

NEWSLETTER

DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023

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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

Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
Date to be determined - March, 2024

Spring Celebration Luncheon

Date to be determined, May, 2024

Preparation and Request for 2023 Christmas Boutique

by Margene Robinson, DCWC Past President/Chair, Christmas Boutique

Dear Ladies of DCWC,

I know it is early but our Christmas Boutique will be here before we know it! I am the Chair for this signature event this year. Please let me know if you have suggestions or concerns about this event.

I am also asking members to donate a raffle prize. It can be gift baskets with goodies or a gift card. If you are interested in helping with a donation, please text me at 937-371-4521 or email me at margenerobinson5050@gmail.com.

Thank you members for making DCWC a great organization!
Margene Robinson, Past President/Chair, Christmas Boutique

Your Ideas for a Spring Event

On page 2, you will read about our new strategic planning and visioning process. As part of this, we'd like to ask your input on the Spring event for DCWC. For many years, we've celebrated grant and scholarship recipients, as well as installed new officers at the May Luncheon. What ideas do you have for a meaningful event for the membership of DCWC? Please give this some consideration and send your thoughts to the DCWC email at DCWC1923@gmail.com with subject line Spring Luncheon.

Thank you in advance for sharing your ideas!

President's Message

by Gail Brockman, President

Dear Ladies of the Dayton Catholic Women's Club,

My name is Gail Brockman. I am your new President. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would become the DCWC President!

How did I become a part of DCWC? A friend's mother-in-law was a past president. I decided to investigate because I was curious. The meetings were in the basement of Emmanuel Church and coffee and donuts were served. Everyone was very welcoming to the new face. I am a Lifetime Member and have enjoyed my involvement for over 15 years. Some of the roles I have had are correspondence secretary, jewelry collection and sales, retreat breakfasts and luncheons and many others. As you can see, I am a "doer". After being nominated, and having been involved for so many years, I decided to take this leap because I have a great support team and become a DCWC servant leader. It is amazing to see how far we have come!

I want to take a moment to say thank you to Margene Robinson, our past President, for her hard work over the past two years and her commitment to our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Kudos to Carol Graham, Chair of the Jubilee Committee, and the planning committee who planned and delivered a memorable event. As the current president, I'm excited that we are good for another 100 years!

Please join us at our monthly meetings every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. (See Board Updates on p. 3) These are new and exciting times for Dayton Catholic women! This year we are starting a 5-year strategic plan. You will receive a draft for review in the future. (see article on p. 2). I appreciate your support and any ideas or insights you'd like to share. Please join us for our Day of Recollection on October 7.

As Catholic women we look for meaningful experiences and ways to share our faith. I would like to end each of my messages with a shout out to those things. I will call this *Gail's Hails!* Here's the first one.

Have you seen the movie, *The Sound of Freedom*? Here's a synopsis: After rescuing a boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and embarks on a dangerous mission to save her. This movie really touched my heart and I ask you to pray with me, *For all the children still caught in the web of human trafficking and their families who struggle with their loss. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us.*

Your Servant Leader,

Gail

Memorials & Membership

by Sandy Reed, Membership Chair

Deceased Members



We don't always know right away of anyone passing. If you know of any deceased member who has not been mentioned in the newsletter, please advise Sandy Reed (937-890-1375) or Cindy Currell (937-681-9113). We share this information with our membership for prayer and remembrance and send condolences on behalf of the DCWC to the deceased member's family. Thank you for helping us remember our members. Eternal rest grant upon those who have gone before us, and may they rest in peace.

New Members

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| Rose Belt | 1005 Estate Lane Brookville, OH 45309 937-770-1545 |
| Natalie Boksza | 345 Springbrook Blvd. Dayton, OH 45405 937-304-6544 |
| Theresa Busher | 8820 Olde Farm Lane Dayton, OH 45458 937-266-4414 |
| Jennifer Kriegbaum | 27 Shady Pines Ave Springboro, OH 45066 937-545-2675 |
| Terri Meyer | 9738 Cloy Rd. Dayton, OH 45458 937-902-5066 |
| Julie Roach | 3641 Crab Orchard Ave Beavercreek, OH 45430 937-305-6919 |
| Tina Schlegel | 3690 Red Oak Ct. Beavercreek, OH 45430 937-426-6725 |

Rejoined Member

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| Karen Tomczak | 5760 Frederick Pike Dayton, OH 45414 937-890-4932 |
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Lost Members

Mail was returned, please let us know if you know a new address or contact number for these lost members:

Sharon Keeley
Julie Zink

Changes of Address/Phone numbers

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| Barbara Coglianò | 937-286-3328 |
| Susan Keller | 280 Walden Way Apt 334 Dayton, OH 45440 |

Membership Dues

If you have not paid your 2023 membership dues, NOW is the time. If the year above your name on the envelope is 2022, then you still owe for 2023. Yearly dues are \$15.00 and Lifetime dues are \$150. Save time and money with a Lifetime membership! Mail dues to the PO Box address on the front of this newsletter.

