

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

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Save These Dates

Spring Celebration Luncheon
Cancelled for 2024

Day of Recollection
Saturday, October 12, 2024

Christmas Boutique and Luncheon
Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
Saturday, December 7, 2024

St. Patrick's Game Party and Luncheon
Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
Saturday, March 2025. Date TBD

2024 ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD, GAME PARTY AND BINGO AND LUNCHEON

by Julianne McCain, Chair

The DCWC held its St. Patrick's Day Card, Game Party, Bingo and Luncheon on March 9 at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering. The event opened at 10:00 am and members and guests enjoyed playing cash bingo, cards, and board games. At the noon lunch break, we raffled over 35 smaller chance prizes and 13 cash and large raffle prizes. All were generously donated by members and friends of the DCWC. Ruth Galyon and her committee contacted the donors and assembled the prizes in a lovely display. Ruth would like to thank our Life Member, Melinda Lurz, for the many prizes she personally donated to the St. Patrick's Day Party and to the Christmas Boutique in December.

The winners and donors of the large raffle prizes this year are:

Winners	Prize and Generous Donor
Cindy Corcoran	\$100 (Houser Asphalt & Concrete)
Teresa Warych	\$50 (Fred Kreuzer, CPA)
Chris Hamm	\$50 (Fred Kreuzer, CPA)
Judy McManus	\$25 (Houser Asphalt & Concrete)
Marla Wagner	\$25 (Houser Asphalt & Concrete)
Teresa Scott	\$25 (Houser Asphalt & Concrete)
Cathy Winkofsky	\$50 Amber Rose Restaurant (gift certificate)
Carol Greis	\$25 Elsa's Restaurant (gift certificate)
Cindy Rogerson	\$25 Elsa's Restaurant (gift certificate)
Maureen Issenmann	\$250 Dayton Art Solutions (gift certificate)
Carol Graham	Dooney and Bourke Purse (Sandy Reed)
Lucy Asztalos	Dragon's VIP Tickets
Betty Seall	Dragon's VIP Tickets
Janice Bensman	Dragon's VIP Tickets
Pat Rau	Dragon's VIP Tickets

Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to all the Board and General members who volunteered their time to make this a fun-filled and successful

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President's Message

by Gail Brockman, President

Hi Ladies,

Our first Dragons Game Event went well. Our raffle ticket winners from the St. Patrick's Day event, and their guests, filled our VIP Suite, hosted by several Board members. A good time was had by all. We learned a lot about hosting this type of event and look forward to possibly making this an annual event in the future. Thank you, Carol Graham, for a wonderful new idea!

Our St. Patrick's Day Card Party was well attended with another first for the DCWC; our ladies brought their families! The children enjoyed playing Bingo with their mothers, and there was good food, great door prizes, and wonderful fellowship. Kudos to Julianne for organizing another great event!

We have a lot going on with our Strategic Planning. All our committees are working on protocols for their teams, we continue to look at ways to increase membership, and to appeal to the younger Catholic women in our community. If you have any ideas you want the Board to consider, please contact us at dcwc1923@gmail.com.

Ladies, dust off your directories and check out our current committees. Is there one that interests you? Would you be willing to share your talents on the committee, or perhaps chair or co-chair that committee? Maybe you are ready to take on a larger leadership role and would consider being on the Board itself. We would love to have your help serving our Dayton Community. Thanks to our TECH team, we continue to stream our Board meetings and have agendas, minutes, and handouts available for anyone attending online to fully participate. Check us out, see what we are about, and Let the Holy Spirit guide you.

Our grant and scholarship winners for this year have been chosen. Thanks to your continued support for our fundraisers, we were able to award over \$29,000 in support of our Dayton community. Check out the details in this newsletter. The DCWC continues to serve with our time, our talents, and our treasure.

If you or you know of members who need prayer, just send an email with their names. No details necessary, they will be added to our prayer list. We are planning our October Retreat now. Hope you join us and invite a friend.

