



Dayton Catholic Women's Club • 1923–2023

CENTENNIAL

Jubilee

100 Years of Giving the Best We Have



CENTENNIAL Jubilee 1923-2023

In 1923 when Dayton Catholic Women's Club first began, my dear mother, Lydia, was 6 years old. She was raised by very devout Catholic parents. When she was 14, her mother passed away. She had to quit school to take care of her younger brothers and sisters. Her life was hard, but she always kept the faith. I remember when growing up how important her Catholic faith was. She dedicated her life to her siblings' family and her married family but also cared deeply about her church family.

Even though she was probably not aware of DCWC's existence, my mother always made sure that food was cooked for funerals, shawls were knitted and donations were made to the food pantry. Church attendance was very important. She said the rosary every night and believed that the power of prayer would overcome any difficulty in life. She remained steadfast in her faith no matter what happened in her life. I never really appreciated my mother's dedication to the Catholic Church growing up. When she died in 2007, there was a hole in my heart.

When I became involved in 2013 with the DCWC, I realized that their helping and praying was just like what my mother did. DCWC was where I needed and wanted to be. I had no idea what great things this organization accomplished. I am so honored to be President and part of such a group of strong, faith-filled, Catholic women.

Maybe many of your mothers were like my mother. Maybe they didn't know about DCWC, but they still had a strong Catholic faith and showed you, by example, how important it was to pray and do good works. DCWC has a Mission. "The Dayton Catholic Women's Club engages in religious, educational, social, and charitable works, always giving the best we have".

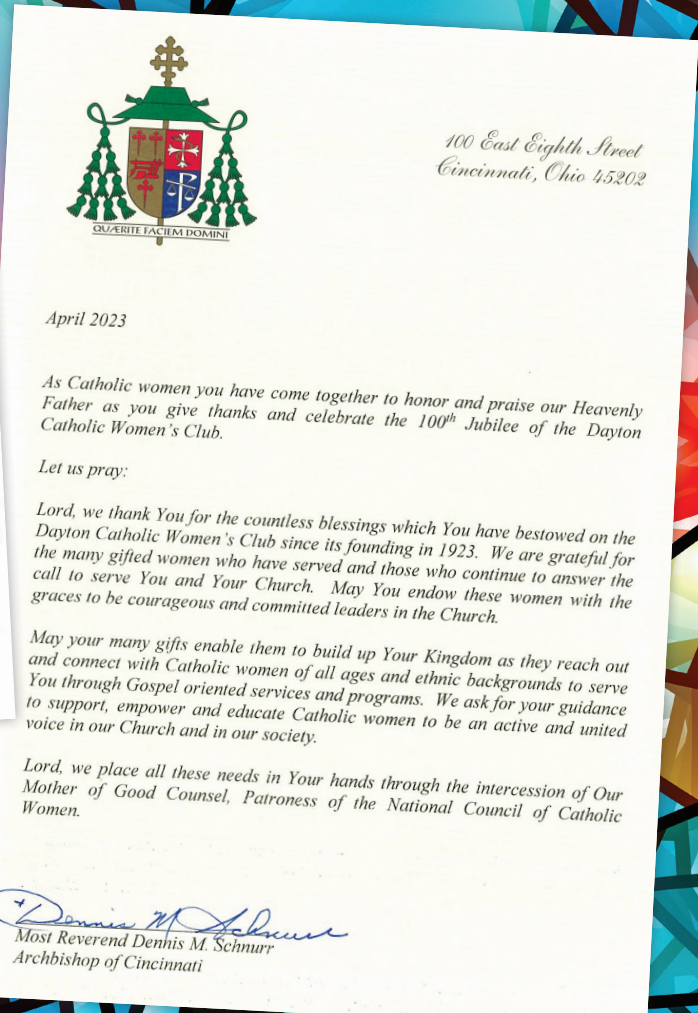
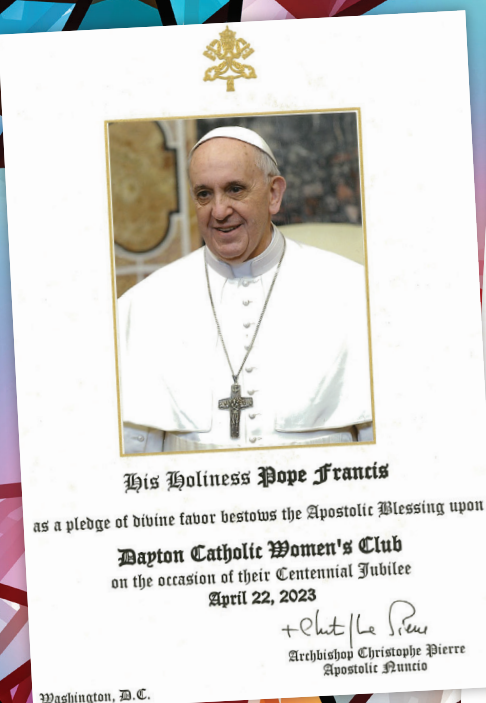
Celebrating Dayton Catholic Women's Club's Centennial Jubilee is quite an accomplishment. I pray that the future of DCWC will be strong and everlasting. We invite all Catholic women to join us. We look forward to passing on our faith, our strong belief in prayer, service and involving the next generation, always giving the best we have.

May God bless all of us on this holy and joyous occasion of 100 years.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for Us!

Margene Robinson

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President



Leadership - Past and Present

The Dayton Council of Catholic Women was organized in 1923 for the purposes of uniting all Catholic Women of Dayton into one club and having the National Council of Catholic Women as its background. The object – *to promote a spirit of unity and cooperation among the Catholic Women of Dayton and the vicinity* in religious, education, civic, social, cultural, and humanitarian interests. To engage in such forms of charitable and benevolent work was and continues to be the DCWC mission.



Mrs. Michael (Martha) Costello, 1st President c. 1923

For one hundred years, thousands of faith filled and cheerful women have served the Dayton community by following the mission of this organization under the blessing and guidance of Our Lady of Good Counsel. In 1953, Dayton Council of Catholic Women changed its name to **Dayton Catholic Women's Club**.

The name changed, but not the mission.

Honorary Members

Honorary Membership is conferred upon His Grace, the Most Reverend Archbishop of Cincinnati, and is conferred on others only in recognition of exceptional service to the organization or in community or national affairs. To date, fifteen (15) lay members have been so honored.

