

NEWSLETTER

DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB DCWC

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Save These Dates

St. Patrick's Pot-O-Gold Event
Virtual Event - Bainbridge Hall
267 Bainbridge Street, Dayton
Saturday, March 11, 2023

DCWC Centennial Jubilee 1923-2023
Keynote Speaker: Donna A Heckler
Mass: Emmanuel Catholic Church
Dinner Reception: Presidential Banquet Center
Saturday, April 22, 2023

Spring Celebration Luncheon
Spring Luncheon Cancelled for 2023

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

Christmas Boutique and Luncheon
Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
Saturday, December 2, 2023

2022 Christmas Boutique and Luncheon

by Margene Robinson & Pat Rau

The Christmas bells were ringing on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at the Presidential Banquet Center, the scene of the Annual DCWC Christmas Boutique and Luncheon. A Christmas sleigh loaded with beautifully decorated packages, tables laden with silvery ornaments and lighted centerpieces on each dining table made for a welcoming sight for the 225 members and guests. A special thanks to DCWC member, Pat Schlangen, for making these beautiful centerpieces. They were lovely and a big hit!

Holiday shoppers from throughout the Dayton area visited the many vendors in a homey shop. The treasures included scarves, knitted hats, glassware, books, religious items, jewelry, Lithuanian crafts, Christmas items and delicious baked goods.

Just before noon, sleigh bells rang to announce the Luncheon was about to begin. President of the DCWC, Margene Robinson, welcomed everyone. Then, she introduced our special Guest, Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati. This was the first DCWC event that Archbishop Schnurr has attended. He received a very warm welcome.

Then, the Chaminade Julianne a cappella choir entertained with three exuberant renditions of Christmas songs. The arrangements were quite original and very well presented. Bravo!

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President's Message

by Margene Robinson, President

Dear Ladies of the Dayton Catholic Women's Club,

As you receive this Newsletter, you'll read of our successful Christmas Boutique and Luncheon and the preparation for our upcoming 100th Jubilee Celebration. Thank you to all our members who attended our signature Christmas event and those who supported the event through generous donations. Thank you for all the raffle ticket purchases and scholarship and grant donations. What a wonderful success!

In light of preparations for the 100th Jubilee Celebration in April, the March St. Patrick's Day event will be virtual and the flyer with information is enclosed in this mailing. Prizes for the St. Patrick's event will all be cash winnings. Please join in the Pot O'Gold fun! Also, please note that the Board has decided to cancel our May Spring Celebration Luncheon this year.

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

As members of DCWC, we can be proud of all the charitable and educational funds we raise and award. Without all of you, our members, this would not be possible. Thank you for always giving the best you have!

In honor of devoted DCWC members who have passed away, we have created a Memory Envelope to provide donations to DCWC in the name of deceased members. If you ever need envelopes, just let me know. Honoring our members is a special gift to DCWC.

Remember that our 100th Jubilee Celebration is soon approaching. Please watch for your Invitation, which will be sent in March, for a Mass and dinner reception for you and a guest. Our Jubilee will be a time of prayer and celebration! Volunteers for the event are needed. To help, please contact Carol Graham. See page 2 for volunteer needs.

As my Presidency comes to a close, I'm proud of all we have accomplished in the last two years. I will remain very involved with DCWC and look forward to conducting Membership Sundays in 2023. Increasing DCWC membership and recruiting leaders for the DCWC Board remain a top priority. We will be reaching out to Parish Liaisons to help. If you are interested in helping with membership, please contact me.

I wish everyone a peaceful 2023 and look forward to the upcoming year for DCWC.

God bless all of you for supporting DCWC.

Margene

Memorials & Membership

by Sandy Reed, Membership Chair

Deceased Members

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



Nancy McEldowney	11/2/2022
Vivian Streibel	11/2/2022
Janice Kaskocsak	11/29/2022
Thomasine Suazo	12/25/2022
Joan Schuermann	12/28/2022
Mary Jo Suttmiller	1/23/2023

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.

