

NEWSLETTER

DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
JANUARY – MARCH, 2024

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Save These Dates

St. Patrick's Game Party and Luncheon
Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
Saturday, March 9, 2024

Spring Celebration Luncheon
Cancelled for 2024

Day of Recollection
Saturday, October, 2024

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

2023 CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE AND LUNCHEON

The 2023 Christmas Boutique and Luncheon held on December 2, 2023 at the Presidential Banquet Center was the scene of DCWC celebrating their 100th Jubilee Christmas event. The tables were decorated with DCWC 100th Jubilee Christmas bulbs and our informative Jubilee Booklet. Pat Schlangen provided our beautiful Unique Vintage Centerpieces made by her and her family in honor of her mother, Gertrude Schaefer. They were a huge hit. We are looking forward to our event in 2025 and more surprises from Pat.

Our vendor room was sold out. The vendors filled the room with scarves, glassware, wreaths, baked goods, jewelry, and Christmas items. Thanks to everyone who supported these vendors. The vendors donated items to our chance raffle. We cannot thank them enough for supporting DCWC.

At 12:15 we welcomed our new President, Gail Brockman. Gail welcomed everyone and introduced board members and honored us with a prayer before we had our delicious lunch. We served 234 members and friends. I cannot thank everyone enough for all their help and support for making our Jubilee Christmas event a success. We were entertained by Leah Estes playing traditional Christmas songs on her harp.

Our special item for raffle this year was a Double Crossover Sterling Silver Bracelet donated to DCWC by James Free Jewelers. Darlene Johnson and Tori Zimmer from James Free presented the bracelet to the winner, Gail Brockman. This donation demonstrates the support our community has for DCWC. Our large raffle and chance raffle had many beautiful baskets and cash prizes that were donated by members of DCWC.

Our donations this year to the St. Vincent Homeless Shelter
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President's Message

by Gail Brockman, President

Hello Ladies,

Our Christmas Boutique and luncheon was a great success; we surpassed our number of expected guests! We filled our capacity of vendors and had more door prizes than ever before. I would like to highlight a special moment during the luncheon. Pat Schlangen, a Legacy Member and her sister Susan, shared memories, and stories from the rich heritage their family has had as members of the DCWC. If you are a legacy member and would like to share some of your family memories of the DCWC please email your stories to DCWC1923@gmail.com. Please type Legacy Story in the subject line of your email. We will post them on the DCWC website for all our members to enjoy.

At our January Board meeting we discussed the strategic plan and ways to further our goal of increasing membership. We are looking at our online presence and ways to increase interest in the DCWC online. Our very creative TECH Team would like you to check out our web site and give them your feedback. What would you like to see? What changes would make the site better in your eyes? Please email your feedback to DCWC1923@gmail.com. Please type Website Feedback in the subject line of your email. Thank you so much for your feedback.

Happy Valentine's Day! I looked up St Valentine. He is a 3rd century Roman saint. One story tells that "St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes." Another story tells that "He secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. He was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, 'Your Valentine.'"

Lent is approaching quickly. It is February 14th thru March 28th. My Bible Study Teacher recommended this book, *Giving Up Something Bad for Lent* by James W. Moore. In the book, "he challenges readers to take it further—to give up something spiritually that they would be better off not doing. He invites all to seek God's help to focus on eliminating one habit or attitude that is destructive. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking, how much better life would be."

Our St Patrick's Day event is March 9. I'm looking forward to seeing you there! We need card tables for the event. If you have a table we could borrow, please call Julianne McCain at 937-694-2176. Check for additional info in this newsletter and in future mailings.

Gail's Hail: Sleep in Heavenly Peace – No kids sleeps on the floor in our town! They have built and delivered more than 500 beds in Montgomery County. Check out their website at: <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/oh-montgomery-co/>.

God is good all the time. All the time God is good!

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.



