

NEWSLETTER

DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB DCWC

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Save These Dates

Day of Recollection

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
753 S. Hyatt Street, Tipp City, Ohio
Saturday, October 7, 2023

Christmas Boutique and Luncheon

Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
Saturday, December 2, 2023

St. Patrick's Pot-O-Gold Event
Date to be determined, March, 2024

Spring Celebration Luncheon
Date to be determined, May, 2024

2023 St. Patrick's Pot-O-Gold Card Party

by Julianne McCain and Lisa Nussman, Co-Chairs

Thank you DCWC members for another successful Pot-O-Gold Card Party. Through participation in a Leprechaun playing card raffle, cash raffle, and cash contributions, we were able to raise approximately \$4,400. The DCWC Board thanks you for such a generous response!

Winners of the Three Pot-O-Gold drawings were:

Gail Brockman
Pauline Everman
Sue Graham

Winners of the cash prizes were:

Margaret Gottschlich
Judy McManus
Carolyn McKenzie
Mary Rogers

Because of your additional generosity, we were able to present the organization, Femme Aid, with a check for \$905 for feminine hygiene products. This was in addition to a large supply of donated products that were brought to the event by our generous members.

Your support of our St. Patrick's Day Card Party was beyond our expectations! Thank you for participating and donating.

May St. Patrick bless you and keep you until we meet again!

President's Message

by Margene Robinson, President

Dear Ladies of the Dayton Catholic Women's Club,

I want everyone to know how much I appreciated your support for the last 2 years. It has been a great honor to serve as your President. We accomplished many things the last two years. The most important was the Celebration of our 100th Jubilee.

For those of you who could not attend, see articles in this newsletter on the Jubilee Celebration. I want to share some personal highlights of this very inspirational day. Our Mass of Celebration at Emmanuel Church was the most important event of the Jubilee. It made us realize what DCWC is all about, and brought us back to our faith and dedication to our DCWC mission, reminding us of the many ways DCWC has been able to assist organizations in our community helping women, children and families over the past 100 years. His Holiness Pope Francis honored us with a Blessing, Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr honored us with a Blessing, and the Mayor of Dayton, Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., proclaimed April 22, 2023 as Dayton Catholic Women's Day! We were truly blessed and recognized, and the Jubilee was a tribute to all of us and our involvement, and we can all share the pride of our first 100 years.

Now it is time for us to look at our sustainability as an organization for the next 100 years. On June 12 and July 10, 2023, the star studded team of DCWC Board of Directors will embark on planning meaningful goals and strategies for DCWC around a new strategic plan to move us forward. We will share good news about these gatherings and outcomes in upcoming newsletters. If you have any ideas that you would like to share about moving DCWC into the next 100 years, please send an email or a message on our Facebook page, or contact a Board member with your input. Please pray for the Board and all of us in the DCWC, as together we prepare for our future.

I look forward to staying on the Board and assisting your new President, Gail Brockman. Our DCWC meetings are held the second Monday of every Month at 6:00 pm at Bainbridge Hall, 267 Bainbridge Street, Dayton. Everyone is welcomed to attend these meetings and become involved.

As I conclude my final President's message, I want to personally thank everyone on the Board and all members who assisted us with our 100th Jubilee. It was a great success!

God Bless All of You!

Margene

Memorials & Membership

by Sandy Reed, Membership Chair

Deceased Members

DCWC has lost the following valuable member due to death since the last newsletter.



Helen Crotty

5/25/2023

Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord; may she rest in peace. Amen. (Please note in your membership books and say a prayer for our deceased members as you do so). Please say a prayer for those who are ill at this time, so they may have comfort and know the care of the DCWC.

We don't always know right away of anyone passing. If you know of any deceased members who have not been mentioned in the newsletter, please advise Sandy Reed (937-890-1375) or Gail Brockman (937-898-8723). Thanks for helping us remember our members.

The Membership section with member information will resume with the next newsletter.

Membership Dues

Please don't forget to pay your 2023 membership dues if you have not already done so. Yearly dues are \$15.00 and a Lifetime membership is \$150.00. Save time and money with a Lifetime membership!

Membership Books

The new DCWC 2023-2024 membership books have been mailed. If you do not receive your book, please contact Sandy Reed or Julianne McCain.

