



WOMEN'S CIVIC CONFERENCE CO

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March 15, 2025
April 2025 Newsletter

Board Meeting – Thursday, April 10, 2025, 9:30 am

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

General Meeting – Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

General Meeting – Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Chair of the Day: Linda Brown

10:00 am – Business Meeting

10:15 am – “**Journalism Today and in the Future**”

Speaker – **Greg Borowski**, Executive Editor, The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Speaker – **Debbie Hamlett**, VP & General Manager, Milwaukee PBS

Noon – Luncheon

1:00 pm – “**Journalism Today and in the Future**”

Speaker: **George Stanley**, CEO, Wisconsin Watch

Menu - Chopped Italian salad, Warm rolls and butter, Beer Battered Cod, Lemon pilaf, Carrots and green beans, Pound cake with strawberries and juice, strawberry ice cream

PRESIDENT – Mary Cherweznik

I hope you read all of each of our monthly Newsletters as our members work to bring you information you can use. Last month I wrote that I would be posting the WCC executive board and committee chair positions for your review (see Page 4). Please consider volunteering for a position. You'll only spend a couple of hours a month working on the position and the rewards are many. You can be one of the people who help to guide this organization! I have been honored to serve as your President, but my talents are better utilized in other positions. So, I will resign after next season's term. We need to plan for new people to take over these positions because if we do not have enough members volunteer to give of their time, their experience, and their concerns, we'll have to disband this group. And, after 100 years in existence, that would be a real shame. Please think about it. Warm regards, Mary C

PROGRAM NOTES – Linda Brown

Journalism today and in the future will be our topic on April 16th. Are you struggling to find a news source you can rely on to give you the facts? Do you wonder why the daily paper has so few pages and half of them are ads for hearing aids? And why does the newspaper cost so much? Do you wonder why the nightly TV news gives you only 15 minutes of news and then 15 minutes of “feel good” stories? Do you wonder where your grandchildren are getting their news? For our democracy to flourish we need a strong media that we can trust to provide us with facts. Please join us as we hear from the editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, general manager of Milwaukee PBS and the CEO of Wisconsin Watch, an online news source. Other topics will include media literacy and broadcast news. Bring your questions for a lively, informative discussion.

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.

GREETERS – *Mary Golden*

I want to give a shout-out to February's greeters: Ruth DiBella, Gloria Gaworski, and Kathy Mlakar. We depend on the volunteer Greeters to establish the welcome we want to feel as we join our friends at a WCC conference.

TAX EXEMPTION STATUS – *Kerstin Lanser*

After a long and arduous process, WCC has been granted non-profit status by the IRS under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3. This is retroactive to January 23, 2023. This means any donations made to the organization are tax deductible. If you itemize your contributions on your tax return, you can take a deduction for the \$30 annual dues. Payments for the luncheons are not tax deductible.

EDUCATION UPDATE – *Bernadette Asiatidis*

With the increased emphasis on immigrant deportations, many school districts have looked for legal guidance. The Department of Public Instruction website states that schools may not turn over personal information to police, federal agents or immigration officials without written consent from parents or caregivers. In addition, Wisconsin schools are not required to comply with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) without a judicial warrant which is issued by a judge or magistrate. Presently, no ICE agents have entered Wisconsin schools for the purpose of deporting undocumented immigrants.

KINDNESS – A HEALING POWER – *Mary Ellen Clinton*

During the Lenten Season, in my church as well as in others, donations are given on a weekly basis to various needy organizations. This is an established giving of kindness. Whether spontaneous or premeditated, acts of kindness do more than make the giver and recipient feel good. They can bolster our psychological and physical health in surprising ways. There is compelling evidence that kindness is linked with several aspects of health and well-being. Some studies have indicated it can improve happiness and a sense of engagement with life, reduce symptoms of anxiety, and increase a sense of social connection. Kindness is contagious. It boasts mood, compassion, empathy, and self-esteem. It decreases social isolation, loneliness, and is associated with lowering blood pressure. Volunteerism is a definite part of kindness. If kind acts are focused into compressed time periods, the practice becomes more of an instinct. It is unfortunate that the daily news and social media cannot find more ways to promote kindness rather than the opposite which shows evidence of witnessing those dynamics causes more hostility.

Many ways of showing kindness: Complimenting people, running errands for others, walking a friend's dog, making charitable donation, listening to friend or colleague who's having a bad day, sending flowers to a sad friend, giving up your seat on mass transportation, volunteering, etc. Continue to be kind in ways that you choose and have a HAPPY EASTER!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – *Diane Mee*

Our Wisconsin Supreme Court election is on April 1st, and every single one of us really needs to seriously spend time to look at all the issues, and to ignore the endless TV hype about how one or the other let some sexual

predator off with a light sentence who is now living right by a school (OMG, lock your doors!!). If you look long enough you can find anything to support anything that you want to support, so all those ads are basically moot. Please do not go into the voting booth and just vote along party lines because you have always voted on party lines. We are not in the same country we were before this last election. Thousands of people have been affected by recent decisions, and there apparently are outside influences pouring tons of money into this campaign. Here are the websites you can access to read, get information, and ask questions before our next election.

wikipedia.org/wiki/Susan_M._Crawford

wikipedia.org/wiki/Brad_Schimmel

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, 2025, 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.

