

May 2026

Next meeting:
6 p.m. — May 11th

M & M Diner

Featuring
Ryan Bengé
Greenville Police Chief

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all doing well. Life often brings unexpected challenges, and my family and I are currently navigating some significant personal matters. While these issues are not health-related, I ask for your patience and understanding during this time. We are working toward solutions and remain focused on moving forward. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

The programs for the Darke County Republican Women's Club have been very successful this year as we continue to focus on the Greenville City leadership. Please plan to attend the May 11th meeting at the Double M Diner. Bring your questions and concerns with you.

Another topic that I would like to see our group address was the topic of Lyn Bliss's April Republican Minute - Data Centers that are coming to our state. There will be many effects as a result of their energy usage. We may need to discuss having a community education program. Regarding this topic.

Another important item is whether Ohio becomes one of the states that will end property taxes. How will this affect our community services? We all need to monitor the news and be prepared to educate not only ourselves but our community as well. There is a need to make sure we get out in front of these issues — particularly if any become a ballot issue.

Here's to the months ahead and please don't forget about bringing new members to the club.

Delores Ely, President



Meeting Location
Double M Diner

537 South Broadway Street - Suite # 104
(enter from East 5th Street)

Greenville, Ohio



Featured Speaker

Ryan Bengé
Greenville City Police Chief

Chief Bengé will speak regarding his experiences while working within the Greenville police department, becoming a police officer, changes he has made and outlook for the future of the force.



Upcoming Programs (unconfirmed and subject to change) —

June 15 - Russell Thompson (Greenville Fire Chief)
July 13 - TBD
August - No meeting
September 14 - Becky Strait (Greenville Treasurer)

October 12 - General Election Candidates
November 9 - Jeff Whitaker (Greenville Mayor)
December TBD — Christmas Celebration



Join Us for the Monthly Meeting

Darke County Republican Women's Club!

★ **May 11** ★

📍 **Location: Double M Diner**

537 South Broadway #104
(enter from East Fifth Street)
Greenville, Ohio

🍴 **Start Time: 6 p.m.** for dinner,
Program to follow

🕒 Attendees may order from the
menu at their own cost.

📞 **For information call:**
President Delores Ely at:
937-569-1581

**This Program is Open
to the Public!**



Guest Speaker:

CHIEF RYAN BENGE

Greenville City Chief of Police

- Experiences while working within the Greenville Police Department
- Becoming a Police Officer
- Changes he has made and outlook for the future of the force

Paid for by Darke County Republican Women's Club,
Treasurer Cindy Pike, P.O. Box 45, Greenville, Ohio 45331.



DARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -- MONDAY, April 13, 2026

6 p.m. meeting was called to order by President Delores Ely. Pledge of allegiance and prayer given. The song "It's A Grand Old Flag" was led by Kathy Brewer.

DCRW members and guests present: Angela Armstrong, Erin Bleichrodt, Lyn Bliss, Kathy Brewer, Delores Ely, Donna Gasper, Betty Hill, Brian Holsapple, Mary Beth Kemmer, Margaret Manix, Cindy Pike and Pepper Wright. Quorum present.

Guests: Mary Beth Kemmer was introduced and is running for 5th District Central Committee. Guest: Brian Holsapple was introduced and is running for Ohio State Auditor.

Speaker this evening is Michael Reiman, City Law Director. Michael is a graduate of Ohio State University and of Notre Dame Law School. He handles civil things and is prosecutor for the city of Greenville. Real estate and income taxes are down due to Fram closing. There are five unions/contracts on the city; overseas land contract and housing; Council for the schools and school board. New construction: Dave Knapp extension development; 7 Brew Drive thru; 55+ housing starting next year on the Dairy Barn land; Redoing Sweitzer Street from Fair grounds to Eidson Road, from 4 lanes to 3 lanes, side walks on both sides of the street. Family Health is not in the city but has access to city sewer and water.

BUSINESS MEETING: Approval of Agenda motion made by Lyn Bliss, seconded and approved. Approval of March 9 regular meeting minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report ending March 2026 ending balance \$ 1,344.88; Savings \$ 983.59, Memorial fund \$ 71.45. Filed for audit.

REPUBLICAN MINUTE: Lyn Bliss provided us with a report on "Data Centers and Ohio".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Lincoln Day Dinner, Thursday April 30th @ Eldora Ball Room. For reservations call 937-424-7086. Cost \$ 50.00 per person. Time 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

GUN FUND RAISER for the Darke County Republican Women's Club tickets are \$ 10.00 each. The gun is a GLOCK 19 GEN 6. Drawing will be held July 4th.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE/FUND RAISING: Donna Gasper is continuing to plan on a style show to be held at Beechwood Center DDD in September. Date and time have not been set yet.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 11, 2026. Speaker will be Ryan Benge, Chief of Police

Margaret Manix, secretary pro tem; Sherry Ward, secretary



**DARKE COUNTY
REPUBLICAN PARTY**

*Lincoln
Day*

Thursday,
April 30th @
Eldora Ballroom

Doors open at 5
Meet-and Greet 5-6:00
Program begins at 6

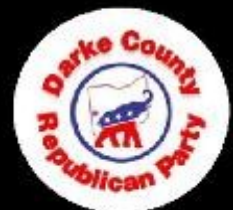
**FEATURING VIVEK
RAMASWAMY**

Sponsored Table: \$650

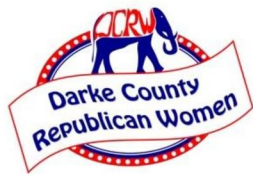
*(includes reserved table of 8,
program recognition and 2
copies of Woke, Inc)*

Dinner Ticket: \$50

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@GMAIL.COM**



DARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB



The Darke County Republican Women's Club is a club dedicated to providing Republican women in Darke County and surrounding areas the opportunity to meet and discuss our conservative values. We meet monthly in Greenville, Ohio, Second Monday in the evening to hear speakers, discuss elections, issues, and candidates. We also help with our local party to ensure strong membership and events.

Annual Dues:

\$30.00 (if 65 plus years of age)

\$35.00 (if under 65 years of age)

Make check payable to: DCRW CLUB and send to:

DCRWC, P. O. Box 45, Greenville, Ohio 45331

**Spouses and/or other men can join as Associate Members at the same rate as above*

If you do not want to become a Member at this time but would like to make a donation, the Club would be very appreciative. This would help the DCRW to continue their support of the Republican Nominees.

I am making a donation in the amount of _____.

Please fill in the following with your current information.

Name:	_____
Street Address:	_____
City/Zip:	_____
Phone:	_____
Cell Phone:	_____
E-Mail:	_____

Birthday on the ____ day, in the month of _____ Original Membership year _____ (approximate)

Please check as many interest areas/committees that you may have:

Standing Committees:

Ways and Means _____ Social _____ Program _____ Publicity _____ Historian _____

Other Committees:

Reservations _____ Greeters _____ Chaplain _____ Assistant Chaplain _____

OFRW/NFRW Representative w/our President _____ or OFRW/NFRW Alternate _____

Legislative _____ By-Laws _____ Handbook Publisher _____

Darke County Republican Women's Club 2025-26 Officers

Delores Ely, President

Cindy Pike, Treasurer

Lyn Bliss, 1st Vice President

Sherry Ward, Recording Secretary

Donna Gasper, 2nd Vice President

Angela Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary