



**December 2022**

**Next meeting:  
6 p.m. — December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Shawnee Prairie Nature Preserve**

**Christmas Celebration  
&  
Installation of 2023-2024 Officers**

*Warmest Holiday Greetings,*

*As we enter into the Christmas season, let us not forget what this season is all about. Had a baby boy not been sent to us in love as a gift for reconciliation, with our savior, our world and lives would be totally different! Please remember that the greatest of these gifts is LOVE (grace/ charity).*

*December is the month we install our officers for 2023-2024. Thank you to all who stepped up to fill the positions and to the overall club membership for continuing to serve and support our great Nation!*

*Allow me to say it has been my privilege to serve as your President. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have shown as I have journeyed with you all these past two years. While I will remain a member of our club, it is my time to begin a new journey. Perhaps politically, perhaps not, I am not ruling out anything. My door remains open if you find yourselves needing a listening ear at any time during your political or personal journeys.*

*Lastly, Continue to shine your lights as God directs, giving Grace when directed, showing Mercy as needed. Remember meekness is not showing weakness. It takes an extraordinary amount of strength to know your boundaries, and to live in them all while being merciful and graceful!! Walking in a life of Love does not mean you never speak or stand up for what is right and just! It means you live with integrity and follow what God leads you to do!!*

*I will close with a poem!*

*Love you all,  
President Jaime*

*breathe*

*she sat at the back  
and they said she was shy  
she led from the front  
and they hated her pride*

*they asked her advice  
and then questioned her guidance  
they branded her loud  
then were shocked by her silence*

*when she shared no ambition  
they said it was sad  
so she told them her dreams  
and they said she was mad*

*they told her they'd listen  
then covered their ears  
and gave her a hug  
whilst they laughed at her fears*

*and she listened to all of it  
thinking she should  
be the girl they told her to be  
best as she could*

*but one day she asked  
what was best for herself  
instead of trying  
to please everyone else*

*so she walked to the forest  
and stood with the trees  
she heard the wind whisper  
and dance with the leaves*

*and she spoke to the willow,  
the elm and the pine  
and she told them what she'd  
been told  
time alter time*

*she told them she never  
felt nearly enough  
she was either too little  
or far, far too much*

*too loud or too quiet  
too fierce or too weak  
too wise or too foolish  
too bold or too meek*

*then she found a small clearing  
surrounded by firs  
and she stopped and she heard  
what the trees said to her*

*and she sat there for hours  
not wanting to leave  
for the forest said nothing...  
it just let her breathe*

*~ by Becky Hemsley*

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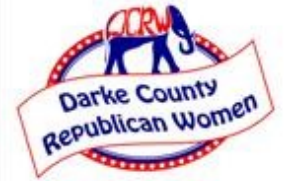
**Reservations are required for the dinner, which is free — but donations will gladly be accepted.**

**Reservation to be made prior to noon on December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**► Reservations may be made by calling Wavelene Denniston at: (937) 547-6477 or emailing her at: DCRWReservations@darkegov.org**

**Public Invited - Bring a Friend!**

DARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -- MONDAY, November 14, 2022



The evening opened at 6 p.m. with a prayer by Toni Henninger. The pledge of allegiance was said and then dinner was served.

DCRW members and guests present: Kathy Brewer, Janice Clark, Kim Davis, Wavelene Denniston, Sharon Earls, Delores Ely, Donna Gasper, Katie Grow, Toni Henninger, Betty Hill, Anna Mae James, Peg Jasenski, Barb Kimmel, Cindy Pike, Sue Riegle, Charlene Sinclair, Billie Tomlinson, Rachael Vonderhaar, Missy Mae Walters, Sherry Ward, Robbin Whittaker and Jeff Whittaker. A quorum of regular members is present.

**SPEAKER:** Our speaker this evening is Rachael Vonderhaar, Ohio Corn and Wheat. Ohio Small Grains Checkoff, Secretary. She is also on the wheat food council. Farmers in the U.S. grow wheat for 93% of consumers outside of the U.S. Rachael told us only 1/64<sup>th</sup> of the world is fertile farm land. Ohio is one of the worst states for solar/wind programs. Also, Ohio has no legislation for guidelines on solar/wind programs. We need legislation set up for what makes a good project before it is too late. So far it has not been proven solar/wind projects are a good thing.

**Treasurer's Report:** To be reported in December.

**Secretary Report:** Motion made by Wavelene Denniston to approve the October 10<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded and approved.

Betty Hill will oversee decorating a Christmas tree at Shawnee Prairie.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 2023 renewal dues are due. We have a new member this evening, Billie Tomlinson.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Still could use volunteers at the clothing bank.

**MEETING PLACE:** It was mentioned a possible meeting venue for DCRW in 2023 is "Birchwood", located on Jaysville-St Johns road. After discussion, a vote was taken. Betty Hill made a motion to stay at Shawnee Prairie for our meetings, seconded and approved.

**SLATE OF OFFICERS:** An amended slate of officer nominations is as follows: President, Robin Whittaker; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Delores Ely; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Lyn Bliss; Secretary, Sherry Ward; Treasurer, Cindy Pike and Correspondent Secretary, Wavelene Denniston. Being Duely nominated and voted on the nominees are elected.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Sherry Ward, secretary



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

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TO  
DARKE COUNTY PARKS  
FROM  
DARKE COUNTY  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB



THANK YOU TO  
BETTY HILL  
(AND HER ELVES)  
FOR THE LOVELY  
TREE DECORATIONS!