Anna Barhorst	11/26/23
Merle Marsh	11/21/23
JoAnn Penno	12/11/23

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

Stephanie Hines
Regina Mercer
Jessica Odenweller
Donna Packs

New Members

Elizabeth Engelhardt	301 Kristina Ct. #12 Dayton, OH 45458 937-885-7047
Judith Francis	1475 Country Wood Dr. Dayton, OH 45440 937-848-3572
Patricia Meyer	113 Swallow Dr. Dayton, OH 45415 937-274-7754
Maria Rzecznik	3829 Mesquite Dr. Beavercreek, OH 45440 937-427-0944
Fonda Setters	153 Viewpoint Dr. Bellbrook, OH 45305 326-467-6680
Christine Wagoner	1004 Marycrest Lane Dayton, OH 45429 937-436-3314

Rejoined Member

Vicki White 229 Loretta Dr.
Dayton, OH 45415
937-503-9881

Lost Member

Joni Dorko's mail has been returned to us as undeliverable. If anyone knows her new address or phone number, PLEASE call, email or text Sandy Reed 937-890-1375 or foursreed@aol.com, Julianne McCain at 937-694-2176 or Cindy Currell at 937-681-9113. Thanks for your help!

Changes in address and or phone number

Ellie Barhorst 8100 Cloy Rd.
Chaminade Hall 126
Centerville, OH 4458

Frances Duell	7510 Rosegate Dr. #174 Indianapolis, IN 46237
Karla Hollencamp	1255 Catalpa Ridge Dr. Lebanon, OH 45036
Emily Luhn	8630 Washington Church Rd. # 226 Miamisburg, OH 45342 937-823-2013
Pauline Olon	1030 Redharvest Dr. Unit E Troy, OH 45373
Janet Parker	1636 Turnberry Village Dr. Dayton, OH 45458
Phyllis Whitney	3858 Abigail Lane Beavercreek, OH 45430
Sandra Williams	119 Rue Marseille Dayton, OH 45429

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. Return Membership envelopes have been included for your convenience in this mailing for those who owe 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.

2023 Christmas Boutique and Luncheon (continued from page 1) was beyond our expectations. I cannot thank our members enough for their generosity. Annie Sullivan from St. Vincent filled a van full of items for the shelter. I know the families living at the shelter were most thankful. Channel 2 covered the event and did a story about the generosity of DCWC.

The day ended with prayer. Everyone took home their purchases from the vendor shops, their baked goods and all the raffle prizes. We hope you and your family have a Happy New Year.

We are looking forward to 2025 to be another successful year for Dayton Catholic Women's Club. Each year we try to do something different to make this event exciting and beneficial. If you have any ideas, please contact Margene Robinson at 937-371-4521 or email margenerobinson5050@gmail.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BINGO, CARD & GAME PARTY SAT. MARCH 9 2024 NEW THIS YEAR! CASH BINGO!

by Julianne McCain

This year, Cash Bingo is being offered at the Party to those who normally don't play cards or board games. We haven't had an in-person Party since the year of Covid 2020, so let's make this the BIGGEST Party ever! Bring your family and friends for an event of fun and raffles of cash, Dayton Dragons VIP tickets, a Dooney Burke purse, and much more! Please see the enclosed invitation for more details. Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Julianne McCain at 937-694-2176 or Carol Graham at 937-475-5258. See you March 9!

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.

Thank you!!

High school scholarships for our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and friends!

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2010 to assist graduating high school women of the Roman Catholic faith wishing to further their studies at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college or four-year college/university.

Applicants must be women graduating from high school, who are active members of a Dayton area Roman Catholic Church, and who demonstrate financial need. Go to our website for the link. www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org

We need a few volunteers to read scholarship essays. This is something you can do at your home and no computer skills needed. Contact Christine Evans at 9737-478-6184 to learn more.

DCWC BOARD MEETING UPDATES

The following are enclosed with this newsletter mailing:

- St. Patrick's Day Game and Card Party flier: March 9. Event details – side one, Donation details – side two. Donations for the Juvenile Court CASA program for youth and families.
- Pot O' Gold Raffle flier and Playing Card - Win four Dayton Dragon's VIP Tickets!
- One sheet of raffle tickets for the St. Paddy's Day event.