Gail's Hail: The Elizabeth New Life Center Banquet this year was a celebration of the life of Steven then William Holt Holland. It was a riveting story filled with sadness, healing, laughter, and forgiveness. Check out his book, *The Journey: Brokenness to Wholeness*. In his book, Holland takes us on his journey in discovering his true roots.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us.

Your Servant Leader,  Gail

Memorials & Membership

by Sandy Reed, Membership Chair

Deceased Members

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



Elaine Clingman	1/29/24
Frances Petkus	2/11/24

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; may they 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 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 Lifetime Members

Susan Graham
Carrie Hartley

Rejoined Member

Pat Pribish	4328 Longmeadow Lane Beavercreek, OH 45430 937-426-1354
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Changes of Address and/or Phone Number

Joni Dorko	10400 Randall Park Dr. Apt. IL 202 Centerville, OH 45456
Cathy Liesner	937-369-6949
Sylvia Randolph	937-630-1095

Membership Dues

According to our Constitution, yearly dues are to be paid at the beginning of each year. Please check the year above your name on the envelope. If the year says 2023, please pay \$15 to continue your membership for 2024. We appreciate your continued membership as it helps pay for paper, envelopes, stamps and printing for our communications with you, as well as, other expenses that are needed to run an organization. Besides our yearly dues of \$15, you have the option to become a Lifetime Member for \$150.

Treasurer's Report – Fiscal Year 2023-24

by Carol Graham, Treasurer

With this special edition of our newsletter, I would like to let you know that DCWC has been able to continue to be generous to our community because of our most generous members, YOU!!! For some of you who are new and those who remember, we used to have a Spring Luncheon in May, which we haven't had the past 2 or 3 years. At this event, we would recognize all the scholarship and grant recipients as well as publish in the

program, new officers (every other year). So, in this special edition of our newsletter, we thought we would have the scholarship and grant recipients and I thought I would give you some financial tid-bits you may not know. So, here it is:

We have our assets in 3 places:

- 22% is in Chase Bank – we use this to run our annual income and expenses.
- 44% is in the Dayton Foundation General Fund – This was started 25 years ago to secure funds and use for extra community needs.
- 34% is in the Dayton Foundation Scholarship Fund – This was started about 12 years ago when we received a generous donation to be used specifically for education.

Each year our financial distribution averages about:

- 35% Religious Collaborations
- 30% Educational Projects
- 20% Charitable Organizations
- 15% Social Needs & Events

All of our income comes from dues, profits made from events, and from generous donors, such as yourself, who help support the great work that we do. I hope that all of you enjoy reading this special edition of our newsletter with all the details about the scholarship and grant recipients as well as this short breakdown of finance information. More detailed reports will be published in our next membership directory with 2-years of annual reports. Remember, you can support us anytime at our events, through cash donations and also directly to Dayton Foundation. Please contact me anytime you have questions or need information on ways to help. My number is 937-475-5258 or e-mail at cagraham@roadrunner.com. Thanks & God Bless.

2024 St. Patrick's Game and Card Party and Luncheon (continued from page 1)

event. We applaud the chefs, managers and servers of Kohler Catering at the presidential Banquet Center for preparing and serving our delicious luncheon so efficiently and graciously.

And last but not least, thank you to our members and guests for making this a well-attended party! All of you helped DCWC raise funds for our charitable grants and scholarship programs,



Teresa Wendell (right), volunteer from the Juvenile Court CASA program, accepts donations with Christine Evans (left).

and you donated much needed supplies to our featured charity, the CASA program of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court, supporting a successful future for young men and women through volunteer services and advocacy. We look forward to seeing you again at our next year's St. Patrick's event in March 2025!

Charity Grants and Donations July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Here are the Grants approved for this year's charitable giving.

Artemis Center – funding for staff retreat – team building facilitator, lunch and self-care

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Begin services for 38 youths on waiting list, training for 20 news matches

Crayons to Classrooms – Classroom supplies for teachers from low income Catholic schools

El Puente Educational Center – Purchase of afterschool training materials

Families of Addicts – printing of materials about program that can be distributed at police, fire, hospital emergency rooms

Hannah's Treasure Chest – Beds for baby programs: cribs, sheets, toddler beds and mattresses.

Learning Tree Farms – New picnic tables for facility to be used during field trips

Miami Valley Nonprofit Collaborative – training in the areas of board development, financial stability, strategic planning, human resource planning, marketing and fundraising for 5 organizations.

Mission Addiction – course materials to help women in program in recovery

Oasis House – repairs for house of women victims of sexual exploitation

Ohio's Hospice of Dayton – healing Pathways programs for grieving families

Pink Ribbon Girls – transportation to treatment and Dr's appts. For women with breast or gynecological cancer who fall below federal poverty guidelines.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – purchase 2 additional baby changing stations for restrooms and 4 new high chairs and 4 booster seats for dining area.

Total Grants and Donations \$ 19,795.00

Words of Gratitude From our 2023 Grant Recipients

Thanks for your financial support to the victims of child abuse in Miami County. Your contribution will go straight into hands providing comfort and aid during therapy and interviews.
Child Advocacy Center at Isaiah's Place

We want to thank you for your grant in support of our work with providing scholarships to our Developing Leaders. Your support is certain to help us serve our mission throughout the year.
Miami Valley Nonprofit Collaborative

Your support demonstrates your commitment to investing in the well-being and future of our local youth and volunteer mentors. We can continue to provide meaningful mentoring relationships to children throughout the Miami Valley who need a positive role model in their lives.
Big Brothers Big Sisters

Gifts like yours will help provide lifesaving services to domestic violence survivors and their children. These phones will help these survivors increase their safety, security and hope for the future!
Artemis Center

Thanks to DCWC for providing us with new toys/activities for the children while they are here waiting for their appointments. Please extend our appreciation to each of your members for making this possible.
CareHouse Child Advocacy Center

Your generosity is truly a blessing to the moms, babies, and families we serve through our Walking Alongside New Moms program at our four Women's Centers in Montgomery County.
Elizabeth's New Life Center

Because of you, we have served women not only in our safe homes, but on the streets, in the local jail, the prison and recovery programs. We were able to enhance our safe homes for human trafficking survivors by getting windows and gutters. Thanks.
Oasis House

DCWC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2024

Scholar	Parish	High School	University / Major
Diya Percy	Incarnation	Alter	Notre Dame – Neuroscience
Marguerite Shope	St. Charles	Alter	Undecided – English
Sophia Shenk	Incarnation	Alter	University of Dayton - Political Science
Jenna Christian	St. Christopher	Butler	Ohio University - Elementary Education

Natalie Schoenherr	St. Christopher	Butler	Grace College - Mechanical Engineering
Anna Murray	Ascension	Carroll	University of Dayton – Math
Sydney Ramsey	St. Christopher	Carroll	Notre Dame - Political Science
Jenna Banke	Incarnation	Centerville	University of Illinois - Political Science
Cindy Pham	St. Peter	Chaminade-Julienne	University of Cincinnati - Medical/Dental
Emily Engling	St. Charles	Fairmont	University of Cincinnati – Psychology

We are excited that each of these young women has been positively impacted by their faith and want to continue their Catholic faith journey in college. Dayton Catholic Women’s Club members will be presenting scholarship awards at local high schools across the region to the winners. Thank you to all who served the scholarship committee. Jane Mott, Diane Gothard, Nancy Woeste and Beth Schreiner.

If you’d like to serve on the scholarship committee next year please contact DCWC1923@gmail.com. Christine Evans, Scholarship Chair

April 18, 2024 - NIGHT AT THE DRAGONS !!!

by Carol Graham, Treasurer

This year at the St Patrick’s Event, we raffled off 4 chances to win 4 seats in a VIP Suite. Each won 4 tickets, \$20 in Dragon bucks, and a parking pass. The winners were:

- Pat Rau
- Janice Bensman
- Lucille Asztalos
- Betty Seall

These winners and their 3 guests were joined by 4 of our board members: (L to R)

- Lisa Scherbauer and Gail Brockman (back)
- Carol Graham and Julianne McCain (front)



Twenty attendees had a beautiful night at DayAir Ballpark as we enjoyed great company, good food and the comfort of a luxury suite. I want to thank all who participated in this raffle, as we profited \$465 plus the social profit we gained was “A Great Night at a Dragons Baseball Game!!!” I would like to encourage you to nominate DCWC for special recognition at a future Dragon game. It may not be for this year, but maybe next year on the field at DayAir Ballpark.

