



## WOMEN'S CIVIC CONFERENCE CO

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September 15, 2024

### **Board Meeting – Thursday, October 10, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

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

### **General Meeting – Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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

### **General Meeting - Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

**Chair(s) of the Day: Linda Brown, Jean Kreul**

10:00 am – Business Meeting

10:15 am – **“Human Trafficking 101”**

Speaker: **Dr. Debbie Lassiter**, CEO of Convergence Resource Center

Noon – Luncheon

1:00 pm – **“Resources for Survivors of Domestic Abuse”**

Speaker: **Jessi Tapia**, Sojourner Family Peace Center community relations specialist

Menu - Tomato Soup, Warm Biscuits and Butter, Chicken Cordon Blue, Wild Rice Blend, Fresh Asparagus, Cherry Pie

This month's honored Affiliated Club is the Greendale Women's Club

### **PRESIDENT – Mary Cherweznik**

As the weather changes, we look forward to pumpkin spice lattes, cool evenings, and warm meetings with friends. A survey response is considered “excellent” if the return is 30% or greater. So far, 47% of our members have returned completed surveys, so we are more than excellent! Next month I'll be providing a report on what you all had to say about how the Women's Civic Conference is meeting your expectations. Thank you for completing your survey. It'll help us improve our organization.

We still have two committee chairs open (Newsletter and Historical Record). If you can give a couple of hours a month to one of these roles, it will be much appreciated. We must stop depending on the same people to take on all the responsibility of making WCC a worthwhile organization.

Website Committee Chair, Mary Wilde, has been working with the web designer on additions and improvements to our website. Be sure to check it out: [www.womenscivicconference.com](http://www.womenscivicconference.com)

We hope to see you at our October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting where we'll tackle two tough subjects: human trafficking and domestic abuse.

Warm regards, Mary C

### **PROGRAM NOTES – Linda Brown**

Last April, Dr. Debbie Lassiter presented information on the month's topic, “The Exploitation and Trafficking of Workers in Wisconsin.” We had so many questions, and several members requested that she return to give us more information. And so, we invited her to return in October. She will have the entire morning for her presentation on “Human Trafficking 101.” Dr. Lassiter is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of The Convergence Resource Center. For over 40 years, she has provided support and mentorship to men and women rebuilding their lives after trauma. Dr. Lassiter launched the HEMAD (Human trafficking Educators working with Men and boys Against the Demand) project to address the demand side of the commercial sex trade reaching over 45,000 men that now take a stand against human trafficking.

For the afternoon program, Jessi Tapia from the Sojourner Family Peace Center will speak on “Resources for Survivors of Domestic Abuse.” Jessi is a training and community relations specialist who will discuss domestic abuse and runaway, homeless youth.

### **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. 51<sup>st</sup> 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***

If you haven't paid your membership dues of \$30.00 yet, please take care of this by our October meeting. Affiliated Club dues of \$30 are also due. Any changes to your address or email address need to be corrected for our membership directory coming out in November. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come to a conference. It is the best way to help our membership grow. You can pay your dues at our October meeting or mail a check payable to **WCC** to Mary Wilde, 2300 S. Brookside Pkwy, New Berlin, WI 53151. If you are new to WCC, please see our website for the Membership Application Form, [www.womenscivicconference.com](http://www.womenscivicconference.com).

### **EDUCATION UPDATE – *Bernadette Asiatidis***

Data released from the Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction in 2023 indicates that public school students are advancing in proficiency rates since the Covid19 pandemic, although they are not quite as good as pre pandemic levels. An assessment by the U.S. Dept. of Education in 2021 found that proficiency standards in Wisconsin are among the highest in the nation. State superintendent Jill Underly cautions that other measures in addition to standardized testing must be used to provide a more comprehensive level of student learning.

### **SHOULD YOU REALLY TAKE THAT DAILY ASPIRIN? – *Mary Ellen Clinton***

Low-dose aspirin therapy used to be considered a simple way to help prevent a first-time heart attack or a stroke in people with low risk for those conditions. That changed in 2019 when evidence about aspirin's limited benefits and increased bleeding risks in low-risk adults prompted new recommendations against such therapy. But many people haven't gotten the message according to a research letter published online in June 2024 by the Annals of Internal Medicine. While aspirin use declined in 2019, nearly a third of healthy adults aged 60 or older were still taking aspirin in 2021, and about 1 in 20 were using it without medical advice.

If you are still taking a daily low dose aspirin (81 milligrams) but you are at a **LOW RISK** for heart disease, stroke or bleeding, talk to your doctor as soon as possible about whether you should continue. Aspirin therapy remains a mainstay for people with a **HIGH RISK** of having a heart attack.

### **VOTING INFORMATION – *Diane Mee***

WCC probably has a very high percentage of voters since our organization is primarily educational, and most of our members are or were professional women. With so much election information available, you may want to just google "Election 2024" to find information such as the latest poll results, which states favor which candidate, and key issues in the campaign. Here's more information with deadlines:

<b>Voting Registration:</b>	Postmarked by	October 16, 2024
	Online by 11:59 pm	October 16, 2024
	In person	November 5, 2024

<b>Absentee Ballot Deadlines:</b>	Request a ballot	by 5:00 pm on October 31, 2024
	Return by mail (must be received)	by 8:00 pm on November 5, 2024
	Return ballot in person	by 8:00 pm on November 5, 2024

**Early voting varies by location.** Check your municipality.

**In person voting**, Tuesday, November 5, 2024

**AFFILIATED CLUB – GREENDALE WOMEN’S CLUB – *Lynda Nelson, President***

In 1956, a group of women met together at their homes in Greendale to socialize, talk about their community, and ponder what they could do to help it flourish. That evolved into today’s Greendale Women’s Club with a focus on enriching and improving our own lives and that of our community. You don’t have to live in Greendale! We welcome members from surrounding communities including Franklin, Hales Corners, Wauwatosa, and Brookfield. Through educational and fun programs at our monthly luncheons (held at Tuckaway Country Club on the first Wednesday of the month), just this year we were able to provide scholarships to high school seniors, money to libraries, senior projects, food pantries, reading buddies, Repairs for the Breach, Capuchin Services, Fisher House, Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Sojourner House, and Next Door Foundation.

Beyond our mission, we have fun and socialize! We offer a monthly book club, Bridge and Sheephead card clubs, sponsorship of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and a concert at the Greendale gazebo, and our epicures are always in search of new restaurants.

For more information, contact Lynda Nelson, [mousey4900@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mousey4900@sbcglobal.net), 414 690-7010.

**TOUR OPPORTUNITY – *Linda Jenzake, Jean Dueling***

**Thursday, October 24, 2024 Day Trip to Madison, Wisconsin**

Affiliated club, AAUW-WSM (American Association of University Women-West Suburban Milwaukee), is offering a day trip to Madison and guided tours of the Wisconsin State Capitol and the State Historical Society Library & Archives. Depart Goerke’s Corners Park & Ride at 9:00 am on Thursday, October 24, 2024, and return to the Park & Ride at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$59.00 per person including the bus ride and both tours with guides, but does not include your cost of lunch at The Old Fashioned Tavern & Restaurant in Madison. Reservation and payment due September 24, 2024. Checks to be made payable to Terri Mitchell, and mailed to Terri at 13335 Watertown Plank Rd, #109, Elm Grove, WI 53122. Questions? Terri’s phone is 414 217-7462.

**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](mailto:jeanreinemann@gmail.com).