Mrs. M. J. Costello, 1st President

Mrs. Ralph F. Behringer
Mrs. J. J. Gibson
Mrs. Hugh Wall
Mrs. Robert E. Garrity (Mary Louise Breen)
Mrs. Alice L. Braunlin
Mrs. A. H. Kemper
Mrs. Leo Walter

Mrs. Clara Miller
Mrs. Louis P. Becker
Mrs. F. J. Driscoll
Mrs. Francis J. McCormick (Anne O'Hara)
Mrs. Howard Williamson
Anita Clune Rankin
Ruth Thompson Galyon

Past Presidents 1923-2023

Mrs. M. J. Costello 1923-1925*	Mrs. Richard P. Clemens, Sr. 1969-1970*
Mrs. Peter O'Donohue 1925-1926*	Mrs. Edward A. Parker 1970-1971*
Mrs. J. B. Shine 1925-1926*	Mrs. Albert Schmitz 1971-1972*
Miss Margaret Burns 1927-1927*	Mrs. Don Roy Smith 1972-1973*
Mrs. John T. Reese 1927-1929*	Mrs. John Turner 1973-1974*
Mrs. Leo Glaser 1929-1931*	Mrs. Richard Schuermann (Joan) 1974-1975*
Mrs. L.W. Dorfer 1931-1932*	Mrs. C. H. Aneshansley 1975-1976*
Mrs. Peter O'Donohue 1932-1934*	Mrs. Joseph Nauman 1976-1977*
Mrs. F. J. Driscoll 1934-1936*	Mrs. Harold (Schweller) Anderson 1977-1978*
Mrs. Clifford Murfin (Hochwalt) 1936-1937*	Mrs. Melvin C. Seibel 1978-1979*
Mrs. H. K. Raney 1937-1939*	Mrs. J. D. Schram 1979-1980*
Mrs. C. F. Hahne 1939-1940*	Mrs. Charles J. Brun, Sr. 1980-1981*
Mrs. L. J. Haughey 1940-1941*	Mrs. Lee J. Falke, Sr. 1981-1982*
Mrs. M. J. VanHausen 1941-1943*	Mrs. Sophia Klein 1982-1983*
Mrs. R. B. Muth 1943-1944*	Mrs. Leonard U. Baker 1983-1985*
Mrs. R. J. Westbrook 1944-1945*	Mrs. James J. McCarthy 1985-1987*
Mrs. James J. Harnett 1945-1946*	Mrs. Frederick A. Zainey 1987-1988*
Mrs. John H. Koors 1946-1947*	Mrs. Robert Minch (Mary Jane) 1988-1989
Mrs. Kellar Dunham 1947*	Mrs. Robert Rankin (Anita) 1989-1990
Mrs. Helen K. McCarthy 1947-1949*	Mrs. F. P. (Grady) McManus 1990-1992*
Mrs. John Tehan 1949-1950*	Mrs. Donald Cretcher 1992-1993*
Mrs. Richard Schneble 1950-1952*	Mrs. John Hart (Marilyn) 1993-1994*
Mrs. Joseph D. Loveley 1952-1953*	Mrs. Rita Moorman 1994-1996*
Mrs. P. Eugene Smith 1953-1954*	Mrs. Ruth Galyon 1996-1998
Mrs. Ralph Behringer 1954-1956*	Mrs. Edward J. Leach (Jo) 1998-2000*
Mrs. V. B. Weckesser 1956-1957*	Miss Angie McGraw 2000-2001
Mrs. Robert L. Ames 1957-1958*	Mrs. Mary Ellen Oomens 2001-2004
Mrs. Lawrence J. Lohr 1958-1960*	Mrs. Janice Kaskocsak 2004-2007*
Mrs. Thos. E. Burkhardt 1960-1961*	Mrs. Maxine Brooks 2007-2009*
Mrs. Howard A. Magrath 1961-1962*	Mrs. Barbara Kruezer 2009-2011
Mrs. William J. Westbrook, Sr. 1962-1963*	Mrs. Lisa Nussman 2011-2013
Mrs. George A. Kramer, Sr. 1963-1965*	Ms. Julianne McCain 2013-2015
Mrs. LeRoy H. Clune 1965-1966*	Mrs. Carol (Martz) Graham 2015-2019
Mrs. Robert Hollencamp 1966-1968*	Mrs. Lisa Nussman 2019-2021
Mrs. Harry J. Cassano 1968-1969*	Mrs. Margene Robinson 2021-2023

*Deceased

Religious Growth

Dayton Catholic Women's Club promotes and supports **RELIGIOUS GROWTH** with opportunities within and beyond DCWC.

Within DCWC

One of DCWC's biggest events of the year is the **Day of Recollection**, a tradition that began in the first years of the organization.

On this day, we remember all the members who have died and we seek to grow spiritually in our life.

The Board picks a theme that is pertinent to the year and times. During the day, members, families and friends are invited to pray, attend Mass, have lunch and socialize and reflect on the theme of the day.

The varied speakers throughout the 100 years included Archbishops, Bishops, priests, nuns, authors, newspaper and magazine writers, artists and teachers.

The location of the Day's event varies from church halls, the Dominican Retreat House, Bergamo, University of Dayton Kennedy Union to restaurants or banquet centers. Fall or spring usually are the times of the year chosen for this prayerful coming together.

Comments

"Offers a little bit of religion."

"Offers boost to our faith."

"Speakers offer new perspective."

"Glad I was invited by a friend."

"I've been multiple times."

"Each time is welcoming and fascinating."

"Educational and informative."

"Encouraged by others to attend."

"I was invited to come to the event and then joined DCWC."

"I always leave with some nugget that inspires or stretches my faith."

"One year what I had learned and experienced at the Day of Recollection I used in an RCIA session that I taught."

Some Day of Recollection Themes Throughout Our 100 Years

Mary and Her Many Titles

Lent, Advent and Ordinary Times

Marriage, Single Life and My Life

Justice & Peace

How Our Faith Can Come Alive

Family as First Teacher

Mary in Art

Finding Our Spiritual Gifts

Speakers and Their Personal Experiences

Music in the Church

How to Continue Your Catholic Education

St. Joseph in the 21st Century

Works of Mercy / Gaudete et Exultate

The Challenges of Family Life Amid
the Frustration of the Modern World

Many of the Saints

Growing In Faith

Reading Catholic Literature

Parenthood and the Holy Family

Year of the Child

Church of the Poor

Looking Out, In and All Around

Women of the Bible and Us

Year of the Family

What Can I Do

Holy Days & Holidays

Movie and Discussion

Authors & Their Books

Archbishops of Cincinnati and Spiritual Advisors

Throughout our 100 years of meeting and events, the Dayton Catholic Women's Club invited, welcomed and benefitted from the prayer and wisdom, guidance and model of Servant Leadership of the Archbishops of Cincinnati, Spiritual Advisors and the many guest speakers who have encouraged the DCWC members to **Always Give the Best We Have**.

For all of you, we give thanks.

Archbishops of Cincinnati



1922 – Under the directive of **Archbishop Henry K. Moeller**, Msgr. Francis A. Gressle and Miss Ida Pflaum worked with the women of Dayton to form the Dayton Council of Catholic Women. They formed a permanent organization similar to the newly formed National Council of Catholic Women.



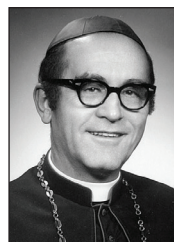
1956 – **Msgr. Paul F. Leibold**, Chancellor of the Archdiocese celebrated the Mass and Day of Recollection at the Loretto.

1970 – 47th Annual Installation of Officers plus a celebration of **Archbishop Paul F. Leibold's**, a Dayton native, 30th Anniversary of his Ordination.



1973 – Annual May Luncheon at Dayton Country Club. Honored Guest: **Most Reverend Archbishop J. Bernardin**. Speaker: Miss Margaret Mealey, executive director of the NCCW, executive director of the Committee of Catholic Laity. She is the first woman from the U.S. and the second American to be named to the 17-member pontifical agency.

1980 – **Archbishop Joseph Bernardin** commended by DCWC for witness to Christianity at May Luncheon that included Installation of Officer.



1973 – DCWC 50th Anniversary at Sacred Heart Church. **Archbishop Nicholas Elko** celebrated Mass followed by buffet luncheon and display at Sacred Heart Church.



1975, January – Holy Year and Memorial Mass; Celebrated by **Bishop Daniel Pilarczyk** and Fr. Robert Schmitz. Holy Trinity Church

1998, April – 75th Diamond Anniversary of DCWC. **Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk**, Archbishop of Cincinnati celebrated Mass at Holy Angels Church.

Reception at the Dayton Country Club. Mary statues given.



2022, December – Christmas Boutique & Luncheon at Presidential Banquet Center. Guest Speaker: **Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr**, Archbishop of Cincinnati who spoke about *Beacons of Light*. Anita Clune Rankin and Ruth Thompson Galyon were welcomed into the DCWC Honorary Members group as

the newest members.

Spiritual Advisors

Msgr. Francis Gressle

Msgr. Harry J. Ansbury

Msgr. Martin T. Gilligan

Rev. B. F. Kuhlman

Rev. James H. Garland

Rev. Ron Wilker

Rev. James McKay, S.M.

Msgr. Edward A. Connaughton

Rev. Tim Kallaher

Rev. Lewis Fox

Rev. Joseph W Goetz

Rev. Louis F. Funk

Rev. Lee Sciarretta

Rev. Francis Pilliod

Sr. Rose Wildenhaus, C.P.P.S.

Sr. Thelma Wurzelbacher, C.P.P.S.

Educational Works

Dayton Catholic Women's Club promotes and supports **EDUCATIONAL WORKS** and opportunities within and beyond DCWC.

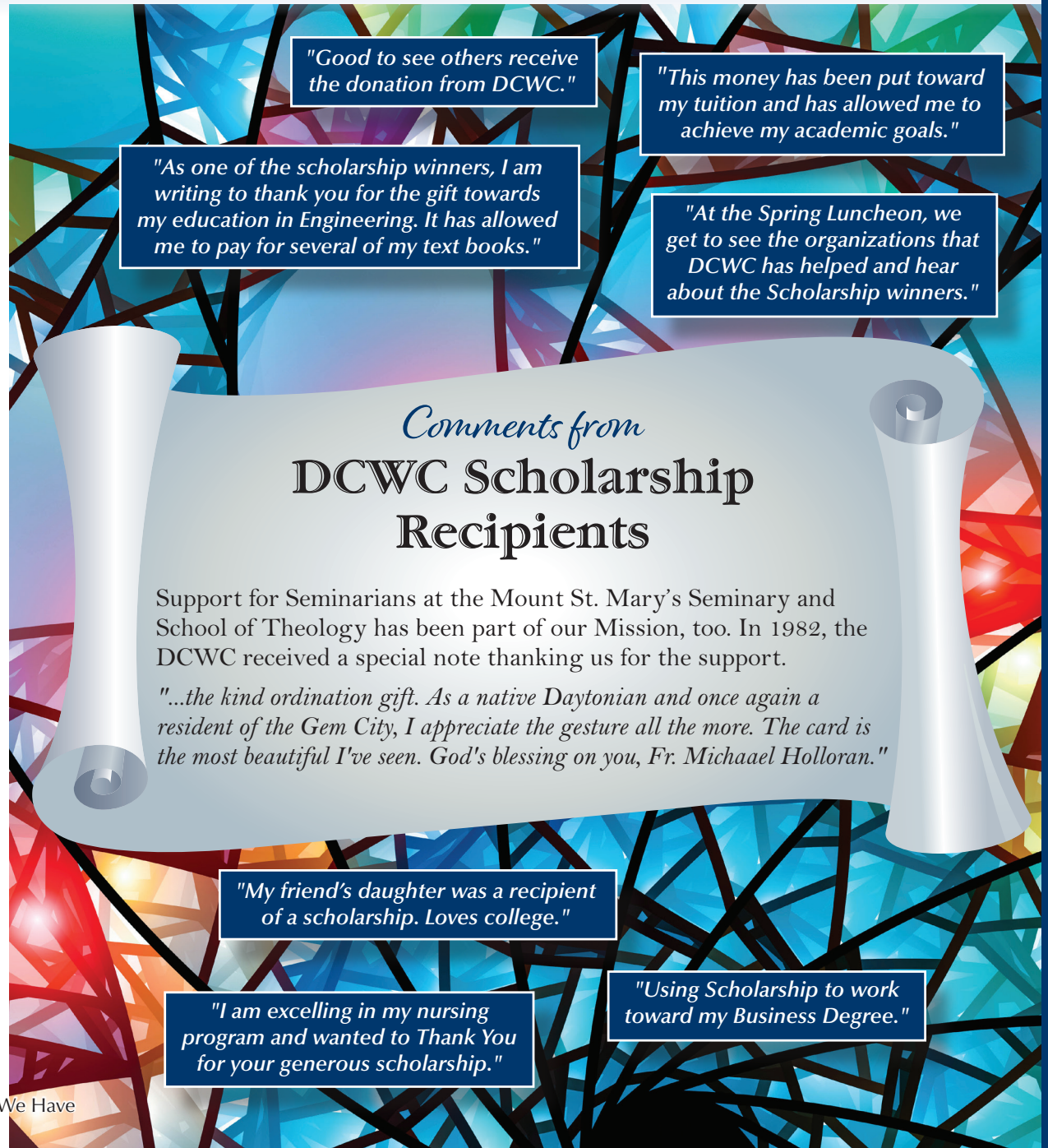
One of the big projects at DCWC is supporting young women in faith and education.

In 2011, with the help of an anonymous \$10,000 Legacy Gift in remembrance of one of our past members, DCWC established the Scholarship Fund at the Dayton Foundation. This is a separate fund that can be added to at any time. Many donors choose to make donations specifically to the Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Fund allows a minimum for four scholarships to young women who graduate from high school and who are continuing their education after graduation. Applicants must be graduating from high school and be an active member of a Dayton area Roman Catholic Church. The Scholarship Fund has grown and now is able to accommodate an average of 8-10 graduating senior women per year.

The Scholarship recipients are selected from among numerous applicants, giving consideration to demonstrated Catholic faith, academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, leadership, personal essays and financial need.

Some parishes who had young women receiving DCWC Scholarships: St. Michael, St. Albert the Great, St. Brigid, St. Charles Borromeo, Precious Blood, St. Luke, Holy Angels, Incarnation, St. Anthony, Church of the Transfiguration, and Ascension.



"Good to see others receive the donation from DCWC."

"This money has been put toward my tuition and has allowed me to achieve my academic goals."

"As one of the scholarship winners, I am writing to thank you for the gift towards my education in Engineering. It has allowed me to pay for several of my text books."

"At the Spring Luncheon, we get to see the organizations that DCWC has helped and hear about the Scholarship winners."

