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November 2026

Board Meeting – Thursday, November 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
New Berlin Library Conference Room, 15105 W Library Ln, New Berlin, WI 53151
General Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tuckaway Country Club, 6901 W Drexel Ave, Franklin, WI 53132

General Meeting - Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Chairs of the Day: Mary Golden, Linda Jenzake, Gail Reisenauer

10:00 am – 2 pm Business Meeting and Programs; Luncheon at noon

"Veterans. They fought for us, how are we caring for them?"

Speakers: Sonja Flinn, Director of Program Services, Veteran's Outreach of Wisconsin
Rebecca Schoenborn, Women's Health Program Manager, Veterans Administration
Representative from Boudicca House

Noon – Luncheon

Menu – Wisconsin Salad with sweet balsamic dressing, Warm rolls and butter, Sliced roasted turkey breast with gravy, Old-fashioned stuffing, Sweet potato mash, Cranberry sauce, Cauliflower au gratin, Pumpkin pie

This month's Honored Affiliated Club – **Woman's Club of West Allis**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE– *Co-Presidents Linda Brown & Jean Kreul*

Thanks to all of you who have helped us build our membership to 135 members. We hope that the programs inform and inspire you to take part in creating a fair and secure future for our city and country. Let us be thankful for all we have living in the United States of America.

I am thankful for the support of Mary Wilde who has provided leadership to WCC over many years. She welcomed me and others to the organization. She has worked tirelessly on membership over the years and took on the task of learning how to manage our website. I hope others will follow her example and chip in with their time and expertise to help the WCC flourish in the future.

The WCC board has selected WAVE (Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort) as the organization we will support this year. This statewide grassroots organization was founded in 1993 to prevent gun violence, injuries, and improve health through education, community partnerships, and legislative advocacy. James Santelle, one of our favorite speakers, is on their board and spoke to our group last April about the effects of gun violence. We will be collecting checks made out to WAVE at our October and November meetings. WCC will match the amounts donated up to $500. In 2024 we sent a check for $2,290 to the Convergence Resource Center. These non-profit groups that participate in our programs need our support. Please help us generously support WAVE this year.

Regards, Co-president Linda Brown

PROGRAM NOTES – *Linda Brown*

In honor of Veteran's Day, the November program will focus on our veterans. We have representatives from three veterans' organizations who will be discussing issues facing veterans. These issues include mental health, access to health care, affordable housing, financial security and the needs of aging veterans.

Boudicca House provides housing for women veterans who are experiencing homelessness.

The Women's Health Program at the VA helps women gain access to health care and services.

The Veteran's Outreach of Wisconsin operates a village in Racine consisting of 15 tiny houses for homeless veterans. They also provide food assistance and other support services.

There is much to be done to support our veterans who have given so much to us. Let's find out how we can help!

ARRANGEMENTS & REGISTRATION – *Mary Cherweznik*

A prepaid reservation is required to attend each conference. The cost is $40.00 per person per conference and a check **payable to WCC** is to be mailed to **Mary Cherweznik, 3858 S Oakridge Ct, Greenfield, WI 53228.** If you are paying for more than one conference, please indicate the month(s) you are paying for on your check. After checking the menu selection for the month, if you have food allergies or special menu restrictions, please enclose a note with that information along with your check. PLEASE NOTE: The Post Office claims it will deliver first class mail within 5 working days, but sometimes they don't, and Tuckaway needs our attendee count by the 5th of the month, so please postmark your check by the 20th of the month prior to the meeting. Once the count is 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. Contact Mary Cherweznik (414 395-3001 landline) with questions.

Mark your calendar for the following future conferences:

February 17, 2027	Topic: The Melting Pot (and we're not talking food)
March 17, 2027	Topic: Criminal Justice and alternatives to incarceration
April 21, 2027	Topic: Trends in Education
May 19, 2027	Topic: Milwaukee – It's all About the Waters

MEMBERSHIP – ***Diane Kaminski***

Thanks again to everyone who has paid their dues for the 2026-2027 year. I will continue to accept dues payments at our meetings, so if you have forgotten to do so, it is never too late. If you have changed your address, phone number, or email address, it is important to let us know because this is how information gets to you about our conferences. New directories will be available at the membership table. Don't forget to invite friends and relatives to come to hear our interesting speakers and encourage them to join our group. Word of mouth is still the best advertisement for WCC!

WEBSITE – *Mary Wilde*

If you have taken any pictures at our meetings of a speaker, a tour with WCC, or a group of your friends participating on our tours would you please send them on to me with a few words to describe the picture, speaker or event, so that they could possibly be used on the website. Please know your photograph will be posted on our public website. Take some time to check out the website: www.womenscivicconference.com
The Newsletter for each month is always posted on the website under "Current Docs"

EDUCATION – *Bernadette Asiatidis*

One of the most pressing problems in schools today has to do with student mental health. Anxiety and depression are at historic highs since the pandemic affecting both behavior and academic performance. Since the shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999, more than 187,000 students have been exposed to gun violence at school. When students don't feel safe at school, achievement declines. Restorative Practice Programs attempt to proactively build community within a classroom by creating nurturing relationships between teachers and students from day one. When troubling behavior occurs, restorative practice procedures first try to reintegrate students teaching them how to make amends and learn how to deal with problems in a positive way. Educators are encouraged to create a tight knit community where students genuinely care about each other.

HEALTH CARE – *Mary Ellen Clinton*

Scientists at the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto have uncovered a hidden waste removal system in the eye that could transform how we understand and treat blinding diseases. The system at the back of the eye, a surprising finding demonstrated in mice, could open the door to new treatments for glaucoma, macular degeneration, and other causes of blindness associated with accumulation of fluid.

For over 100 years, scientists generally believed that the eye lacked the lymphatic drainage system found in nearly every other organ. This changed in 2009 when a route was found in the front of the eye. This was called the "uveolymphatic pathway" providing evidence that the eye had previously unrecognized connections to the body's fluid clearance system. Despite this discovery, back of eye remained unexplored. This was a particularly important gap because the retina and surrounding tissues are affected by most of the serious diseases responsible for permanent vision loss. The retina, one of the most metabolically active parts of the body, is constantly generating by products that need to be cleared. How this part of the eye maintains a balanced environment and flow of materials is critical. The report of the new discovery is dated October11, 2026. The continual investigation hoped that other similar pathways might be found. The finding offers scientists a new way to investigate how the eye protects its delicate tissues and what happens when waste removal is disrupted. If scientists can determine how the mechanism works and whether it can be strengthened, it could provide a new target for therapies to protect vision.

CIVICS – *Kelley Knoerr*

Remember- the Wisconsin General Election is November 3, 2026

Poll Hours are 7 AM-8 PM

Early Voting (In-person absentee) begins on October 20 and ends on Nov 1

All of this information and other important deadlines can be found at https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Voter-Deadlines

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.