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April 15, 2025
May 2025 Newsletter

Board Meeting – Thursday, May 15, 2025, 9:30 am

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

General Meeting – Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

General Meeting – Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Chairs of the Day: Linda Brown, Mary Golden

10:00 am – Business Meeting

10:15 am – **“The Importance of Indigenous Voices”**

Speaker – **Anne Egan-Waukau**, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Noon – Luncheon

1:00 pm – **“Educating Indigenous Children”**

Speaker: **Jason Dropik**, Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association.

Menu - Strawberry spinach salad, Braised Swiss steak, Cheddar mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, Turtle sundae

PRESIDENT – Mary Cherweznik

We recently began preparations for next year's programs and other activities. Tuckaway Country Club has informed us that the Club is available for our meeting dates. They have also agreed to maintain our lunch cost at \$35 per person which was good news indeed as we all are facing higher costs just about everywhere else. However, in keeping with other venues, Tuckaway will begin charging WCC and other non-members a Room Rental fee of \$375 per event beginning in September 2025. The WCC Board met this week, and we began discussions on how to fund this cost increase. Several ideas were offered, and the Board will make a final decision at next month's Board meeting. Stay tuned!

Kerstin Lanser and Linda Polulach have created a WCC flyer to promote our club. The flyer will be available at the April 16th and May 21st, 2025, meetings. Members are encouraged to distribute the flyers at places you frequent such as your library, your church, other clubs you belong to, and any other places smart, interested, involved women like you also hang out. Please pick up some flyers to distribute and sign up as to where you will drop a supply (so that we avoid duplicate drops).

Last month the Newsletter listed the different executive and committee chair positions. I hope you've had an opportunity to review the list and that you found a spot you can fill. Please contact me with any questions you have, or that you wish to participate in the management of WCC. You can call me for more information (414 395-3001) or email me at marycherweznik@gmail.com

Meanwhile, don't forget to renew your membership. Still only \$30 per year! Mary Wilde will be happy to take your check (payable to WCC) at our next meetings.

Warm regards, *Mary C*

PROGRAM NOTES – “The Importance of Indigenous Voices” – Linda Brown

Our meeting on Wednesday, May 21st will be devoted to learning about the indigenous people in Wisconsin. Our morning speaker will be Anne Egan-Waukau from the Menominee tribe. She is an urban native vote organizer who fosters relationships with the indigenous people in Wisconsin. She believes that all Native American Indian peoples' voices need to be heard in the fight to protect our environment. Her father, Sparky Waukau, was a revered environmental activist and tribal leader. She is a graduate of Marquette University with a BA in journalism. Our afternoon speaker is Jason Dropik a former administrator for the Indian Community School in Franklin and the newly appointed Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association. He will provide information on the creation of the local Indian School and their curriculum. Please bring questions for our speakers.

I am also looking for people to join the programming committee. We will be planning for 7 days of speakers. I already have commitments from the following speakers: James Santelle (US Supreme Court), Alan Borsuk (educational issues) and Tyler Kelly (gun violence). I have been collecting info on various topics this past year including the following: mental health, immigration, prison reform, and the environment. If you know of anyone who would like to speak on these topics or have other program ideas, please contact me. We will have a group meeting at the end of May or early June.

Linda Brown
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MEMBERSHIP – *Mary Wilde*

Membership dues for September 2025 through May 2026 are now due. The dues are \$30 a year for individuals or for affiliated clubs. You can pay cash or by check (payable to **WCC**) at the next meeting or mail your check to Mary Wilde, 2300 S. Brookside Pkwy, New Berlin, WI 53151. If you have a change of address, email, or phone number, be sure to include that information. Membership forms can be found at the reservation table at the conference or on our website (www.womenscivicconference.com).

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.