2023 DCWC Scholarship Winners

by Christine Evans, Scholarship Committee Chair

Every year, DCWC embraces the task of choosing young ladies who personify our values of faith, leadership, and service. This year we received 29 applications. The committee had the task of choosing 10 recipients for \$1000 scholarship each to be used for college or trade school. These young women are also active in their home parish and plan to remain active participants in our faith. The applicants we chose all work, volunteer in their community, excel at their coursework and value their family life. These young ladies wrote about their parents, grandparents, coaches, and teachers. We were impressed by stories about these young ladies who would be first generation to go to college. Other stories that moved us had tinges of heroism as they helped a family member through mental and physical struggles. All essays included stories of growth and personal development.

Thank you to all applicants! You are a talented and wonderful group of future leaders and women of faith. We at DCWC wish you all the best in your educational careers.

Also, please join me in appreciation of these scholarship committee members: Jane Mott, Kathy Stahl, Cathie Stucke, and Diane Gothard.

With pride, we recognize and congratulate the 2023 DCWC Scholarship recipients:

Recipient: Natalie Busher
Parish: Incarnation Parish
High School: Alter High School
Will be attending: Miami University - Health Sciences

Recipient: Emma Davis
Parish: Emmanuel Parish
High School: Tippecanoe High School
Will be attending: in Ohio, major: Communication / Journalism

Recipient: Catherine Glen
Parish: Incarnation Parish
High School: Homeschool
Will be attending: Ave Maria University, Florida

Recipient: Natalie Kriegbaum
Parish: St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
High School: Chaminade-Julienne High School
Will be attending: University of Dayton – Health Sciences

Recipient: Ellen Meyer
Parish: St. Francis of Assisi Parish
High School: Carroll High School
Will be attending: Spring Arbor University – Special Education

Recipient: Alejandra Patino-Garfias
Parish: St. Mary's Parish
High School: Chaminade-Julienne High School
Will be attending: To be decided - Psychology or Art Therapy

Recipient: Caitlyn Roach
Parish: St. Luke Parish
High School: Chaminade-Julienne High School
Will be attending: University of Dayton – Health Sciences

Recipient: Teresa Schlagel
Parish: Ascension Parish
High School: Carroll High School
Will be attending: University of Dayton – Physical Therapy

Recipient: Mary Meg Smart
Parish: St. Luke Parish
High School: Carroll High School
Will be attending: Franciscan University of Steubenville - Nursing

Recipient: Riley Wolf
Parish: St. Francis DeSales Parish, Lebanon
High School: Fenwick High School
Will be attending: University of Dayton – Civil Engineering



DCWC CENTENNIAL JUBILEE EVENT HIGHLIGHT



CENTENNIAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION – APRIL 22, 2023

by Carol Graham, Jubilee Chair

The day started with a beautiful Mass at Emmanuel Catholic Church, the oldest Catholic Church in Dayton. In fact, this is where the women of DCWC held their board meetings 100 years ago. Fr. Angelo Anthony and Deacon Rusty Baldwin presided. The organist, Michelle Carner and soloist, Virginia Kuepper, did a wonderful job with the music and Fr. Angelo's homily was most creative, with the way he incorporated the history of DCWC into an inspirational message. To hear the full homily, please visit the DCWC website at daytoncatholicwomensclub.org.

After Mass, we attended a dinner reception at the Presidential Banquet Center. Upon arrival, we were greeted with a detailed display of pictures and historical information, a platinum and blue décor with beautiful flower centerpieces, a photo opportunity corner, music selections by harpist, Leah Estes, and appetizers of cheese, fruit, and meatballs and other refreshments.

We were privileged by the presence of Channel 2, in which they interviewed two of our most honored past presidents, Anita Rankin and Ruth Galyon. The event was reported on Channel 2 news media that evening, and it was a great way to be recognized by the Dayton community of who we are and the important work we have done the past 100 years.

The program began with a welcome by our President, Margene Robinson. She announced that if you have a DCWC logo sticker on the inside back page of your program, you can take the beautiful flower arrangement centerpiece home at the end of the evening. We were then honored by our spiritual director, Sr. Thelma Wurzelbacher, who led us in prayer. Dinner rolls and Strawberry Field Salad were served by Kohler waiters, followed by entrées of either Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Piccata and Quinoa Stuffed Portabella Mushrooms, and accompanied by Boursin filled red potatoes and garlic roasted brussel sprouts.