Here’s how to NOMINATE DCWC FOR COMMUNITY ALL-STAR AT A DRAGON GAME: Go to the Dayton Dragons

website at <https://playball.daytondragons.com/community-involvement>. Scroll down and in the first paragraph of the description click on Nominate [here](#). Add your information about nominating DCWC by filling out the form with the following information:

- Nominee name: Dayton Catholic Women’s Club
- Nominee e-mail: DCWC1923@gmail.com
- Nominee phone number: 937-475-5258
- Your name and contact information
- A description of DCWC/what DCWC does for the community, now and in the past 100 years

You can also email information to dragons@daytondragons.com.

If you need information or a nomination sample, contact Carol Graham at 937-475-5258 or cagraham@roadrunner.com. Thank you for making this Dayton Dragon event a success!!!

DCWC Archives-New Home for History and Memories

by Pat Rau

As our organization moves forward, the Board wanted a plan to save the historical items of DCWC. Soon after the Jubilee celebration, Sister Thelma Wurzelbacher, C.P.P.S., our Spiritual Advisor, began researching options for a place to permanently store our materials. For most of the years of its history, the stacks of papers, notebooks and pictures were stored in bins in the basement of Emmanuel Church. Of course, DCWC is thankful for the kindness of the parish for doing this for us.

A permanent home for DCWC’s history will keep the records safe and make them easier to access. We contacted a certified archivist employed by the Sisters of the Precious Blood for advice and then sent a letter of inquiry to the University of Dayton Library. A beautiful response came quickly and with a silver lining! The U.S. Catholic Special Collection of the University of Dayton Libraries wanted our donation.

So, with samples of DCWC newsletters, minutes, scrapbooks and financial reports in hand, Sr. Thelma and Pat Rau, historian, met with Stephanie Shreffler, Associate Professor and certified Archivist. Professor Shreffler will manage our collection and Sr. Thelma will continue as contact.

We must remember our contribution of 100 years of records is not replaceable, is unique, is a primary means for scholarly research and study about religious organizations, women’s groups, and Catholic church communities within the Archdiocese. Since DCWC’s patron is Our Lady of Good Counsel, it is a wonderful fit in the Marianist environment of UD.

DCWC’s historical records enrich the collective memory, past and present, have enduring historical value, and document spiritual trends in the life of the Church. Sharing it takes it beyond DCWC. In fact, the Dayton Knights of Columbus, Council 500, is already archived there, including correspondences, membership records, financial reports, newsletters, publications, organization information and more. Their materials can be accessed with an online guide. In time, our materials will offer balance as a parallel gift with a Catholic women’s perspective.

Some typical ways that archival collections are used at UD are for individual scholarly research, research by students in religion, history, sociology classes, display in exhibits, and more.

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The U.S. Catholic Special Collection is also accessible to the public, near and far. The archive's environment is specially controlled, storage boxes and folders are unique in construction, and original photos are formatted for online access and printing. The library is licensed to share copyrighted items and sources are documented. Accruals can be made after the online guide is completed with existing materials. The Deed of Gift form was signed by DCWC board members. The official transfer occurred in March 2024.

**Congratulations to all past, present, and future
Dayton Catholic Women!**

DCWC BOARD MEETING UPDATES

Upcoming Board Meetings 2024: All members welcome!

The following meetings are scheduled:

- Mon., June 3, 2024. Board Retreat
- Mon., June 10, 2024 Board Meeting – Bainbridge Hall ‘
- July – meeting TBD
- 2024-25 monthly meetings begin August 12, 2024.