Upcoming Board Meetings 2023-24: All members welcome! Included in this mailing:

The following meetings are scheduled:

- 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

Join the DCWC Marketing Committee

Do you have creative ideas to promote meaningful causes and events? Join our Marketing committee and be a driving force for change!

Why Join?

- Meet other DCWC members
- Contribute your skills to make a difference
- Share your enthusiasm for the DCWC Mission
- Use your creative skills and passion for marketing

To learn more call Lisa Scherbauer at 937-657-1029.

Other opportunities to become involved with DCWC:

- 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.
- Participate in DCWC donation drives.
- Follow DCWC Dayton Catholic Women's Club on Facebook
- Contact DCWC at DCWC1923@gmail.com.



Prayer Corner

For the Women in the Dayton and Miami Valley Community

Women's Retreat: "Our Lady of Light" by the Incarnation and St. Francis Family of Parishes

Our Lady of Light
2024 Women's Retreat
"Come to Me"

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. James 4:8
Experience Rest and Renewal in the gentle peace of Jesus
Friday, February 23 - Sunday, February 25
Bergamo Center

4400 Shakertown Rd., Beavercreek, OH

The retreat will include: Adoration * Reconciliation* Mass* Talks* Reflection Time* Group Prayer * Fellowship * Food
Rooms are limited and commuter options are available.

To register: Paper registration forms may be requested by contacting Nancy Anderson, Registration Coordinator, at brianancy1986@gmail.com or 937-266-2300.

Thanks to DCWC member Lisa Scherbauer for sharing this with our members.

Seasonal Prayer – Prayer for the New Year

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen

(Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/holidays-and-special-occasions/other-special-occasions/family-new-years-prayer/>)

Examen Prayer for the Year

(adapted from <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/author/wright/>)
by Vinita Hampton Wright

As we transition into the new year, let's try an Examen prayer of our previous year. It's really pretty simple: the Examen helps us reflect on a past period of time—usually we reflect prayerfully over the previous day or the previous few hours. But I believe we can apply these principles to the past calendar year as well.

- Step One: Become aware of God's presence.

One way of doing this is to ask the Holy Spirit to help you review the year with a holy perspective—with wisdom, grace, and faith. Ask for the grace to tear yourself away from your own patterns of thinking and seeing so that you can see your life more as God sees it. Of course you will see your failings—but God sees you as a beloved daughter who has a future and a hope. Of course you will see your accomplishments—but God sees your deeper self, the person behind all the activity, a person made in God's image.

- Step Two: Review the year with gratitude.

As you use this holy perspective to review the year, pay attention to the good gifts from the year ending. Name specifically those that come to memory now, and thank God for them.

- **Step Three: Pay attention to your emotions.**

Think over the year again, and notice your emotional reactions. What memories speak most loudly to you? What events, conversations, relationships, or activities bring up the most emotion now, as you remember them? Ask God to help you linger with these emotions, whether they are pleasant or disturbing. Ask for help in understanding why you feel as you do. What can you learn about yourself or about your situation as you dwell in your emotional responses?

- **Step Four: Choose one feature of the year and pray from it.**

While you are lingering with your memories and emotions, settle on one feature. Perhaps it is a single event, or maybe it's a pattern of your own behavior that has come to mind as you reviewed the year. Whatever it is that has emerged, allow it to fuel your prayer. Don't worry about the many other aspects of the year that you could think about right now; stay with the one thing that has come to you with the most power and pray from those thoughts and emotions.

- **Step Five: Look toward the new year.**

Imagine what challenges and blessings might await you in the coming year. Think of important relationships, major (and minor) decisions to be made, skills to learn, habits to build, healing to seek,

good work to accomplish. Make a simple list of highlights—matters that you expect to take prominence in your life in the new year. Bring them to God now, and ask for the graces you will need.

- End your prayer, thanking God for love and life and holy possibilities

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