Comments from DCWC Scholarship Recipients

Support for Seminararians at the Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology has been part of our Mission, too. In 1982, the DCWC received a special note thanking us for the support.

"...the kind ordination gift. As a native Daytonian and once again a resident of the Gem City, I appreciate the gesture all the more. The card is the most beautiful I've seen. God's blessing on you, Fr. Michael Holloran."

"My friend's daughter was a recipient of a scholarship. Loves college."

"I am excelling in my nursing program and wanted to Thank You for your generous scholarship."

"Using Scholarship to work toward my Business Degree."

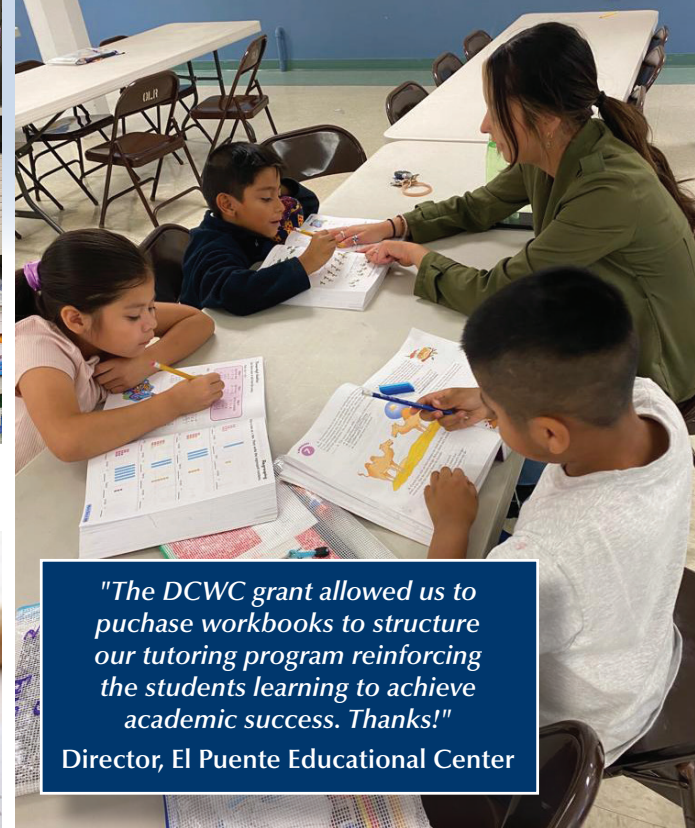


"Thank you for funding a Storybook Trail at LEARNING TREE FARM. We were able to create 26 custom signs which can be moved to different areas of the farm to lead families on new walking trails with each story."

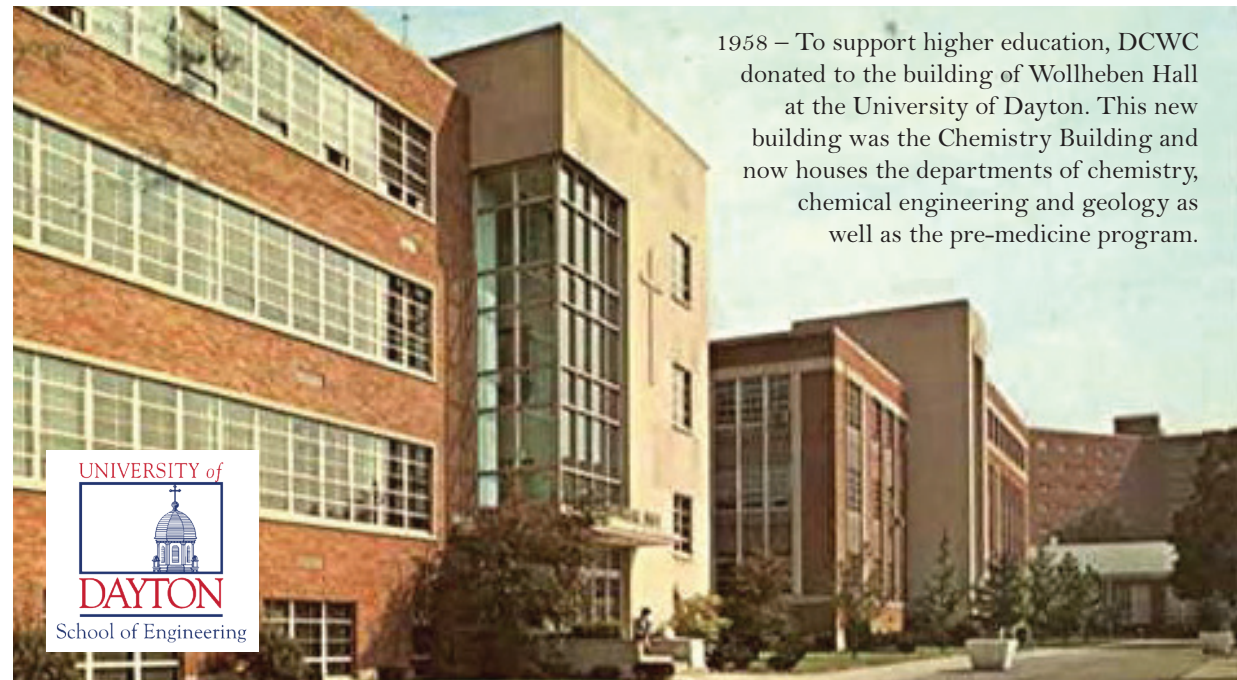
Director, Learning Tree Farm



1956, December – A Braille typewriter was donated to the Dee lighted Helper's Club.



"The DCWC grant allowed us to purchase workbooks to structure our tutoring program reinforcing the students learning to achieve academic success. Thanks!"
Director, El Puente Educational Center



1958 – To support higher education, DCWC donated to the building of Wollheben Hall at the University of Dayton. This new building was the Chemistry Building and now houses the departments of chemistry, chemical engineering and geology as well as the pre-medicine program.





Celebrating 100 Years of

1920

- 1922 – Under the directive of Archbishop Henry K. Moeller, Msgr. Francis A. Gressle and Miss Ida Pflaum worked with the women of Dayton to form the Dayton Council of Catholic Women. They formed a permanent organization similar to the newly formed National Council of Catholic Women.
- 1923 – January: The first regular business meeting was called to order. The officers were: Mrs. M.J. Costello, President; Mrs. James J. Gibson, Mrs. Hugh Wall, Mrs. Robert C. Patterson and Mrs. Leo Glaser. Membership exceeded 2,000. At the end of the first year, the DCCW had no indebtedness and \$400 in a Building Fund.

1930

- 2882 articles given to the Needle Work Guild
- 2068 garments made for the Red Cross
- 20,500 bandages were made for Miami Valley Hospital
- Fr. Kuhman lectured on the lives of the Popes and "Why I am a Catholic."
- Mrs. M.J. Givvons gave a beautiful interpretation of the Hound of Heaven.
- The annual Easter Card Parties and the annual Installation of Officers continue.