EDUCATION UPDATE – Elimination of DEI Initiatives in Schools – *Bernadette Asiatidis*

On Thursday, April 3 the Trump Administration through the Education Department gave states and schools a limited time to sign and certify that they are ending diversity, equity and inclusion practices. Recently reelected state superintendent Jill Underly stated that after reviewing the original Feb. 14 memo from the Education Dept. regarding DEI programs, she believed that Wisconsin schools are in full compliance with the law, although it is looking into the Department of Education's justification and authority to request sign off due to the current administration's political beliefs. New York public schools have rejected the directive saying there are no federal or state laws prohibiting DEI. Court challenges are mounting from various states, unions and civil rights groups regarding this Trump Administration DEI directive.

HEALTH CARE UPDATE –Understanding Medical Studies– *Mary Ellen Clinton*

Hardly a day goes by that we don't read of many new medical studies. One day we were told that a certain amount of coffee each day was good for us. Later a new study reports that no amount of coffee is good for us. A recent study concluded that no amount of alcohol is beneficial, contradicting earlier studies suggesting that a glass of wine is good for most people. Making sense of, and understanding, the significance of a medical study is not easy. It is difficult for doctors and scientists, much less for us. An example is the use of aspirin as a preventative treatment for heart attacks. About 30 years ago, studies began recommending the use of low dose aspirin for most older patients for therapy in preventing heart disease. Yet, as years of studies revealed, the beneficial effects were only found in patients who had already had a heart attack. The risk of severe stomach problems was greater than the benefits for those who had not had a heart attack. With this contradictory information, how can we understand?

Some tips are to know the source of the study. Not all studies are good science. Was the study from a well-known medical school and published in a well-known medical journal? Publications have strict criteria and are reviewed by experts before publication. There are different types of studies, narrow and large, those being conducted over a period of years involving thousands of people. Some studies are an analysis of earlier studies which yield either

positive or negative findings. Most of us are interested in studies of conditions that we or loved ones have. A useful source is from nonprofit organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Parkinson's Association, or American Heart Association, etc. which can be found on the internet. Your doctor, especially specialists, are important to help you make sense of a study. They should usually be up to date on the latest studies. Most new breakthroughs that come from studies take years to become the standard of care. And many physicians are hesitant to accept something new.

SPRING TOUR – MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING (MSOE) – Jean Dueling

Date: Tuesday, May 6th, 2025

Timing:

8:45 am Meet at State Fair Park and Ride (WisDOT State Fairgrounds Park & Ride, [8309 W Adler Street, Milwaukee WI 53214](#))

9:00 am Car Pool to MSOE Grohmann Museum Parking [Lot \(1100 N Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202\)](#)

9:30 am Meet at MSOE Grohmann Museum Parking Lot and begin tour which includes a lovely luncheon and tour of the Grohmann museum.

2:00 pm End of Tour: travel back to State Fair Park and Ride

TRIP CO-CHAIRS: Linda Jenzake 414-321-3215 Jean Dueling 414-321-0258 call or text

EVENT DETAILS:

- Explore the STEM Center and learn about the special activities designed to spark interest in STEM related career paths for children and teens.
- Visit the MSOE School of Nursing and have a "unique experience" in the Simulation Hospital.
- Tour the Grohmann Museum, home to the world's most comprehensive art collection dedicated to the evolution of work.
- Delight in a buffet taco lunch and a lively discussion with young women students in the engineering and nursing programs.
- Enjoy insights from Dr Jill Meyer, Associate VP of Academic Success & Institutional Effectiveness at MSOE.

LOGISTICS: Carpooling is encouraged and will be available from the State Fair Park and Ride parking lot.

Spring weather can be unpredictable. Guests will walk outdoors several blocks to reach all tour sites.

If space is available after March 31st, guests will be invited.

COST: \$30.00 for WCC members, \$35.00 for non-members. Includes admission to the museum and the luncheon.

REGISTRATION AT WCC MEETING: Linda and Jean will be at the March and April WCC meetings at the registration area to collect registration forms and checks. **Registration is due by April 25.**

MAIL REGISTRATION: If you prefer to mail in registration, mail to:

Jean Dueling

6100 W Stonehedge Dr, #108

Greenfield, WI 53220

MSOE REGISTRATION FORM

Exploring MSOE (Milwaukee School of Engineering) with WCC

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone Number: (cell phone number preferred) (____) _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone (____) _____

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 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.