: Fact and Fiction”**

Speaker: **Darryl Morin**, National President of Forward Latino

“Immigration Today: Full or Afraid?”

Speaker: **Danae Hewitt**, Director of James Place Immigration Services Milwaukee

Noon – Luncheon

1:00 pm – **“Adjusting to Life in America”**

Speakers: **William and Lang Xiong**, Members of Hmong Friendship Association

Menu - House salad with assorted dressings, Warm rolls and butter, Sliced Roast Pork Loin, Parsley Boiled Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Brownie Sundae

This month's Honored Affiliated Club – **LaLumiere League**

PRESIDENT – Mary Cherweznik

Welcome to the first conference of WCC's 2025-2026 season! For our September conference, we will be looking at the very timely topic of immigration and its impact on Wisconsin and our area.

We would really like to get more women involved as committee chairs and/or WCC officers. Please consider how you might be able to give a bit of your time to support this very worthwhile organization. I don't know about you, but I always leave a WCC conference having learned something about a topic I maybe thought I had little interest in, and it turned out to be not only interesting, but often thought-provoking. Exposure to timely topics is at the core of why we get together once a month. I hope you agree and that you can find some time to give to WCC. Without more involvement, our club will perish. If I can help you find a committee spot, please contact me at marycherweznik@gmail.com or 414 395-3001.

Warm regards, Mary C

PROGRAM NOTES – Glenna Vance

Immigration...Citizenship...Green Cards...Refugee...Work Permits...Undocumented Immigrants...Permanent Residency... All these terms will take on a deeper meaning when we listen to Darryl Morin, the National President for Forward Latino, speak at our September meeting. Danae Hewitt, Director of James Place Immigration Services Milwaukee, will report on actual experiences helping migrants. Our afternoon will take on a different aspect of immigration. William Xiong and his father, Lang, have come to us from the Hmong Friendship Association and they will talk about their experience coming to America.

ARRANGEMENTS & REGISTRATION – Carol Dohoney

NOTE! New Chair & New Address!

A prepaid reservation is required to attend each conference. The cost is \$40.00 per person and a check made payable to WCC is to be mailed to **Carol Dohoney, 11077 W Forest Home Ave, Apt 2510, Hales Corners, WI 53130** (be sure to include the Apt number) and must be postmarked by the first of the month. If you are paying for more than one conference, please indicate the month(s) you are paying for on your check. Also, if you are paying for others, include their name(s) with the reservation. If, after checking the menu selection for the month, you have food allergies or special menu restrictions, please enclose a note with that information along with your check. Contact Carol 414 745-8104 with other questions. Once the count has been submitted to Tuckaway, we cannot

refund payments. If you have not reserved and paid for your spot, please do not expect to be seated at the conference.

MEMBERSHIP – *Mary Wilde*

Welcome back to WCC conferences! If you have not paid your dues for 2025-2026, please do so at our September meeting. Annual dues for the coming season (September through May) are still only \$30.00 per year. Affiliated club's dues will also remain at \$30. Make your check **payable to WCC** or pay in cash. If you are a new member, please check our website for the Membership Application Form, www.womenscivicconference.com (look under Membership for the form) and enclose it with your check. Checks can be mailed to **Mary Wilde, 2300 S. Brookside Pkwy, New Berlin, WI 53151**. Our programs are always interesting. Please invite your friends and family to join you for an informative day and a wonderful lunch. Returning members, please advise if there are any changes to your address, email or phone so that our Membership Directory will have the correct information (contact Mary Wilde, marywilde7@gmail.com, 262 424-9832).

EDUCATION – *Bernadette Asiatidis*

Governor Tony Evers commissioned two audits of Milwaukee Public Schools due to a financial scandal that led to the resignation of Superintendent Keith Posley, and to address consistently low achievement. The first audit, released in February, focused on the district's operations and procedures and forty recommendations were made. The second audit determined that MPS is not supportive of its teachers and does not have adequate systems in place for student learning. Superintendent Brenda Cassellius made some staffing changes by moving 40 people out of Central Office and into classrooms. A 52-page report was issued focusing on instructional policies and methodologies. A critical focus is K-2 literacy as less than 40% of children in that age group are proficient in reading. The audit found some pockets of success were driven by highly effective leaders, but there was very little consistency in that kind of leadership across the district.