1940

- 1948 – November 18: Memorial Mass at Loretto and lunch at Biltmore Hotel
- 1948 – December 16: Mr. Urban Deger and his Boys Choir
- 1949 – September 22: Mrs. Audrey Huffman playing piano selections
- 1949 – October 27: Dayton Art Institute – Watercolor Demonstrations by Mr. Edward Burroughs
- 1940's Years of many speaker topics - The Encyclical; Miracle & Morality Plays; Dante; Holy Women of the 13C; The Inquisition, and Current Catholic Trends; The Protestant Revolution; Catholic Reaction to the Protestant Revolution; Great Catholic Scientists and Inventors.

1950

- 1954 – DCWC sent many delegates to 27th National Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, Boston. Guest speakers: Cardinal Cushing and President Eisenhower
- 1955 – January 30: DCWC will entertain residents at The Siena with dance numbers, accordion selections and vocalists.
- 1955 – DCWC provided The Siena home with statues of Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child for its first outdoor crib + a public address system
- 1956 – October 25: Meeting at Loretto. Guest Speaker: Prof. George Biersack, Director of the Dayton Educational TV Foundation who spoke on "Educational TV's Future."
- 1957 – May 23: Speaker (Hometown Girl!) : Sr. M. Nicholas, C.S.C. (formerly Rose Gough of Julienne High School).
- 1958 – November 19: Journal Herald Newspaper article highlights 3 generations in DCWC: Mrs. Michael J. Gibbons – 1st generation, Mrs. Howard Sachs-2nd Generation- Mrs William Barlow-3rd Generation.
- 1958 – DCWC Celebrates DCWC 35th Anniversary
- 1958 – Speaker John M. Haffert, who twice interviewed the one surviving visionary of Fatima, Lucia; now, Sr. Mary of the Immaculate Heart. (Lucia died on February 13, 2005. Age 97)
- 1958 – June 1: DDN states "the DCWC is one of the largest groups in the city with philanthropy for children as it object."
- 1959 – May 21: Speaker: Sr. Maria del Rey, a Maryknoll Sister and an author and world traveler, spoke about her travels and her many books, especially her 6th, Dust on My Toes.
- 1950's – TOPICS PRESENTED ON HOMEMAKING: Home Economist for Frigidaire Corp.; Interior Decorating: How to Have a Lovelier Home; Demonstration In Ceramics; Fashion Design - Good Design Versus Fashion; Women's Editor of the DDNews.
- 1950's – PRESENTATIONS ON RELIGIOUS & SOCIAL JUSTICE TOPICS : The United Nations and its Importance to You; Catholic Charities; The Bridge UNESCO Built; What Can I Do?; The News That Matters; Our Lady's Role in Christian Education; What Do You Read?

1960

- 1960 – January 28 Meeting and Tea; Mrs. Hugh Wall made an Honorary Member for her extraordinary work on every committee in DCWC and within the community. Miriam Rosenthal is Guest Speaker.
- 1960 – January 29-31: Weekend Retreat at the Dominican Retreat House in Oakwood.
- 1961 – March 23: Memorial Mass and Day of Recollection; Rev. Norbert Burns, SM
- 1961 – May 18: Guest Speaker: Msgr. John F. Schuler Presentation: "Stigmatists: Therese Neumann and Padre Pio: Carry their Cross"
- 1962 – September and October: Proposed Amendments discussed and voted on.
- 1963 – May 16: 40th Annual Installation of Officers. Guest Speaker: Rev. John F. Cronin, social action department of the National Catholic Welfare conference in DC.
- 1965 – May 6: DCWC members attend National Council of Catholic Women Conventions in Cincinnati, THEME: The Church honors woman in the dignity of her being and in her human and Christian mission. Pope Paul VI
- 1966 – May 2: Board Meeting - Unanimous vote to purchase an Addressograph from Pitney Bowers for \$450-\$500. All mailings become easier!
- 1966 – May 26: 43rd Annual Installation of New Officers; Guest Speaker: Phil Donahue, WHIO Conversation Piece.
- 1967 – January: DCWC joins area Catholic and interfaith groups to oppose cuts in the government's anti-poverty funds. Rally on January 31.
- 1968 – April 23: Raise membership dues to \$5.00 per year beginning in September 1968.
- 1969 – March 7: Participations in World Day of Prayer held in 20 areas throughout the city.

1970

- 1972 – May 18: 49th Installation of Officers at the Dayton Country Club; Guest Speaker: Mrs John J. Gilligan, Ohio's first lady.
- 1974/1975 – St. Joseph Home for Children -2 rooms decorated by DCWC members – The Pink Room + bathroom
- 1977 – March 29: Ecumenical Day of Renewal, Role of Women in the Modern Church. Rev Carl Moeddel & Rev. Terence Meehan
- 1979 – Inter-Faith Tea at Grace Methodist Church
- 1979 – Bingo at Maria Joseph and at Sienna Home

To see a more complete timeline,
please check out our website at
www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org

Giving the Best We Have

1980

- 1980 – DCWC emphasizes YEAR OF THE FAMILY AS FIRST TEACHER
- 1980 – March 15: St. Patrick's Day Card Party. Proceeds benefit charities regardless of race, creed or national origin.
- 1982 – August 2: Moving forward: Discussion: Could we have a computer disc made with addresses to for mailings?
- 1989 – December 2: Christmas Party and Boutique, Final pieces from the Club's sterling silver service will be included in the Raffle.
- 1989 – President Anita Rankin brought Parliamentarian professional to help with procedures at meeting. Louise Bereskin will meet with the Board in October.
- 1989 – DCWC along with Christ Child, Church Women United and Jewish Women held a joint meeting and Prayer Service.

1990

- 1990 – February: Discussed sending information about DCWC to parish bulletins for inclusion
- 1990 – March 17: St Patrick's Day Card Party and Luncheon –80 Shamrocks ordered!
- 1993/1994 – The 1993-94 membership dues will be changed from \$5.00 to \$7.00 and from \$100.00 to \$150 for a lifetime member.
- 1993 – May 15: 70th Annual May Luncheon; Entertainment: Fairmont High School Illusion Show Choir 1993
- 1997 – April 19: Luncheon and Installation of Officers, Marriott Hotel; Fr. Tim Kallahaer installs new officers
- 1999 – October 5: Day of Recollection, Bergamo Center – Sr. Rose Wildenhaus, Guest Speaker

2000

- 2003 – September 27: Day of Recollection, St. Albert the Great; Speakers: Fr. James Manning, Pastor; Fr. Martin Fox, Vicar; Fr. Tom Beischel, retired. Theme: The Challenges of Being a Catholic Christian.
- 2003 – Report from National Council of Catholic Women on their Top 5 Issues: Respect Life; Health Care; Family Violence; Food and Water; Welfare Reform
- 2005 – October 22: Day of Recollection, Immaculate Conception Church; Fr. Satish is speaker. 96 in attendance.
- 2006 – October 14: Day of Recollection, St. Peter's Church; Fr. Stever Mondik & Fr. Simone, Sr. Virgine, Sr. Canice and Sr. Carmine will be speaking.
- 2007 – May 19: Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers; Dr. Ndefu Zama is speaker
- 2007 – NCCW Convention in Columbus Ohio; Bringing Light to Our Global Society
- 2007 – October 6: Day of Recollection – St Benedict the Moor Parish hosts.
- 2007 – First website set up for DCWC by Maxine Brooks, President.
- 2008 – May 17: Celebrating 85th Anniversary Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers; Women of Faith, Action, Hope & Prayer
- 2008 – October 6: Day of Recollection, St. Rita's; Fr. Geoff celebrated Mass and was the morning speaker on the History of the Rosary. Susan Vergamini spoke in the afternoon about the question: Are you Mary or Martha?

