



WOMEN'S CIVIC CONFERENCE CO

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October 15, 2024

Board Meeting – Thursday, November 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

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

General Meeting – Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

General Meeting - Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Chair(s) of the Day: Bernadette Asiatidis

10:00 am – Business Meeting

10:15 am – **“Milwaukee Water Stories and How They Impact the Environment”**

Speaker: **Michael Alan Timm**, Manager, Milwaukee Water Stories

Noon – Luncheon

1:00 pm – **“Revitalizing the Menomonee River Valley”**

Speaker: **Nia Smith**, Project Manager, Menomonee Valley Partners

Menu - Wisconsin salad with sweet balsamic dressing, Warm rolls and butter, Sliced roasted turkey breast, Old fashioned stuffing, Mashed potatoes and natural gravy, Cranberry sauce, Zucchini, squash, and tomatoes, Pumpkin pie

This month's Honored Affiliated Club is Lalumiere League.

PRESIDENT – Mary Cherweznik

I hope that this Newsletter finds you enjoying the beautiful Fall weather and sleeping late because it's VERY dark early in the morning. Augie Doggie and I carry a flashlight for our first and last walks of the day.

Attached to this mailing is the Analysis of the WCC Survey Responses which provides the detail of responses to each survey question. We mailed the survey with our August 15, 2024 Newsletter and 52% of you responded. We thank you for taking the time to let us know what you think.

Generally speaking, WCC seems to be meeting your expectations. Most of our members joined WCC to be exposed to topics about which we know little and about which we want to be more informed. Tuckaway got good marks, as did our schedule of morning and afternoon speakers. Members checked off lots of topics of interest, and our Program committee will have many areas to choose from to present to you. Many members were not aware of our website (www.womenscivicconference.com). It's been recently updated, so please be sure to check it out. Most of us are retired from some occupation outside the home. About 53% of those who responded worked in Education, and many proudly listed their schools and the grade levels they taught. Comments were specific, thought-provoking and interesting, and we appreciate them all. The responses will guide us as we move forward. My many thanks to Kathy Hein who will assume the responsibility of our Historical Records Chair.

We hope to see you at our November 20th meeting where we'll delve into the importance of fresh water and the ramifications for the Milwaukee area.

Warm regards, Mary C

PROGRAM NOTES – Bernadette Asiatidis

For the November 20th conference, our morning speaker will be Michael Alan Timm who is a freshwater scientist and the Manager of Milwaukee Water Stories. Michael is a writer, game designer, and journalist interested in educating different people of all ages on the impact clean water has on various aspects of the environment including humans, aquatic life, agriculture, and industrial processes. Here are two websites that support Mr. Timm's presentation: <https://refloh2o.com/water-stories> and <https://refloh2o.com/milwaukee-community-map>

Our afternoon speaker will be Nia Smith, Project Manager, Menomonee Valley Partners, whose focus is revitalizing the Menomonee River Valley with strong companies and recreational opportunities. Environmental sustainability in development is her priority.

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.

MEMBERSHIP – *Mary Wilde*

Our membership directory will be distributed at our November meeting. 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*

Youth Apprenticeship is a program for high school juniors or seniors to obtain on-the-job training along with related classroom instruction. In Wisconsin in 2023 there were 9,932 student-enrolled apprentices which is a record number since the program began. There is an increased demand in the American labor market for workers in industries such as healthcare, construction, cybersecurity, telecommunications, law enforcement and many more. Gov. Tony Evers allocated \$7 million in funding for the 16 approved program areas which can lead to 83 occupational careers. Following high school, there is a Registered Apprenticeship program serving adults which can be the next step to a skilled career.

FIVE THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH – *Mary Ellen Clinton*

1. Moisten your cuticles. It can prevent a nasty infection.
2. Stay active. Regular exercise alleviates knee pain.
3. Talk about your grief. Doing so can bring much needed support.
4. Tune into music. Listening to favorite songs can boost your mood.
5. Swap out salt. Using a salt substitute can cut your risk of high blood pressure.

But most of all, be thankful for all your blessings now and always.

LEGISLATIVE – *Diane Mee*

We have been so very fortunate to have had Jim Santelle speak to our group numerous times. When explaining current issues in the Courts, he thankfully does not use “legalize,” and has made us more cognizant of the impact Supreme Court decisions can have on us.

Our next election may come down to another Supreme Court ruling like the 2000 ruling known as Bush vs. Gore. You may want to keep abreast of the election happenings at Politico.com/news and ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin_elections_2024. These are two sites that are unbiased.

If you can't get enough of Jim Santelle, he does six-week programs at Clement Manor. The next one begins on Tuesday, October 15 from 11:00-12:30. You must register (and pay) for these programs. Contact Clement Manor (414 321 1800) for more information.

HONORED CLUB – LALUMIERE LEAGUE – *Jeannie Sprangers*

Named for Fr. Stanislaus Lalumiere, the founder of Marquette University, Lalumiere League, is a non-profit, philanthropic organization founded in 1933 as a Marquette University alumnae association and has since grown to include any Catholic woman interested in promoting the goals of education and charity in our community and state. We give partial scholarships yearly, not only to Marquette University, but also to Alverno College and Mount Mary University. These are to help young women with average grade points who would not otherwise qualify for academic based aid.

We hold a yearly Charity Luncheon whose proceeds are distributed to local charitable organizations. Over the years these have included the Bay View Community Center, Felix Mantia League of Journey House, Fr. Gene's H.E.L.P. Center, St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program, and Notre Dame Middle School, as well as many others. We participate annually in a clothing drive of new dresses, skirts and tops for girls, shorts and tops for boys, and underwear for both to be shipped to small villages in several African countries.

Lalumiere League provides its members the opportunity to do collectively, in the name of charity, what they cannot do individually.

For more information, please contact Jeannie Sprangers, President, Lalumiere (psprangers@aol.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.



Newsletter Chair

The job: Attend monthly Board meetings. Board members and Committee Chairs will provide articles for inclusion in the monthly Newsletter. Edit as needed. Update the Newsletter form with Board Meeting and Conference Dates, topics and speakers, menus, and affiliated club information. The Newsletter is to be created by the 15th of the month prior to the next general meeting. Email or mail it (to those without email addresses) by the 20th of the month. If you have computer skills and can spend a couple of hours a month preparing and sending the Newsletter, please apply! Contact Mary Cherweznik, 414 395-3001, marycherweznik@gmail.com.