



WOMEN'S CIVIC CONFERENCE CO

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November 15, 2024
December 2024 Newsletter

Board Meeting – Thursday, December 12, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

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

General Meeting – Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Note starting time change**

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

General Meeting - Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Chair of the Day: Diane Edward

11:00 am – Social Time

Noon – Luncheon

1:00 pm – **“Christmas Songs You Rarely Hear”**

Speaker: **Greg Jenks**, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Menu - Chicken Noodle Soup, Warm Rolls and Butter, Shrimp and Cheese Tortellini Alfredo, Roasted Asparagus, Red Peppers, and Carrot Sticks, Apple Crisp with Ice Cream

This month's Honored Affiliated Club is the **Women's Club of Greenfield**

PRESIDENT – Mary Cherweznik

I am pleased to report that work continues on several fronts:

- A volunteer committee has put together a proposal to use surplus funds that have accumulated over several years in our Treasury. Their proposal is attached to this mailing.
- The 2024-2025 WCC Directory has been printed and will be first distributed at the November conference. Please pick up your copy and, if a friend has not been able to attend a conference, pick up and deliver their copy as well.
- Bring your checkbooks and please make a donation to **Convergence Resource Center**. Gift bags will be placed at each table at the November and December meetings so you can drop your check in the gift bag. For the first time ever, WCC will match the total of members' donations up to \$500. Please be generous.

Our December meeting will allow us plenty of time to socialize with fellow members, and we will be treated to a program of Christmas music. Have a wonderful Holiday Season! Warm regards, Mary C

PROGRAM NOTES – Diane Edward

“Christmas Songs You Rarely Hear” will be presented by Greg Jenks, a retired educator and Speaker for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Greg Jenks loves Christmas music but finds that radio stations play the same songs over and over again. In this program, Greg will touch on the history of Christmas/holiday music, play and show videos of Christmas songs that most people have never heard of, plus versions of songs performed by individuals they've never heard of before.

WCC'S CHOSEN CHARITY FOR 2024 – Kerstin Lanser

Every year WCC names a charity. At the November and December conferences, we collect members' checks (made payable to the charity) and forward the checks to the organization. AND, for the first time ever, **Women's Civic Conference WILL MATCH YOUR DONATIONS up to \$500**. This year the Board has chosen **Convergence Resource Center**. Dr Debbie Lassiter, CEO of the organization, was our October conference speaker and opened our eyes to human trafficking happening right here in the Milwaukee area. If you cannot attend the November or December conferences and you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to Convergence Resource Center and mail it to Kerstin Lanser, 744 Elm Grove Rd, Elm Gove, WI 53122. Information about this year's chosen charity can be found at www.convergenceresource.org

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. **Please note: Because the January meeting will be held two weeks earlier than usual, your reservation for the January 9, 2025 meeting must be mailed by December 24, 2024.** 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.

SURPLUS FUNDS COMMITTEE – Kerstin Lanser

At October's conference we asked for volunteers to work on a committee to determine uses for surplus funds that have accumulated in our treasury. Ro Getto, Kathy Hein, and Linda Polulach volunteered to work with Treasurer Kerstin Lanser on a proposal. Attached to this mailing is their proposal which has been submitted to the WCC Board and approved.

MEMBERSHIP – Mary Wilde

The WCC directories will be available beginning at our November Conference. Please pick up your copy, and if you know someone who will not be coming, pick up and deliver theirs as well. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come to a conference. It is the best way to help our membership grow. 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.

EDUCATION UPDATE – Bernadette Asiatidis

Jill Underly, the state superintendent of schools, will submit a biennial 2025 - 2027 budget proposal to Governor Evers by the end of November. Included in the budget is a proposal which would offset costs for both breakfast and lunch for all Wisconsin students. Another budget proposal for Wisconsin schools would expand mental health services. Training programs would include more schools and types of training including peer-to-peer suicide prevention programs. Still another component of the budget would increase various early literacy programs. New investments would provide stipends to eligible student teachers to grow the workforce and provide support for new teachers.

KEEPING IT LOCAL, ECO-FRIENDLY, AND HEALTHY– Mary Ellen Clinton

The holidays are the season for gathering, giving, sharing meals, and shopping. Consider shopping locally and supporting local farmers and artisans. Sourcing local ingredients, gifts, and services is the true spirit of the season by connecting with people and bolstering the economy. Don't miss fairs, festivals, and craft shows that make shopping enjoyable. Take a stroll through your town or village. This is a great way to find unique gifts and decor which often have local color and flavor. Keeping closer to home is also a more sustainable and eco-friendly way to shop with lower transportation costs and a lower carbon footprint. From farm-to-table, the farmers' market is a great way to source a variety of the freshest locally grown ingredients which are at their seasonal, most flavorful best. And you may find other great things such as baked goods, cheeses and yogurts, nuts, flowers, confections, and chocolate. Artisans may sell handmade wares as well. Creating an eco-friendly and healthy holiday meal is easier than you may think. By focusing on seasonal, local, and organic ingredients, minimizing food waste, and

prioritizing plant-based dishes, you can enjoy a festive flavorful meal that benefits both your health and the planet. Your choices contribute to a more mindful holiday season for all. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

LEGISLATIVE – *Diane Mee*

It used to be that estate planning documents such as power of attorney, health care directives, wills and trusts had to be signed in the physical presence of witnesses or a notary public. This could prove difficult for people with mobility issues, for those living in rural areas, or during a health issue, such as Covid. Wisconsin Act 130 now allows witnessing and notarizing of those documents through two-way communication such as Zoom, Skype, or Microsoft Teams, making estate planning easier, more accessible, and convenient for everyone.

HONORED CLUB – WOMAN'S CLUB OF GREENFIELD – *Jean Zachariasen*

The Woman's Club of Greenfield was established in 1965 to provide educational programs, promote social opportunities, and render service to the community. We meet monthly (except for June and July) at the Greenfield Public Library and enjoy a wide variety of programs, some educational and some strictly for fun. The club was instrumental in establishing the Greenfield Public Library. We provide scholarships to high school students. We collect personal care items for the Women's Shelter and Street Angels and food for the Food Pantry. We also support Heifer International, Greenfield Beautification, Trees for Tomorrow, and Kathy's House. We look forward to celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2025.

For more information, please contact Jean Zachariasen, President (jeanzachariasen@gmail.com).

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.