

# NEWSLETTER

DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB  
OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

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## Save These Dates

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

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**St. Patrick's Pot-O-Gold Event**  
Presidential Banquet Center  
4572 Presidential Way  
**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

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**Spring Celebration Luncheon**  
**Date to be determined, May, 2024**

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**Day of Recollection**  
**Saturday, October, 2024**

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## Day of Recollection

by Sandy Reed, Chair, Day of Recollection Event

"To Give the Best We Have" was the topic for our Day of Recollection. Our speaker, Andrea Parker, incorporated part of our DCWC motto, which she said she really liked, into her presentation. Our day started at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Tipp City with Mass with our presider, Fr. Gregory Konerman. Music was provided by Kelly Schmitmeyer and our cantor was member Mary Menke. After Mass, we proceeded to the banquet room for a light breakfast.

President Gail Brockman welcomed everyone and then Sandy Reed introduced our speaker, giving a little background about how Andrea was selected to speak. Andrea then proceeded to share with us a personal story and about how God worked through her family and friends to help her, saying they gave her the best they had. She also gave us many insights on how we, too, could give our best to help others in need.

As we broke for lunch, Sr. Thelma Wurzelbacher, our spiritual advisor, led us in the blessing. A lunch of various wraps, vegetables, fruit, macaroni salad, cookies, tea and lemonade was provided by the Amber Rose Restaurant. Members also had a chance to browse and buy books from St. Mark Bookshop, Inc.

After lunch, Andrea gave us many ideas about how we can attract new members, especially younger members. Many of these included ways to use research and data in our marketing approach. Using her ideas, we did a lot of brainstorming. When our time was coming to a close, Carol Graham had some prizes to give away and Mary Jo Mykytka from St. Mark Bookshop contributed three more. Then Sandy thanked all for coming, and thanked the board members, Ruth Galyon and Debbie Guehl, who helped make the day a success. Then Sandy surprised

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## President's Message

by Gail Brockman, President

Hello Ladies,

I want to say Kudos this month to the Day of Recollection team. Our guest speaker, Andrea Parker, was very informative about the stages of grief, sharing personal stories that lead to her spiritual awakening and healing. During our strategic planning this year, "Letting Go" became a common thread as we decide the future of the DCWC, what events we keep, what we let go, and what new events to start. Ms. Parker explained that we experience grief throughout our lives, but the trauma of it lessens as we move forward with supporting one another, as well as listening to our grievances and anxieties. Inclusion, trust, acceptance, and serving are a few of the ways we, as a team of board members, get through the new ideas and changes. I look forward to a bright future for the DCWC.

I would also like everyone to know we had an overwhelming response to our call for donations to CARE House. Thank you to everyone who donated. See thank you and photo on page 2.

We also received a thank you card from a member letting us know how much she has enjoyed the Retreats and the Christmas Luncheons over the years. She also encouraged us to keep up the great charitable work of the DCWC. This kind of input from members helps to direct and energize the team throughout the year.

The Dec. 2 Christmas Luncheon and Boutique will be very special this year as we continue celebrating 100 years as the DCWC. We will have more door prizes, unique vendors, and special gifts to get into the Christmas spirit. This is always a special day whether you win a prize or not. There will be a children's menu and dietary needs will be accommodated. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Luncheon and Boutique. Your presence is our present!

Gail's Hails: This month I would like to give a shout out to the Do Good Restaurant located at 25 West Main St. in Osgood, Ohio. Their mission is to "spread God's Word through service and food, and feed peoples' bodies, minds, souls." Their motto is "Brothers and Sisters, while we are here, let us do good." Check out their website and Facebook page for more details about this wonderful ministry:

<https://www.facebook.com/dogoodrestaurantandministry/Dogoodrm.com>

Your Servant Leader,  
*Gail*



# Memorials & Membership

by Sandy Reed, Membership Chair

## Deceased Members



None as of this newsletter.

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

Alicia Glen 7411 Rossmore Ct.  
Dayton, OH 45459  
781-296-5248

Krista Hooven 5070 Lemoyne Dr.  
Huber Heights, OH 45424  
937-286-3358

Andrea Parker 435 E. National Rd.  
Vandalia, OH 45377  
937-898-3542

## Lost Members Found!

Sharon Keeley 10400 Randall Dr. 226A  
Centerville, OH 45458

Julie Zink 8100 Cloy Rd. #202-1  
Centerville, OH 45458

## Lost Member, Mail Returned

Ellie Barhorst Last known address  
(Please help us find her!) 4100 Green Springs Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45440

## Changes in address and or phone number

Natalina Arengo 9350 Buckboard Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45458

Linda Brining 6668 Oakwood Lane  
Dayton, OH 45424  
765-265-3483

Lynda Cooper 2475 Lillian Lane Apt 1.05  
Sue Fecke Beavercreek, OH 45431

Ida Knopp 7847 Lois Circle #121  
Dayton, OH 45459

Alma Michael 927 Bayley Place Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45233

Carolyn Montavon **8370** Saint Francis Ct.  
Dayton, OH 45458  
937-545-7656

## Membership Dues

Yearly dues are \$15.00 and a Lifetime membership is \$150.00. If the year above your name on the label of this envelope says 2022, then you are behind in paying your 2023 dues. 2023 DUES MUST BE PAID BY DECEMBER 15, 2023 TO CONTINUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INTO 2024.

Your dues contribute to our charitable works, as well as the printing and mailing of the newsletter and flyers for our events. You may pay your dues at the Christmas Boutique and Luncheon (please pay by check or have the correct amount in cash), or by mail at: DCWC PO BOX 1677 Dayton, OH 45401.

We thank you for your support!

## **Day of Recollection** (continued from page 1)

Andrea with a year's membership to DCWC, which was provided by one of our members, who wished to remain anonymous. Our program ended with a prayer by Gail Brockman.

## **Attention All DCWC Members:**

We need your input for the Spring Luncheon. Please go to the DCWC website and fill out the Spring Luncheon survey at [www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org](http://www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org). Thank you!!

## **Thank you DCWC for Day of Recollection Donations**



Thank you, DCWC, for your generous donations of individually wrapped snacks and drinks for the CARE House Montgomery County Child Advocacy Center! We also received \$23 in cash donations. CARE House was thankful for our generosity and will use the snacks to support the children and adolescents who are served by the Child Advocacy Center. We collected an estimated \$350-400 in items and cash donations which were delivered to CARE House on Oct. 10. Such generosity and kindness abound! Thank you all!

## **COME ONE, COME ALL! CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE AND LUNCHEON**

by Margene Robinson, Chair

The DCWC will be sponsoring our 100th Jubilee year at our annual Christmas Luncheon and Boutique. LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST EVENT EVER! Invite family, friends and parishioners. DCWC Christmas bulbs and our Historical Booklet will be distributed. UNIQUE VINTAGE BOUTIQUE CENTERPIECES designed by Pat Schlangen and company will set the tone for our Jubilee Christmas celebration.

This year, JAMES FREE JEWELERS HAS DONATED A SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE FOR OUR 100TH YEAR! You must be present to win. Tickets will be sold at the event. See the enclosed flyer and visit our website:

[www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org](http://www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org)

## WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

### AMENDMENTS TO THE DCWC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

by Carol Graham and Julianne McCain

The Constitution Committee has presented an amendment to Article VI, Sec. 1 of the Constitution to the Board of Directors on October 9, 2023. Now it needs final approval by the general membership as stated in Article XIII, Sec 1(d) of the Constitution, found on page 70 of your 2023-24 membership book. We ask that you attend the Board meeting on Monday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Bainbridge Hall (across from Holy Trinity Church) to vote on this amendment which will be the 1<sup>st</sup> item on the agenda. This amendment can be found on page 67 of your current book and is being submitted in writing below (with the italicized text showing the changes). If it is approved, it will be effective Nov. 13, 2023 and will be published in the next membership book.

We look forward to seeing you on November 13. We hope you realize the importance of this meeting and exercise your privilege to vote. If you have any questions or comments before the meeting, please feel free to contact the committee's co-chairs: Carol (Martz) Graham 937-475-5258 or Julianne (Boston) McCain 937-694-2176.

#### ARTICLE VI Officers

Sec. 1 (Amended 1995, Oct. 2, 2017, Oct 14, 2019, Nov 13, 2023)

The officers of this organization shall be a president, president-elect, first vice-president (optional), second vice-president (optional), recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, director of membership, immediate past-president and spiritual advisor. These officers shall be elected biennially for a term of two (2) years, by and from the membership of the Board of Directors at its regular meeting in April. The report of the nominating committee shall be submitted at this meeting, at which time nominations from the floor shall be in order. A majority vote shall elect. No board member shall be eligible for any office who has not served at least one (1) year as a member of the board. After the election in April, the outgoing officers will continue their duties through June 30. The new officers will assume their duties at the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1.

#### DCWC BOARD MEETING UPDATES

**The following are enclosed with this newsletter mailing:**

- Christmas Boutique and Luncheon flyer: Dec. 3. Event details – side one, Donation details – side two. Donations of underwear and children's clothing items for the St. Vincent Gateway Family Shelter.
- One sheet of raffle tickets for the Christmas Boutique and Luncheon.

#### **Upcoming Board Meetings 2023-24: All members welcome!**

The following meetings are scheduled:

- 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 become involved and stay informed:**

- Attend a board meeting. Meetings are held in-person at Bainbridge Hall (267 Bainbridge Street, Dayton, across from the Holy Trinity Center). A Zoom link is also available.

- Volunteer to help with an event or participate in a committee. Currently looking for members for the Spring Luncheon committee, Events Committee, and Marketing Committee. For information on volunteering, call Cindy at 937-681-9113 or Gail at 937-545-1427.
- Participate in DCWC donation drives.
- Follow DCWC Dayton Catholic Women's Club on Facebook or contact DCWC at [DCWC1923@gmail.com](mailto:DCWC1923@gmail.com).



## 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*

### Seasonal Prayer – Winter Season

#### Pray

*God of all seasons,*

*the winter months are hard for those who cannot escape the cold. I cannot clothe the world, but I can offer this prayer to those who are without four walls to protect them from the season.*

*May this prayer find those who struggle to fight the cold, that they may feel the warmth of your love. Jesus wrapped his arms around those who struggled. Let me do my best to follow that example.*

*Amen.*

(Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/pausepray/winter-prayer/>)

### 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."

### Additional Spiritual Resources

-Scriptures of the Day (found at [www.usccb.org](http://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.