Strategic Plan Update: Board committees are developing description of activities of the committee and subcommittees. The Board will seek final approval of the Strategic Plan in 2024.



Prayer Corner For the Women in the Dayton and Miami Valley Community

A Biblical Spring Prayer

God, by your mighty grace, make this season of my life like that wondrous moment when “Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.” *Amen.*

Bob Hostetler (based on Song of Songs 2:12-13)

(Source: <https://guideposts.org/prayer/seasonal-prayers/4-new-prayers-for-spring/>)

A Short Spring Prayer

Lord, as I face this change, make me “like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither,” and grant favor and prosperity in whatever I do. *Amen.*

Bob Hostetler (based on Psalm 1:3)

(Source: <https://guideposts.org/prayer/seasonal-prayers/4-new-prayers-for-spring/>)

Ways to Say Your Spring Prayers

Spring can be a great time for spring cleaning, starting new projects, or even refreshing your prayer life. Try these new ways to pray during the spring season.

(Source for spring prayers and ways to say spring prayers:

<https://guideposts.org/prayer/seasonal-prayers/4-new-prayers-for-spring/>)

1. Pray in a Garden

Saying your prayers in a new location can be a great way to revitalize your practice and get a new perspective on life. This spring, make a habit of praying amongst the flowers. Go into your own garden, a public park, or a local community garden and find a spot to connect with God. Pick a spot that is comfortable where you can have a little quiet. As you pray, slowly breathe in and out. Savor the scent of life around you—from the nourishing soil to the fragrance of the flowers. Remember that everything around you was made by God, just like you.

2. Pray by the Window

If you can't make it out to the garden or park, you can still focus on your prayer time by making a comfortable and inspiring prayer spot in your home. Consider making yours next to a window so you can look out over God's creation—like the budding flowers, the new green of the trees, and the returning birds. Make the space comfortable with a good chair and pillows. Bring your Bible or devotional to help you pray. Maybe even add a vase of flowers or houseplants to lighten up the space and truly bring you into the spring mindset.

3. Pray While You Walk

With warmer weather finally here, spring is the perfect time to begin or restart your daily walks. Whether you walk in the morning or after a busy day at work, dedicate this time to prayer. As you focus on your steps and breathing, you'll be surprised how naturally a talk with God will come to fruition. Let the world around you guide your prayers. If you see the tree on your block beginning to finally grow green, thank God for the nature around us that brings us joy and keeps us alive. If you pass by your neighbors, wave hello and say a prayer for them and their family.

4. Pray with a Candle

The spring season can be a hectic time. Between schedules, spring cleaning, and outdoor activities starting up again, it can be difficult to find time to sit down and focus on your prayers. Even if you find the time, your thoughts might drift to busy schedules and errands while you pray. Try using a candle while you pray to keep your attention on your time with God. Here is how to pray with a candle: Find a quiet spot in your home where you can be alone, even for a few minutes. Let your mind slow as you light the candle. As you pray, focus on the flame of the candle and its movements. If you feel your thoughts going astray, simply bring your attention back to the flame and pick up your prayers where you left off.

5. Pray When It Rains

“April showers bring May flowers,” goes the saying. You can use the rainy spring season to commit to praying more often. Make a prayer habit of praying every time it rains. Every time you hear those raindrops hit the window, step away from your work or chores to say a spring prayer. Even just taking a few minutes to check in with God can make a world of difference. Soon you'll find yourself getting excited when the forecast calls for yet another day of rain.

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://abbeyofhearts.com/prayer-cycle/>
- Spirituality and Practice (<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com>)

Inspiration:

The book of Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10-11

Because this reading from the Old Testament reflects beautifully the generosity and heart of the DCWC members, we are publishing it again for prayerful reflection. You and your good works with the DCWC, highlighted in this special edition, are blessed. Thank you!

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."

Amen.



Our Mission:

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club

engages in religious, educational,
social and charitable works,
always giving the best we have.