HEALTH CARE – *Mary Ellen Clinton*

FIVE THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

1. Rub in your sunscreen. It's not effective without this crucial step. Even the spray-on type needs to be rubbed in. We continue to have hot sunny weather.
2. Stay upright after eating. Gravity can help prevent heartburn by moving food downward and avoiding GERD.
3. Eat healthy foods. This approach helps combat both cardiovascular disease and dementia.
4. Try deep breathing as it can calm your nervous system.
5. Use olive oil, not butter. The swap offers compelling health benefits, lowering the risk of premature death from cancer or cardiovascular disease by up to 17%.

LEGISLATION – *Kelley Knoerr*

Do you rely on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) for news or entertainment? If you listen to Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) or watch the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) channels on TV, you may soon be disappointed. The US Congress has recently passed federal spending cuts totaling \$1.1 billion, which covers the total budgeted amount for this organization for the next two years. The money is distributed nationally to 1,500 locally operated TV and radio stations and supports national programming.

Specifically in Wisconsin, federal funding makes up about 10% of both PBS and WPR revenue. These funding cuts could lead to reduced programming such as scaled back news and educational programming, or potential station closures. As with everything these days, there are very diverse opinions about these spending reductions and good points have been made on both sides. If you do rely on WPR or PBS for news and information, it may be time to get involved to understand the impacts of these cuts and consider ways to support these communication channels. Follow NPR.org, WPR.org or PBS.org for updates.

HONORED AFFILIATED CLUB – LALUMIERE LEAGUE – *Jeannie Sprangers*

Named for Fr. Stanislaus Lalumiere, the founder of Marquette University, Lalumiere League, is a non-profit, philanthropic organization founded in 1933 as a Marquette University alumnae association and has since grown to include any Catholic woman interested in promoting the goals of education and charity in our community and state. We give partial scholarships yearly, not only to Marquette University, but also to Alverno College and Mount Mary University. These are to help young women with average grade points who would not otherwise qualify for academic based aid.

We hold a yearly Charity Luncheon whose proceeds are distributed to local charitable organizations. Over the years these have included the Bay View Community Center, Felix Mantia League of Journey House, Fr. Gene's H.E.L.P. Center, St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program, and Notre Dame Middle School, as well as many others. We participate annually in a clothing drive of new dresses, skirts and tops for girls, shorts and tops for boys, and underwear for both to be shipped to small villages in several African countries.

Lalumiere League provides its members the opportunity to do collectively, in the name of charity, what they cannot do individually.

For more information, please contact Jeannie Sprangers, President, Lalumiere (psprangers@aol.com).

WEBSITE – *Mary Wilde*

Please try our website, www.womenscivicconference.com, for all your newsletter and conference meeting information. If you need help, stop at the reservation table at monthly meetings for some navigation hints.

SUNSHINE – *Jean Reinemann*

If you know of a WCC member who is sick, having surgery, or who has a family member who recently passed away, please contact Jean Reinemann, 262 993-8112, jeanreinemann@gmail.com with that information. Jean will send a card so that the member will know we're thinking about her.

Mark your calendar for the following conferences:

NOTE: Due to a speaker's conflict, the April 2026 date is changed from the 15th to the 22nd.

October 15, 2025	Topic: Review of the US Supreme Court
November 19, 2025	Topic: Family Mental Health Issues
February 18, 2026	Topic: Skills Trade Education for Girls
March 18, 2026	Topic: Wisconsin State Courts and Voting Rights
April 22, 2026	Topic: Gun Violence
May 20, 2026	Topic: Our Beautiful Milwaukee County Parks