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 (____) _____

WCC EXECUTIVE POSITIONS & COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

Please review this list of volunteer positions. Most of these positions will open up after the 2025-2026 year or sooner. If you would like to see if a position is something that meshes with your interests and experience, you might “shadow” an officer or committee chair to determine if you’d be a good fit. It will provide a great chance to give back to an organization that has given so much.

President – Preside at all meetings, establish WCC’s direction, appoint chairs of various committees, provide a monthly Newsletter message, and encourage new membership.

Vice President – Assist the President and perform the President’s duties in the absence of the President.

Recording Secretary – Keep a safe, secure record of the Board and regular meetings.

Corresponding Secretary – Conduct the general correspondence of the organization.

Treasurer – Keep a record and accurate account of all monies, report as required and serve on the Audit and Budget Committee.

Arrangement & Reservations Chair – Collect members’ and others’ payments for monthly meetings, place event orders with Tuckaway, check in attendees at the event, and resolve any issues with Tuckaway staff.

Audit & Budget Committee Chair – Following the May WCC meeting, convene and conduct a meeting to review the year’s budget and expenses, and prepare a budget for the upcoming year.

Education Committee Chair – Monitor news and other reports related to education on all levels and advise members of findings through the monthly Newsletter.

Health Care Committee Chair - Monitor news and other reports related to health care and advise members of policy, health maintenance and other changes through the monthly Newsletter.

Historical Record Chair – Collect and maintain all WCC records including agendas, meeting minutes, and Program information.

Hospitality Committee Chair – Arrange for members to serve as greeters/hostesses for general meetings.

Legislation Chair - Monitor news and other reports related to local, state, and national policy and legislation and how changes may affect members through reports in the monthly Newsletter.

Membership Chair – Maintain membership information, collect annual dues, provide information for publication of the annual membership directory, and encourage new members to join WCC.

Newsletter Chair – Establish a Newsletter format, update monthly with the month’s events and recognition, collect committee Chairs’ articles, publish and distribute the Newsletter monthly to all members.

Program Committee Chair – Select topics, programs, and dates for substantive, even-handed material to be presented at monthly conferences, arrange for Program Chairs to coordinate the presentations, and prepare the annual Program Guide (prospectus).

Sunshine Chair – Send get well, sympathy, and other special occasion cards to members as warranted.

Tours Committee Chair – Plan and arrange for an annual tour to a place of interest, communicate details to the membership, collect payments as needed, and provide a wrap-up report.

Website Chair – Provide information about WCC to the website manager and oversee their work and expenses.

Parliamentarian – Provide procedural guidance at all general and Board meetings.

OBITUARY – Paula Gray

We regret the passing of WCC member Paula Gray on December 31, 2024, at the age of 77. Paula was a member of the Women's Civic Conference for at least 12 years. According to her obituary, Paula and her husband, Richard, loved the art of hot air ballooning. She also loved going to the theatre, cuddling up with a good book, and listening to jazz music. Our condolences are extended to her family.

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.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN – WEST SUBURBAN MILWAUKEE BRANCH

AAUW West Suburban-Milwaukee Branch Presents

22nd Annual Spring Fling

A luncheon and style show benefiting local AAUW scholarships and AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls. Featuring the newest spring fashions and accessories from cabi and Edie Boutique, our new sponsor for 2025.

Saturday • April 12 • 2025 • 10:30am

Wisconsin Club

American Association of University Women
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Milwaukee, WI 53233

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Featuring fashions & styling by:

cabi Jill Meyer, Independent cabi Stylist **edie** Boutique **MARY KAY** Pat Czuchrowski, Independent Consultant

Cocktails, silent auction & raffles 10:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:45 a.m. Style show 12:30 p.m.

Come by yourself or
invite your friends & family

Valet Parking Provided
westsuburbanmilwaukee-wi.aaup.net
Credit, cash, and checks accepted

Contact Marty Gholston (martygholston@gmail.com) for more information or to reserve a seat!

UPCOMING WCC EVENTS

May 6, 2025 – Spring Tour – Milwaukee School of Engineering 8:45 am – 2:00 pm

May 21, 2025 – WCC Conference – Tuckaway Country Club – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

June 18, 2025 - WCC Conference – Tuckaway Country Club – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm