



WOMEN'S CIVIC CONFERENCE CO

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

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

General Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

General Meeting - Wednesday, October 15, 2025 Chair of the Day: Bernadette

Asiatidis 10:00 am – Business Meeting

10:15 am – **“The Impact of the 2024-2025 Supreme Court Rulings”**

Speaker: James L. Santelle, former US Dept of Justice Attorney

Noon – Luncheon

1:00 pm – **“New Issues for the Supreme Court**

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Menu - Cream of mushroom soup, Warm rolls and butter, Meatloaf, Oven roasted potatoes, Buttered carrots, Apple pie

This month's Honored Affiliated Club – **Greendale Woman's Club**

PRESIDENT – Mary Cherweznik

For our October conference, we are pleased to again welcome Jim Santelle with his annual (for WCC) review of the US Supreme Court – what's expected for this session, and how we will be affected by what the “Supremes” decided in the past session. This is always a well-attended conference, so don't wait to get your reservation in. At our November meeting we will ask you to donate to the charity the Board selects for this Holiday Season so bring your checkbooks! If you would like to submit a charity for consideration, please do so. Email me with your choice and why you especially selected that charity (marycherweznik@gmail.com). Remember that WCC will match all members' donations up to a maximum of \$500. Last year our members contributed \$1,790 and with the WCC match of \$500, we were able to send the Convergence Resource Center \$2,290. I was so proud of our organization. Thank you again. Warm regards, Mary C

PROGRAM NOTES – Bernadette Asiatidis

Our speaker for the October conference will be James Santelle. James is the former United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. His distinguished 30+ year career encompassed a variety of federal court positions beginning with his graduation from law school in 1983 to his eventual appointment to the Eastern District of Wisconsin by former President Barack Obama in 2009. His career also took him to Iraq where he became the rule of law coordinator and legal advisor to the United States Embassy in Baghdad during the Iraq War. His presentation will focus on the impact of Supreme Court rulings.

ARRANGEMENTS & REGISTRATION – Carol Dohoney NOTE! New Chair & New Address! A prepaid reservation is required to attend each conference. The cost is \$40.00 per person and a check made **payable to WCC** is to be mailed to **Carol Dohoney, 11077 W Forest Home Ave, Apt 2510, Hales Corners, WI 53130** (be sure to include the Apt number) 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, 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 Carol 414 745-8104 with other questions. Once the count has been submitted to Tuckaway, we cannot refund payments. If you have not reserved and paid for your spot, please do not expect to be seated at the conference.

MEMBERSHIP – *Mary Wilde*

Membership dues are due for our September 2025 through May 2026 programs. The dues will remain at \$30.00 this year! What a bargain for such interesting programs! And delicious lunches! And great company! Bring your friends, neighbors, and relatives along!

Make your check **payable to WCC** or pay in cash. If you are a new member, please check our website for the Membership Application Form, www.womenscivicconference.com (look under Membership for the form) and enclose it with your check. Checks can be mailed to **Mary Wilde, 2300 S. Brookside Pkwy, New Berlin, WI 53151**. Returning members, please advise if there are any changes to your address, email or phone so that our Membership Directory will have the correct information (contact Mary Wilde, marywilde7@gmail.com, 262 424- 9832).

EDUCATION – *Bernadette Asiatidis*

Governor Tony Evers and Wisconsin Superintendent of Schools Jill Underly have given optimistic reviews to the progress being made by Milwaukee Public Schools under the leadership of Dr. Brenda Cassellius. An audit revealed major problems in operations, human resources, communications, and academics in addition to finance. Cassellius brought in outside consultants to fix inefficient accounting systems. The district's reading program is now aligned with new state standards prioritizing phonics-based instruction. In addition to correcting the lead paint problem, a long-range facilities plan is being developed. Starting this fall there are 25 police officers in the high schools. These are some of the directives being implemented since Cassellius became superintendent of MPS in March 2025.

HEALTH CARE – *Mary Ellen Clinton*

A new gene therapy may help protect the brain and slow down Alzheimer's disease. Unlike current treatments, which mostly focus on removing harmful proteins from the brain, this therapy works by changing how brain cells behave. Alzheimer's happens when abnormal proteins build up in the brain, causing brain cells to die. This leads to memory loss and problems with thinking. Most existing treatments only manage symptoms, but this new therapy could help stop or even reverse the damage.

In tests with mice that had Alzheimer's symptoms, the treated mice kept stronger memory function. Their brain cells also acted more like those in healthy mice. This suggests the therapy might help sick brain cells return to a healthier state. More research is needed before the treatment can be tested in people, but it offers new hope for slowing memory loss and protecting brain health in the future.

LEGISLATION – *Kelley Knoerr*

2026 is set to be a busy election year in Wisconsin. The following statewide election dates should be marked on your calendar:

February 17, 2026: Spring Primary

April 7, 2026: Spring General Election

August 11, 2026: Primary

November 3, 2026: General Election

It is important to begin paying attention to declared candidates, as well as staying informed through articles and debates. With April just seven months away, these elections on April 7 will be particularly significant: State Supreme Court: A new justice will be elected to replace Rebecca Bradley, who has announced she will not seek another term in 2026.

Intermediate Appellate Courts: The following judges must stand for nonpartisan election in 2026 to remain on the bench. Judges may choose not to stand for election, and this list may change if there are retirements or appointments: District I: Martin Joseph Donald, District II: Lisa Neubauer, District IV: Rachel Graham

HONORED AFFILIATED CLUB – GREENDALE WOMAN'S CLUB – Barbara Toll

The Greendale Woman's Club is going strong after almost 70 years. We are back having our meetings in Greendale at Joey Gerard's in the Village Center on the first Wednesday of month September through May. Our membership consists of not only Greendale ladies but residents from surrounding communities. We focus on promoting, sponsoring and participating in community activities, giving grants to deserving entities and scholarships to graduating students. Our members also enjoy social activities like cards, book club and lunches. We try to find something for everyone. Barbara Toll

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 for some navigation hints.

SUNSHINE – Jean Reinemann

If you know of a WCC member who is sick, having surgery, or who has a family member who recently passed away, please contact Jean Reinemann, 262 993-8112, jeanreinemann@gmail.com with that information. Jean will send a card so that the member will know we're thinking about her.

Mark your calendar for the following future conferences:

November 19, 2025 Topic: Family Mental Health Issues

February 18, 2026 Topic: Skills Trade Education for Girls

March 18, 2026 Topic: Wisconsin State Courts and Voting Rights

April 22, 2026 Topic: Gun Violence

May 20, 2026 Topic: Our Beautiful Milwaukee County Parks