



WOMEN'S CIVIC CONFERENCE CO

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March 2025 Newsletter

Board Meeting – Thursday, March 13, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

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

General Meeting – Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

General Meeting – Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Chair of the Day: Mary Golden

10:00 am – Business Meeting

10:15 am – **“The State of Elder Care in Milwaukee County”**

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

“Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia”

Speaker – **Jenny Wagner**, Elder Care Consultant and Co-owner of Vesta Senior Network

Noon – Luncheon

1:00 pm – **“Early Childhood Education: Current Trends”**

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

Menu - Caesar salad, Warm breadsticks and butter, Meat lasagna, California blended vegetables, Chocolate cake ala mode

PRESIDENT – Mary Cherweznik

The reason I joined WCC was because every time I attended a conference, I learned something, even if initially I was not particularly interested in the month's topic. As we approach the last few months of this WCC “year,” we are beginning to prepare for the next season. The Planning Committee is looking at potential programs for the Fall and Winter and collecting information on possible speakers and topics. We have strived to present timely and informative subjects as the presentations are the core of why we all get together once a month.

We have some very dedicated people who have worked hard to put together the pieces that make up the whole of the Women's Civic Conference. Some of these women have held numerous officer and committee positions, and it's time for the next group of leaders to step up. If you have not previously volunteered a couple of hours a month to assure the quality and continuation of WCC, please consider stepping up now. Without your participation, the Women's Civic Conference cannot continue. Next month's Newsletter will have a list of committee positions to be filled for the 2025-2026 season. Please consider where and how you can make a difference.

Warm regards, Mary C

ARRANGEMENTS & REGISTRATION – Glenna Vance

A prepaid reservation is required to attend each conference. The cost is \$35.00 per person and a check made **payable to WCC** is to be mailed to **Glenna Vance, 7582 S. 51st St, Franklin, WI 53132** 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, please 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 Glenna 414 517-4040 with other questions. Once the reservation count has been submitted to Tuckaway, we cannot refund payments.

MEMBERSHIP – Mary Wilde

Please help our membership grow. Invite your friends and neighbors to come to a conference. Annual dues are \$30. New members can mail a check payable to **WCC** to Mary Wilde, 2300 S. Brookside Pkwy, New Berlin, WI

53151. Please see our website for the Membership Application Form, www.womenscivicconference.com, and include it with the membership dues.

Corrections to the Directory: Cory Schlangen phone 414 426-6966, Ellen Shiflet address 7000 S Fieldstone Ct

EDUCATION UPDATE – *Bernadette Asiatidis*

State Superintendent Jill Underly declared February Career & Technical Educational Month. Wisconsin and six other states lack ongoing funding for Career & Technical Education. Dr. Underly proposed the establishment of a dedicated aid program for the purpose of expanding CTE opportunities statewide. The 2025-2027 biennial budget dedicates targeted funding to Career & Technical Student Organizations including: 1-DECA Distributive Education Clubs of America; 2-FCCIA - Family, Career & Community Leaders of America; 3-HOSA - Health Occupations Students of America; 4-FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America; 5-FFA - Future Farmers of America; 6-Skills USA - a national organization that helps students prepare for careers in technical, skilled & service occupations.

GOOD VS BAD – *Mary Ellen Clinton*

Robert F. Kennedy Jr's nomination for the next Secretary of Health and Human Services is a cause for alarm for some while others are celebrating. Nutrition and health information has always been complicated. Are eggs good or bad? Butter or oil? Red or white wine or none at all?

Some people's beliefs are hardened into contradictory stances not based on facts but political alignment. When they do this, there is a tendency to think in black and white. Vaccines are good. Vaccines are bad. Big Pharma is good. Big Pharma is bad. However, two things are often true at once. There is undeniable evidence that vaccines save lives and protect health. However, it is also true that there can be side effects and negative reactions among some people. Big Pharma produces extremely important and lifesaving drugs. It is also true that it is a for profit business that sometimes, even often, prices drugs out of the reach of many people for no other reason than to drive up earnings.

All people experience confirmation bias. This means we trust information that aligns us with whatever we already believe more than information that challenges us. Politics has added a layer to this.

But these health principles should apply to ALL people:

- Fresh food is healthier than processed
- Exercise is important
- Things like microplastics, toxins, and industrial chemicals do not belong in our air, food, or water
- Lifestyle changes are better for you than medications, but when they are not enough, we are lucky to live in a time of magnificent medical advances

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – *Diane Mee*

A recent mandate puts ICE on the move, and many sheriff and police departments have been put between a rock and a hard place, because the president wants undocumented immigrants deported, and most of them have no criminal record.

Here is an example: It has recently been touted that there have been over 13,000 murders committed by non-citizens, and while this is true, the media hype would like you to believe that all 13,000 of them crossed the Mexican border illegally. This is where you have to clarify your information. These 13,000+ homicides occurred over the past 40 years. Many of the convicted felons are still in prison, and many of the perpetrators had entered LEGALLY and had a green card. Not every murderer crossed the border illegally while Biden was in office. In fact, Border Patrol recorded only 29 murders in 2024, committed by undocumented immigrants. Are there undocumented people who are criminals? Of course there are. But an undocumented immigrant is 60% less likely to be incarcerated than a US born citizen. Illegal immigrants are in the country illegally, but they are not all criminals. You can't believe everything you hear or read. Check your facts: Factcheck.org, Pewresearch.org

WEBSITE – *Mary Wilde*

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

SUNSHINE – *Jean Reinemann*

If you know of a WCC member who is sick, having surgery, or who has passed away, please contact Jean Reinemann, 262 993-8112, jeanreinemann@gmail.com with that information.