Membership Books

The new DCWC 2023-2024 membership books have been mailed. If you did not receive your book, please contact Sandy Reed (937-890-1375) or Julianne McCain (937-890-3659).

DCWC Board Visioning Process / 5 Year Strategic Plan

by Sue Koverman, Board Member

After celebrating a successful 100th Anniversary Jubilee, Board members turned their attention this summer to planning for the future work and mission of DCWC.

Our last Strategic Plan was implemented in 2015. At that time, we highlighted new communication processes, better use of technology, and volunteer activities with charitable donations to community organizations. These strategic plan activities were covered in past newsletters.

In 2023, we are updating and revising for the future. We are building upon the 2015 Strategic Plan in a process facilitated by Jenny Warner of the Miami Valley Nonprofit Collaborative. Board members are meeting monthly from June through September to identify issues for the DCWC visioning process. Issues we've discussed include clarifying our mission, vision and purpose, attracting more multi-generational members, encouraging current members to be more involved in events, and engaging parishes through the new family of parishes structure.

There have been important discussions and wonderful moments of enlightenment during the process. We look forward to sharing a report of this work with you by the end of the year.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

100th Anniversary Update

by Carol Graham, Chair, Jubilee Celebration Committee

In the spring newsletter we highlighted the activities of the 100th anniversary. As chair of the event, I again want to extend the importance of our generous members, patrons, Hat & Glove donors, Programs Ads, and especially the Sisters of the Precious Blood who acknowledge our role as women in the church and help support our good works, both financially and spiritually. I am so pleased to share with the membership that we were able to hold this celebration at no cost to DCWC which allows us to continue to use our resources for grants, scholarship and charitable works in our community. Please know that we are most grateful for your prayers and support and acknowledge that our work is a sign of the generosity of our members. It proves to me that we all believe in the values and mission which will lead us to the future.

I would like to thank you by sharing this scripture reading that I believe you all live by:

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10-11

If one of your kindred is in need in any community in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand against your kin who is in need. Instead, you shall freely open your hand and generously lend what suffices to meet that need. When you give, give generously and not with a stingy heart; for that, the Lord, your God, will bless you in all your works and undertakings. The land will never lack for needy persons; that is why I command you: "Open your hand freely to your poor and to your needy kin in your land."

Thanks & God Bless,
Carol Graham

DCWC BOARD MEETING UPDATES

The following are enclosed with this newsletter mailing:

- Day of Recollection flyer: Oct. 7 side 1 - event details.
- Donation collection for snacks for Care House Child Advocacy Center – flyer side 2 for requested snack items to be collected.

Upcoming Board Meetings for 2023-24:

The following meetings are scheduled:

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| • Mon., Sept. 11, 2023, 6:00 pm | Board meeting |
| • Mon., Oct. 9, 2023, 6:00 pm. | Board meeting |
| • Mon., Nov. 13, 2023, 6:00 pm | Board meeting |
| • Mon., Dec. 11, 2023, 6:00 pm | Board meeting |
| • Mon., Jan. 8, 2024, 6:00 pm | Board Meeting |
| • Mon., Feb. 12, 2024, 6:00 pm | Board Meeting |
| • Mon., Mar. 11, 2024, 6:00 pm | Board Meeting |
| • Mon., April 8, 2024, 6:00 pm | Board Meeting |
| • Mon., May 13, 2024, 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. Opportunities to volunteer will be provided in this newsletter and the DCWC website. For 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.
- 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.
- Please feel free to contact the DCWC at our new email, DCWC1923@gmail.com. We welcome your questions, ideas and feedback!



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*

Day in Autumn

After the summer's yield, Lord, it is time
to let your shadow lengthen on the sundials
and in the pastures let the rough winds fly.

As for the final fruits, coax them to roundness.
Direct on them two days of warmer light
to hale them golden toward their term, and harry
the last few drops of sweetness through the wine.

Whoever's homeless now, will build no shelter;
who lives alone will live indefinitely so,
waking up to read a little, draft long letters,
and, along the city's avenues,
fittfully wander, when the wild leaves loosen.

by Rainer Maria Rilke, translated by Mary Kinzie
(Source: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/50937/day-in-autumn>).

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.