During dessert of creme brulé with fresh berries, Margene brought to our attention that we have been recognized by both Pope Francis and Archbishop Dennis Schnurr with a written blessing from both. We also were recognized by the City of Dayton Mayor with a proclamation honoring DCWC Day. All three of these honors were on display for our review. Margene

also recognized the current board members as well as our current officers. Then she introduced me, Carol Graham, to come forward.

As we hugged, Pat Rau came forward to announce that it is Margene's birthday and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and we all sang Happy Birthday! This was a nice surprise for her. Then I wanted to make sure that I acknowledged all those of importance to this organization. First of all, I thanked my committee members: Cindy Currell, Ruth Galyon, Barb Kreuzer, Jane Mott, Pat Rau, Margene Robinson, Lisa Scherbauer, and Sr. Thelma Wurzelbacher; I thanked three important leaders of the Church: Pope Francis, Archbishop Schnurr and Fr. Angelo Anthony; I then thanked any parish priests, women religious, and campus ministers who were present; I also thanked Parish Liaisons, who help us communicate to all the parishes, and finally, the husbands and supporters of our DCWC members who were present.

There were no scholarship recipients or grant recipients present, but I shared what a pleasure it was to celebrate their service and our support to them. Lastly, I needed to acknowledge all past presidents of DCWC, those who have gone before us as well as those still living, both present at the event or not: Anita Rankin, Ruth Galyon, Angie McGraw, Mary Ellen Oomens, Barbara Kreuzer, Lisa Nussman, Julianne McCain, and Carol Graham. I was happy to introduce Pat Rau to come up and introduce our nationally renowned speaker, Donna Heckler, who spoke about "the radiance of wisdom." Go to <https://donnaheckler/about/> to learn more about her and her three amazing books.

After a well-deserved standing ovation, Pat gave some concluding remarks. Then, she had everyone stand for a birthday game to determine the lucky recipient of a special Centennial Jubilee platinum homemade table runner, won by Barbara Kreuzer. Margene came forward to announce that there are two gifts on the table for each of us: a Jubilee Christmas Ornament and a specially designed Commemorative Jubilee Booklet, detailing the history of DCWC during the 100 years of existence. Then she concluded by leading us in the prayer of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

I would like to say Thank You to all my committee, those who volunteered to come early in the morning to help set up the banquet room, those who volunteered for and participated in the parts of the Mass and all you members who were in attendance to make this event a special celebration for all.

I most importantly want to thank all the Hat and Glove donors, all our members who made a charitable donation, all patrons who made a contribution, and all those patrons who paid for an ad for our program book and provided financial support for the event.

We certainly appreciate all the assistance and recognition. We were able to hold a beautiful and meaningful event and want you to know we couldn't have done it without all of you!

Photos of the event will be available soon on the DCWC website at www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org.

Thank you and God Bless!

Carol



Prayer Corner

Prayer for a Bright Future for Dayton Catholic Women's Club

Lord, Evening has come on the first one hundred years of the Dayton Catholic Women's Club, and we give You thanks and praise for the joy, the good works, the faith and the blessings that we have experienced in Your honor and glory.

Now, we humbly ask You to lead Dayton Catholic Women's Club to the dawn of the new day of a new century for us.

May we prayerfully discern Your will for a Bright Future and actively seek faith, hope and love as we serve.

*We ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, forever and ever,
Amen.*

Spring

*Nothing is so beautiful as spring -
When weeds in wheels shoot long and lovely lush;
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightning to hear him sing;
The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.
What is all this juice and all this joy?
A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning
In Eden garden. - Have, get, before it cloy,
Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy, Most, O maid's child,
thy choice and worthy the winning.*

by Gerard Manley Hopkins S.J.

(Source: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/spring-prayers>).

Additional Spiritual Resources

-Scriptures of the Day (found at www.usccb.org)

-Center for Action and Contemplation – Daily Meditations
(<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/>).

-Abby of the Arts - <https://abbeyofthearts.com/prayer-cycle/>



Our Mission:

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club
engages in religious, educational,
social and charitable works,
always giving the best we have.