2010

- 2010 – February 1: All materials and Ads placed from now on will include website address.
- 2010 – DCWC will sponsor 2 members to attend NCCW national meeting in Washington, DC.
- 2010 – October 9: Day of Recollection, Mass and Prayer service dedicated to Eliminating Violence.
- 2011 – November 1: Acceptance of formal criteria for the DCWC Scholarship Fund distributed by DCWC Committee. Formal Scholarship Fund officially established at The Dayton Foundation with anonymous \$10,000 donation. DCWC has received twelve \$10,000 donations over the years from this generous donor.
- 2012 – October 12: Day of Recollection, Discovering Our Spiritual Gifts.
- 2014 – February 3: Meeting, Long-Range Strategic Plan 2014-2019 begins. SWOT survey mailed. Mathile Grant received to partially cover expenses of Plan. DCWC pens purchased for distribution at events throughout the Plan. Long Range Strategic Plan, *Growing Together*; Mission & Vision printed
- 2014 – October 4: Day of Recollection, Topic: Women In the Bible + Growing Together: The DCWC Strategic Plan. Movie: Celebrate What's Right with the World
- 2015 – Dues increased from \$10/ year to \$15/ year
- 2015 – March 2: Parish Liaison Luncheon Mercy Siena Woods
- 2015 – May 16: Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers - Grant recipients and Scholarship winners were welcomed.
- 2015 – October 3: Day of Recollection, Ascension Church; Guest Speaker: Jeanne Hunt, writer for the Catholic Telegraph, "Catholic Traditions and Passing Them Forward"
- 2015 – December 5: Christmas Boutique & Luncheon, Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Card given to all attendees.
- 2016 – October 1: Day of Recollection, "A Pilgrimage Together", bus trip to St. Peter in Cincinnati
- 2017 – Easter Baskets for the children at St. Vincent de Paul, again.
- 2018 – Needle Work Guild comes alive again!
- 2019 – Membership collected purses, filled them with women's needs and products and donated to St. Vincent de Paul

2020

- 2020 – COVID19 HITS. Some Board Meetings are ZOOMed.
- 2020 – UD students receive a donation towards the Five Oaks Neighborhood and Dayton Civic Scholars Collaborative Project.
- 2020 – December 5: Christmas Boutique & Luncheon – The event was held via mail due to COVID. Through the clever planning of the Board and the generosity of the DCWC members being Christmas Angels, the proceeds for this event remained close to the same as an in-person event.
- 2021-2022 – Grant and Scholarship applications were accepted and awards were given each year during COVID.
- 2021 – Centennial Jubilee Celebration committee is formed and in full swing.
- 2021/2022/2023 – March: St. Patrick's Day Card/Game Party & Luncheon. COVID continues and so does DCWC! The St. Patrick's Day Party invited members and friends to become Leprechauns via mail invitations. Common playing cards were the key! They were put into every invitation and the games began for the Pot O' Gold prizes. Donations were generous.
- 2022 – Centennial Jubilee Celebration committee going strong. Invitations designed; Speaker: Donna Heckler, Author; menu, decorations, memorabilia, Historical booklet, all being prepared.
- 2022 – October 8: Day of Recollection returns. St. Luke's Church. Guest Speakers from The Angelico Project of Cincinnati. Unique program by Artists Dr.Ceil Dorger & Holly Schapker.
- 2023 – April 22:

*Happy Centennial
Jubilee to*
DAYTON CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S CLUB

Charitable Works

Dayton Catholic Women's Club promotes and supports **CHARITABLE WORKS** and opportunities within and beyond DCWC.



"ARTEMIS CENTER purchased trac phones with the Grant from DCWC to give to survivors who either had their phones broken or were being tracked by their abuser. These phones allowed them to safely make calls without fear of further violence."

— Jane, Artemis Center



PINK RIBBON GIRLS
No One Travels This Road Alone.

"Thanks to your generous support, PINK RIBBON GIRLS provided rides to treatment for those battling breast and gynecological cancer. Together we can ensure No One Travels This Road Alone."

— VP of Marketing



"This grant, and others from DCWC, were used to enhance our safe home for human trafficking survivors. In 2022, a much needed storm door was replaced and professionally installed at OASIS HOUSE. Thank you."

— Director



"When we call on them, they respond with quick generosity, big hearts and willing hands."

—St. Vincent de Paul



"BRIGID'S PATH purchased pulse oximeters, critical-aid paste to protect their delicate skin and oral syringes to administer medication. These are critical supplies for babies born substance exposed."

— Director



"The Miami Valley Nonprofit Collaborative helps nonprofit organizations build their capacity and effectiveness to serve the community. Support from DCWC allowed us to fully scholarship two area nonprofits for our premier Core Excellence workshop series.

— Executive Director



DCWC Mission

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DCWC Vision

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club seeks to invite and involve all women into active membership.

LIVING THE MISSION & VISION

- ▶ To raise funds to continue support for the Grant Fund for non-profit organizations so they may meet their charitable mission, Dayton Catholic Women's Club will have multiple social events throughout the year.
- ▶ To raise funds to continue to support the Scholarship Fund through written and verbal communications.
- ▶ All social events will include a food or special need giving component.
- ▶ To promote and share the understanding that the blessing of giving can bring a deep fulfillment and joy to the givers.

Financial Distribution 1923-2023



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

All funds raised will be distributed to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to Scholarship Recipients in furtherance of the educational purpose set forth in Article II, section 2 of the DCWC Constitution, updated October 5, 2015.



1956, December – DCWC voted yuletide gifts to Hungarian refugees, a Communion table for Sienna Home, and a wheelchair for the pediatric department at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Social Works Within and Beyond

Dayton Catholic Women's Club promotes and supports **SOCIAL WORKS** and events within and beyond DCWC.

1922 – DCWC developed from the sociology class formed under the direction of Msgr. Francis A. Gressle and Miss Ida Pflaum. After the class, Msgr. Gressle told the group of women about the newly formed National Council of Catholic Women. He suggested that they form a permanent organization to carry out the council's work in Dayton.

Membership in 1923 exceeded 2,000; Activities included hospital help, Catechism, socialization, prisons, Juvenile Court, Education, Ways & Means, Professional Women, Junior Members, Camp Marquette, cooperation with other groups, Membership, and Financial within and around the community.

FIRST BIG SOCIAL EVENT – 1924, January 29: Card Party (in the afternoon) & Dance (in the evening)

Fall 1924 – **THE NEW CLUB ROOMS OF THE DCCW, 315 Cooper Bldg** were formally opened.

Building Community While Giving the Best We Have

Throughout the 100 years of helping others, the women of DCWC knew how to enjoy the company of their friends while working and playing! Besides each social event being a fundraiser, it was a great gathering of friends new and old.