New Life Member

Ida Knopp

New Members

The following new members' addresses and phone numbers are listed in the new roster book.

Renee Arana
Susan Blanford
KaSandra Feldmann
Robin Grollmus
Deloria Harris
Regina Mercer
Deborah Ravestein
Samantha Van Dorpe - also a new Lifetime member
Carol Woodward

The following new member joined after the membership book was printed
Deborah Hutchins 1452 E. Spring Valley-Paintersville Rd.
Xenia, OH 45385
513-678-4734

Changes/Corrections of addresses, phone numbers and name spellings

Joyce Goldner 1310 Paul Revere Way, Troy, OH. 45373
937-552-7912

Regina Mercer's house number is 36 not 367
Lynda Cooper 765-265-3483
Mary Anne Dudon 937-657-1175
Carolyn Montavon 937-545-7656

Patricia Bolt not Patricia
KaSandra Feldmann not Kay Feldman
Elaine Sendelbach is now Elaine Coatney – new info in the book

Membership Dues

NOW is the time to pay your 2023 annual membership dues if you have not already done so. A membership envelope has been provided for your convenience with this newsletter for those who owe for 2023. Yearly dues are \$15.00 and a Lifetime membership is \$150.00. Save time and money with a Lifetime membership!

Membership Books

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DCWC Christmas Luncheon (Continued from page 1)

After the singing, Margene invited Archbishop Schnurr to speak to the group. He started by telling us that he grew up in a small town of about 600 people in northeast Iowa. Never did he ever expect to be an Archbishop! We found out that his favorite place to visit is Italy. He speaks fluent Italian, loves the culture, food and the country side of the country. Plus, he vacations for one week each year in Florida.

Then, he shared an update on the Diocesan plan: Beacons of Light and the Families of Parishes. The Plan is meant to bring pastoral vitality to the parishes and not meant to close parishes. "The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is entering its third century. I am convinced that Beacons of Light, born of great hope, will enable us to form stronger parishes, centered on the Eucharist, that radiate the love of Christ and joy of the Gospel..."

God has abundantly blessed our first two centuries and will certainly bless the next," believes Archbishop Schnurr.

To explain the Plan further, Fr. Jan Schmidt, Director of the Office of Pastoral Vitality, which supports priests, deacons, and lay leaders as they lead their parishes to live and grow in faith, spoke about the changes needed for the Diocese to move forward for the next 100 years. The number of priests has dropped. In 1971, there were 874 priests in the Diocese. Now in 2022, there are only 170 priests. Help is needed to keep the parishes vibrant with fewer priests and an active laity. Thus, many meetings held throughout the Archdiocese generated information and produced Beacons of Lights, all designed to bring us into the third century.

Mr. Jeremy Helmes, from the Office of Worship and Sacraments, is the Executive Director of the Beacons of Light long-range plan. The plan contains 6 Guiding Principles: Eucharist at the Center, Leadership, Church, Stewardship, Evangelization and Love In Action. To follow these Principles there are 31 parameters that can be found on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website.

We want to express our gratitude for these three members of the Archdiocese for joining us at our Christmas Luncheon.

After the Beacon of Light presentation, a fabulous lunch was served. During dessert, a special ceremony was held. (Directly following this article, on page 3, see New Honorary Member article).

Following lunch, the excitement of the raffle drawing began! There were almost 50 raffle prizes ranging from cash, gift certificates, wrapped baskets with food, lottery tickets, household items, candy, wine and so much more. The winners beamed when they heard their name called by Lisa Nussman, former President, and a lively, speedy caller. The big drawing of the day was a new event – a 50/50 Drawing. The prize this year was \$495 and was won by Pat Rau. She immediately said Thank you and returned half of the money so that another name could be drawn. The second name was Barb Kreuzer. Both ladies were stunned and excited!

