



Next meeting:
6 p.m. — June 9th

M & M Diner

Featuring
Carol Ginn
Darke County Auditor

Greetings -

I would like to extend a thank you to our Club Membership and our Executive Committee for the great honor you recently awarded to me. That is the nomination to be the club Honoree for the Ohio Federation of Republican Women's Tribute to Women. I am deeply touched by this nomination. To get a bit emotional and perhaps a little sappy, I love the Darke County Republican Women's Club membership. Thank you for selecting me for this honor and I will try my best to always represent the values that working together with all of you have taught me. Special word of thanks to my mentors Lyn Bliss, Cindy Pike and the late Barbara Fee who always encouraged me to get involved. My family and I will be attending the ceremony on June 28th in London, Ohio.

Our Club represents the very best that Darke County has to offer the Republican Party locally, statewide and on a national level. This club has a rich history of getting the job done when it comes to putting the right Republican in office. We are also known for offering educational programs on current topics of interest to our community. One such program is the upcoming June 11th event with Sheriff Whittaker on Immigration. I urge all of you to plan to attend and spread the word of this all-important event to everyone you know. Looking forward to see you there.

Delores Ely, President



Meeting Location — Double M Diner

**537 South Broadway Street - Suite # 104 (enter from East 5th Street)
Greenville, Ohio**

Dinner from the menu at 6: p.m. — Speaker at 6:30



Featured Speaker



Carol Ginn
Darke County Auditor

Carol Ginn serves as Darke County Auditor. She will be speaking on the duties of her office, the changes she has experienced since first beginning work in the Darke County Auditor's office, challenges faced by the office and future plans she has for the office.



Upcoming Programs —

July 14 — Hillary Holzapfel
August — No Meeting
September — Candidates

October — Jaime LeVeck (Women Warriors)
November — Aaron Flatter
December TBD — Christmas Celebration

Public Invited - Bring a Friend!

DARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -- MONDAY, May 12, 2025



At 6 p.m. the meeting was brought to order. A draft of the handbook was passed around for corrections to be made if necessary. Dinner orders were taken. Delores Ely led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Joy Bowers gave a prayer and Kathy Brewer led us in singing "My Country Tis of Thee". Kathy plans to make a patriotic song book to be used at our meetings.

DCRW members and guests present: Angela Armstrong, Lyn Bliss, Joy Bowers, Mike Bowers, Sarah Billenstein, Erin Bleichrodt, Kathy Brewer, Fawn

Couch, Delores Ely, Donna Gasper, Betty Hill, Peg Jasenski, Margy Manix, Lois Milyard, Cindy Pike, Charlene Sinclair, Sherry Ward, and Robyn Whitaker. A quorum of regular members is present.

Our guest speaker, Mike Bowers, Director of Darke County Economic Development was introduced. Mike stated "his office is to provide a sustainable economy for competitive growth" for Darke County. Mike also heads CCC position, Career Connections Coordinator. The office has two full time employees, Olivia Schmitmeyer, Career Connections Coordinator and Denise Elsas, Workforce Specialist. Critical issues to the growth of the county are housing, child care and transportation. In 2024 with assistance of the housing sub-committee, the Bowling Green State University Center for Regional Development was commissioned to do a housing study. The County Commissioners and the City of Greenville work collaboratively to explore opportunities for transportation services in the County. The DCED office is working with Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, exploring regional transportation; Miami University Hometown Talent Initiative is working with DCED connecting students to local internships and future career opportunities, aimed at strengthening the regional economies and retain skilled professionals close to home; Darke County Economic Development partnered with Bowling Green University to complete a housing study. Key factors analyzed were population trends, housing availability, affordability and commuting patterns to access current and future housing needs. A small Business Resource Guide was created to help businesses to locate their company to Darke County. Each year Darke County along with the State of Ohio participated in the Governor's Cup. Darke County is in the Micropolitan category (population of 50,000) and listed as Greenville/Darke County. With 16 accepted Governor's Cup projects, Darke County was ranked 2nd in the Micropolitan category in the Country. The list included projects from both manufacturing and agri-business base. Mike gave us a quick run down of what the towns/villages in the county are working on with the help of DCED. We have a very busy county. The presentation was very interesting and informative about the workings of Darke County Economic Development. Thank you Mike!

REPUBLICAN MINUTE: Lyn Bliss gave us a hand out regarding President Donald J Trump's first 100 days in office. Lyn noted information regarding border and immigration, economy and trade, US – China relations (ongoing), energy, foreign policy and DEI education. For more information see: <https://www.theepochtimes.com/article/trumps-first-100-days-a-rapid-and-consequential-start-5848682>

BUSINESS MEETING: Cindy Pike made a motion to approve tonight's agenda, seconded and approved. Lyn Bliss made a motion to approve minutes of April 14, 2024 meeting, seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: April ending balance is \$ 1,315.73. Correction made to balance due to typo error. No bills presented. Check disbursed for \$ 43.50 to Lyn Bliss for printing cards "to join DCRW". Memorial fund balance \$ 115.80. Filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1) Treasury books to be given to Carol Ginn for audit. 2) Should have handbooks by next regular meeting 3) Working on 127 Garage Sale fund raiser. August 7,8, 9. Time 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. located at the beginning of driveway for Radiant Light House Church. Set up August 6th at 5 p.m., donations welcome. Anything remaining items at end of sale will be donated to Community Action.

MEMBERSHIP: Check on members needing ride to meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: none

SOCIAL: 1) June 11, DCRW Special Educational Meeting for general public. Sheriff Mark Whittaker will speak on "How Immigration has Affected Darke County". Public welcome, so mark your calendar for June 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Radiant Light House Church main sanctuary. 2) 21 Barrels Social Outing, Thursday June 12th, 5 – 9 p.m. Address: 9717 Horry-Harris Creek Road, Bradford, Ohio. Come enjoy the evening with your DCRW friends. Also, food by Chett Butts Food Truck, music by Comstock Lode (6-9 p.m.), and help celebrate the 5 year anniversary of 21 Barrels , only ciders, cocktails, slushies and wines.

PROGRAM 2025: 1) Mark your calendar for June 11, Special educational meeting at Radiant Light House, 6:30 p.m. with Sheriff Mark Whittaker as speak on immigration affecting Darke County.

NEXT MEETING, Monday, June 9, 2025 at Double M Diner, 537 South Broadway, Greenville, OH.

Evening adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Sherry Ward, secretary



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Immigration

by



Sheriff Mark Whittaker

6:30 p.m. - June 11

**Radiant Lighthouse Church
5256 Sebring Warner Road - Greenville**

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