DANCES WERE POPULAR EARLY ON IN THE HISTORY OF DCWC.

20's – Card Party (in the afternoon) & Dance (in the evening) at Knights of Columbus Club on Monument Avenue

50's – Annual Charity Ball Themes, Location and Orchestra: *Night in Spain*, Biltmore Hotel, Harry "Jack" Walton's orchestra; Biltmore Hotel Ballroom; Harry "Jack" Walton's orchestra will play; Biltmore Hotel Ballroom; Karl Taylor's Orchestra; Biltmore Hotel Ballroom; Earl Holderman and His

Orchestra; \$3.50 per couple; semi-formal

60's – Annual Charity Ball Themes, Location and Orchestra: Hotel Biltmore, *Japanese Life*, Earl Holderman and His Orchestra; *Golden Harvest Ball* – Biltmore Hotel; Joe Aceto's Orchestra; semi-formal attire. \$4/couple; *Candelabra Ball*, Stratford House, Hal Harris Dance Orchestra; *Mardi Gras*, Dayton Inn; Buddy Webb's Orchestra win Trip to Mardi Gras in New Orleans is Grand Prize. \$12.50/person + Raffle tickets for prize \$1; VIVE VEGAS, Wampler's Barn, Buddy Webb Orchestra

70's – Liberty Ball Dinner Dance for the benefit of Catholic Social Services and the resident home for the mentally handicapped

80's – Polish Dinner Dance at Ichabod's; Mr. Lou

Emm was MC; Our Lady of Fatima medals brought from Portugal were given to 6 of our Past Presidents in attendance

THREE UNIQUE FUNRAISERS IN THE '60'S

1963 – August 13: WORLD PREMIER - Benefit Premiere at the Victory Theater. The movie PT 109 (A story of the WWII experience of President Kennedy.) This was the first showing in Dayton of this movie. Tickets for the showing: \$2.50; Tickets for show + dinner and drinks at Suttmillers: \$12.50. SOLD OUT

1964 – July 22: ANOTHER WORLD PREMIER - Benefit Premiere at the Loew's Theater. The movie The Unsinkable Molly Brown



(A true story about a survivor of the Titanic.) This was the first showing in Dayton. Tickets for the showing: \$2.50; Tickets for show + dinner and drinks at Suttmillers: \$12.50.
SOLD OUT

1964 – April 9: World's Fair Cardathon – Biltmore Hotel, Family Fashion Show, Big Prize: Trip for 2 to NYC World's Fair! (Winner: John W. Quinn won the trip to NYC!)

TRIPS

1966 – European Trip. Itinerary prepared by Marks Travel Service.

1978 – Road Trip! Traveled by bus to Proctor & Gamble and Meirs Winery.

1979 – Bus to Grailville, OH; Tour, Lunch.

1980 – Road Trip! By bus, 65 ladies traveled to a garden

nursery, the Antiques Show Room, and then lunch in Eaton, OH.

1980 – Road Trip! Travel to Scioto Downs, Columbus.

1985 – Trip to Washington DC by DCWC members. **SOLD OUT**

1998 – Pilgrimage to Holy Land hosted by DCWC. Tour Chaplain Fr. Tim Kallaher.

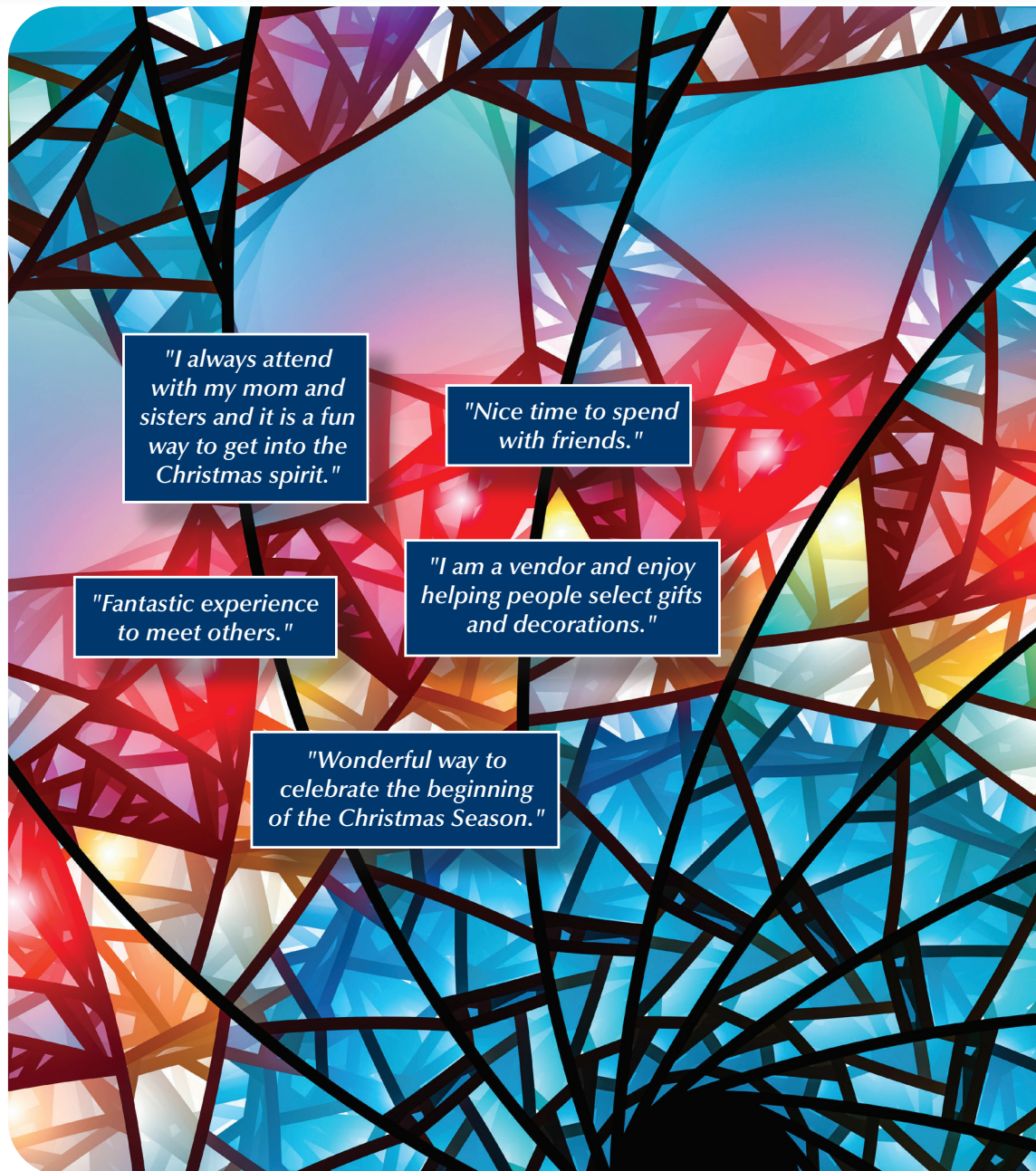
2016 – October 1: Day of Recollection, A Pilgrimage Together to St. Peter in Chains Cathedral – Bus, Tour, Speaker

ANNUAL EVENTS HELD FOR 100 YEARS

~ Day of Recollection

~ Annual Card Party

~ Christmas Luncheon



"I always attend with my mom and sisters and it is a fun way to get into the Christmas spirit."