The day ended with prayer. Everyone took home their purchases from the vendor shops, their baked goodies and all the raffle prizes. A good day was had by all. We hope you and your family had a joyful and blessed Christmas!

New Honorary DCWC Members Celebrated at the Christmas Luncheon

by Pat Rau

At the Christmas Luncheon while everyone was enjoying their tiramisu, a surprise ceremony was held. Margene Robinson, President, stepped to the podium, asked for attention and began telling the good news.

In November 2022, by a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors, two women were chosen to be in the special group of Honorary Members. As it is written in the DCWC Constitution, ARTICLE III, Sec. 2. *This honor shall be conferred only in recognition of exceptional service to this organization or in community or national affairs.*

In the 100-year history of DCWC, only 18 women have received this Award.

On December 3, 2022, Anita Clune Rankin and Ruth Thompson Galyon, both former DCWC Presidents, joined this group and came forward to receive a special plaque.

Anita Clune Rankin was honored for forward thinking when she brought in people from the National Level and community level to work on the parliamentary procedures of the Constitution and meetings. Following in her mother's footsteps, Anita updated the history of DCWC. Anita led the way to begin the 75th Anniversary fund at the Dayton Foundation. She has been an active mentor since she was President in 1990.

Ruth Thompson Galyon was honored for her ability and commitment to personally make contacts in the community ever increasing financial support and participation in every event. Ruth participated actively by making her home available as a staging point for assembling Christmas stockings, building baskets full of clothing, filling purses full of feminine items and candy gathering. She has been an active mentor and leader since she was President in 1998.

Both women gently share their wisdom and advice, believing in DCWC and practicing the Faith; Loving us all. Thank you, Anita and Ruth. You are shepherds and disciples for DCWC.

Also, per the Constitution, the Archbishop of Cincinnati is automatically an Honorary Member. Archbishop Schnurr was given an engraved paper weight signifying this honor.

Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2010. Its goal is to assist graduating high school women of the Roman Catholic faith wishing to further their studies. This scholarship is for practicing Catholic girls who are striving to live a Christ centered life. The Scholarship can be used for education at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college or four-year college/university. Please encourage your daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends to apply!

Scholarship applications are due March 3 by 4:00 p.m. and can be found at the Dayton Foundation website, under the Scholarship Connects tab;

<https://daytonfoundation.academicworks.com/opportunities/7539>

If you have any questions about the application process or would like to help read scholarship essays, please contact Christine Evans, Scholarship Committee Chair at cnevans1@gmail.com.

DCWC BOARD MEETING UPDATES

The following are enclosed with this newsletter mailing:

- St. Patrick's Day Pot O'Gold Event Flyer-March 11, 2023.
- St. Patrick's Day Raffle Ticket Sheet - \$5 each or 6/\$25.
- Playing Card for your participation in the Pot O'Gold Raffle - \$25/each (3 drawings of \$250 each).
- Centennial Jubilee Celebration Speaker Biography Insert

Upcoming Board Meetings:

The following meetings are scheduled:

- Mon., Feb. 13, 2023, 6:00 pm Board meeting
- Mon., March 13, 2023, 6:00 pm. Board meeting
- Mon., April 10, 2023, 6:00 pm Board meeting
- Mon., May 8, 2023, 6:00 pm Board meeting

Opportunities to stay informed and become involved:

- Attend a board meeting and learn more about DCWC's mission and what DCWC does to plan events. All members are welcome at the monthly board meetings. Meetings are held in-person at Bainbridge Hall (267 Bainbridge Street, Dayton, across from the Holy Trinity Center). A Zoom link is also available for attending virtually. All members are welcome. Come and learn more about the work of DCWC by attending a meeting.
- Volunteer to help with an event or participate in a committee. It's an easy way to meet new friends, help others, and enjoy meaningful activities. Watch this newsletter and the DCWC website for additional updates. For more information on volunteering, call Cindy at 937-681-9113.
- Participate in DCWC events, invite friends to participate, and help with DCWC projects, like donation drives or the Needlework Guild/crochet club.
- Participate in any of the Pot O'Gold Raffles for the St. Patrick's Day Virtual Event. See the registration flyer with this mailing.
- Plan to attend the April 22, 2023 DCWC **Centennial Jubilee** celebration. Watch for your invitation in March.
- Follow DCWC on Facebook. Search "Dayton Catholic Women's Club" and you'll find our page and up-to-date information about our activities and events.