"Nice time to spend with friends."

"Fantastic experience to meet others."

"I am a vendor and enjoy helping people select gifts and decorations."

"Wonderful way to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas Season."

Ruth Galyon, who recently celebrated her 88th birthday, likes to remember the good times and ignore the bad. “There’s always ups and downs,” she said.

Galyon helps others through their challenges with her involvement in the Dayton Catholic Women’s Club. Through the club, she helps raise thousands of dollars and provide for the needs of women, children and others for decades.

While she is happy to appeal for funds to help others, she assisting in creating Easter baskets and Christmas stockings for children without homes. “Imagine how excited you would be if you never had anything like that,” Galyon said.

When tornadoes struck the Miami Valley in 2019, she urged club members to collect the biggest purses to donate, new or slightly used. They were filled with hygiene products and given to women served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. “We filled them ‘til we couldn’t even zip them,” she remembered.

Margene Robinson, the club’s current president nominated Galyon and the Dayton Catholic Women’s Club as Dayton Daily News Community Gems. “Everyone kind of looked at her as a role model in the Dayton Catholic Women’s Club,” said



Ruth Galyon, Lifetime Member
Honored by DDNews
as *COMMUNITY GEM*

Robinson, of Kettering.

In just the past year, the club has supported a number of local organizations, collecting food, funds, Christmas gifts, funds for new playground equipment for St. Vincent de Paul, provided grants to other nonprofit organizations for projects assisting children and families, along with college scholarships for young Catholic women.

Galyon’s goal has long been to boost the hope and resilience of those she helps, Robinson said. As a member of this strong group of faithful Catholic women, Ruth helps the less fortunate in many ways. Robinson and the board of directors want to make sure they carry on Galyon’s work.

“We want to carry that torch Ruth lit,” Robinson said.

What is the DCWC Board of Directors?

The DCWC Board of Directors is a dedicated group of women responsible to follow the Mission and Vision of the DCWC faithfully, effectively and in a financially sound manner.

The Board schedules monthly meetings for standard business, event planning, financial discussions and prayer. Additional meetings are needed when additional issues arise that cannot be completed, fully discussed or are so extensive that they require research and development.

Financially, Board members are legally responsible for raising and spending money correctly, for planning goals and managing a budget.

Personally, every Board member makes a firm commitment to DCWC, actively participates, and has a desire to serve.

Finally, all Board members must be true Ambassadors of the DCWC and its Mission of Giving the Best We Have.

For more information, check out the Constitution of DCWC or the website: daytoncatholicwomensclub.org



DCWC Board Members, 2021-2023

Back Row: Julianne McCain, Lisa Nussman, Pat Rau, Lisa Sherbauer, Sue Koverman, Cindy Currel, Sr. Thelma Wurzelbacher C.P.P.S., Barb Kreuzer, Jane Mott. Front Row: Sandy Reed, Gail Brockman, Margene Robinson, Mary Rogers, Carol Graham, Ruth Galyon

CENTENNIAL *Jubilee* Celebration

**Saturday, April 22, 2023
MASS & RECEPTION**

**MASS 2:30pm
Emmanuel Catholic Church**

Celebrant: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S.
Mass of Celebration with Readings & Music

Distinguished Guests:
Past Presidents of the DCWC
Guest Speaker, Donna Heckler
DCWC Members, Family & Friends
DCWC Board of Directors

**RECEPTION begins at 4:00pm
followed by Dinner
Presidential Banquet Center**

Hors d'oeuvres, Name Tags, Photos,
Harp Instrumental, Cash Bar
Dinner, Welcome & Introductions
Guest Speaker, Donna Heckler — "The Radiance of Wisdom:
100 More Years of Planting Mustard Seeds"
Gifts, Closing Comment, Prayer

Donna A. Heckler is a cradle Catholic, raised in Middletown, Ohio and is now living in Naples, Florida. Donna exchanged the fancy Marketing and Branding world for a new Ministry, building the kingdom of God. Donna Heckler, a global marketing executive who has served a variety of multi-billion dollar organizations with names you know (think Energizer Bunny), offers her winning strategies and corporate marketing insights to faith-based organizations to help them build their brands and craft messages that are relevant, meaningful, and true. Donna took a lunch with God and got a new idea for marketing. Actually, that's marketing-world talk. Take a Lunch. Donna really had coffee and prayer. If marketing works for the business world, why not try these skills and techniques to bring people closer to God? As the ideas grew, the excitement grew and the books developed. Now, as the author of three (3) books and a national speaker at conventions, diocese events, and in parishes and organizations, Donna shares a new way to grow closer to God. **Marketing God** is a crash course unlike any



Donna A. Heckler, Guest Speaker

you've had before, meant for Catholic parishes, dioceses, religious orders, Catholic organizations and anyone who wants to grow. This primer on effective marketing and communication is in the context of faith. Donna's favorite Psalm 34:5 is "Look to Him and Be Radiant". By constantly looking to God, one becomes Radiant; God's light shines through and one can more effectively share that light with others. Donna's hope and prayer for each of us, whether as individuals or organizations or parishes, is that we can bring more people to God, and in so doing, we can all **Be Radiant!** Welcome, Donna!

Learn more about Dayton Catholic Women's Club and our 100 Years of

Giving the Best We Have

How you can give the best you have:

- Pray for the DCWC, its Members, the Charitable Recipients, and all in need
 - Join DCWC
 - Be active in living the Mission and Vision
 - Attend Events & Fundraisers

Who can be a member?

To join DCWC, copy our DCWC Membership form from the website:
www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org

Dues: Annual Membership \$15 Lifetime Membership: \$150

Why donate?

Your generous donations keep the Charitable Giving of DCWC alive and thriving!

- Scholarships • Grants • Works of Mercy • Communications
Educational Programs • Service in the Community

Donations and Membership forms can be sent to:

Dayton Catholic Women's

P.O. Box 1677 • Dayton, OH 45401

Checks can be made payable to: Dayton Catholic Women's Club

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

Day of Reflection: October 2023

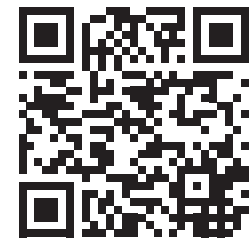
Christmas Boutique & Luncheon: December 2, 2023

St. Patrick's Card/Game Party & Luncheon: March 2024

May Luncheon: May 2024

*DCWC has
always been an
all-volunteer
organization!*

*Come join the
DCWC today!
It keeps you young
and young
at heart!*



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The information herein is based on minutes, notebooks, pictures, newspaper articles, and reports compiled by Patricia Rau. We wish to acknowledge Pat's dedication and hours of research which are a representation of her love for DCWC. This booklet is intended to share an idea of the scope of the activities of the Dayton Catholic Women's Club and to give tribute to the thousands of dedicated women from throughout the past 100 years who served the community.