St. Patrick's Day Pot O'Gold Fundraiser

By Julianne McCain

The 100th Jubilee Celebration on April 22, 2023 is coming quickly and the Board is excitedly swamped with wonderful preparations. However, the fun of prizes, drawings, and the DCWC unique card game goes on for all LEPRECHANS of DCWC, their family and friends. We will once again have our St. Patrick's Day Pot O' Gold fundraiser instead of an in-person event. It was a big success last year and we hope you'll participate again! Please see the enclosed flier for details. We'll also be accepting donations of feminine hygiene products for Femme Aid Collaborative.

Please drop off the feminine hygiene donations at the K of C Bainbridge Hall on Saturday, March 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. To help or for any questions, call Julianne McCain at 937-694-2176. Thank You!



Volunteers Needed
Centennial Jubilee Celebration
Saturday, April 22, 2023



10:00 am – Set up at Presidential Banquet Center
History displays and table decorations

2:30 pm – Mass at Emmanuel Church
Greeters and Liturgical Ministers

4:00 pm – Reception at Presidential Banquet Center
Greeters

If you can help at any of these times,
please call Carol Graham at 937-475-5258.
Thank you!

Invitation to Join the Dayton Catholic Women's Club Needlework Guild

In 1923, the original DCWC members used their needlework skills to create clothing and infant and child layette items. In these early years, needlework items were distributed to women and children through Catholic Charities in Dayton.

In 2019, the DCWC renewed the Needlework Guild and in partnership with Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, began offering a crochet club at the CSSMV Food Pantry one Saturday a month. During the past few years, Covid-19 kept us from meeting in person. This year, as part of our Jubilee Year, we plan to renew the Needlework Guild and continue the DCWC legacy and the crochet club's mission of teaching people in the community how to crochet, providing starter kits to people wanting to learn to crochet, and providing an outlet for making friends and building community.

All members of the DCWC are invited to join the Needlework Guild! If you're interested, please contact Cindy Currell at 937-681-9113 or Barb Kreuzer at 937-901-9446 or Carol Graham at 937-475-5258.

Concluding the Covid-19 Update Section of the Newsletter

In March 2020, we faced a pandemic that shocked us and changed our lives in a multitude of ways. Personally, we were impacted with fear of the virus, illness and loss of life of family, friends and fellow citizens. We changed our lives to meet the health and safety recommendations of the day. We missed family events and gatherings. We changed the operations of the DCWC, and to the credit of our President, Margene Robinson, and the DCWC Board, we adapted and tried new ways of holding meetings and events. We all learned and grew. Over three years later, the DCWC is stronger and poised to move into our next 100 years of giving the best we have!

With this newsletter, we will discontinue the Covid-19 Update section of the newsletter. We have moved into a new phase of life with more gratitude and generosity, care for ourselves and others, and appreciation for our families and friends, and opportunities to gather and celebrate. We thank you for the many sacrifices you've endured, we grieve losses with you, and we look forward to the joys of life that lie ahead. God bless us all!



Spiritual Resources

Prayer Corner

Prayer for the New Year

Lord, You make all things new

You bring hope alive in our hearts

And cause our Spirits to be born again

Thank you for this new year

For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us

A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God

And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

(Source: nacms@udayton.edu. January 2023 newsletter).

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.

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://abbeyofteharts.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.