



March 2023

**Next meeting:
6 p.m. — March 13th
Shawnee Prairie Nature Preserve**

**Featuring
Candidates**

**on the
May 2
Republican Primary Ballot
Dinner reservations due
March 9th**

2023 dues are now payable - see page 3

Members —

The first meeting of the DCRWC got us off to a great start. With a good turnout for our February meeting, we were excited to hear Kenny Henning speak on behalf of Ohio's Secretary of State, Frank LaRose. Kenny offered information on how to keep Ohio's elections safe and fair.

We are looking forward to our March meeting, where we will be hearing from our local candidates running in the May 2 Primary election. I want to encourage everyone to think of one person to invite to visit our club. Growth is vital for us.

I am grateful to serve each and every one of you. *Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important. Capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don't work out...just take another shot!

Robyn L. Whitaker
President



Republican Candidates

**on the
May 2 Republican Primary Ballot
Have been asked to
share their vision for the office being sought
(all are for Greenville City Offices)**

- ▶ **For Mayor**
John Baumgardner
Jeffrey D. Whitaker
- ▶ **For Auditor**
Kimberly K. Davis
- ▶ **For Director of Law**
Michael Rieman
- ▶ **For City Council**
Clarence Godwin (1st Ward)
Delores Ely (2nd Ward)
Chris Norris (4th Ward)

If you prefer to only attend the program, there is no charge. However, if you wish to have dinner the charge is \$10.00 per person - and requires a reservation to be made prior to noon on March 9th.

**Reservations may be made by
calling Wavelene Denniston at:
(937) 547-6477
or emailing her at:**

DCRWReservations@darkegop.org



Upcoming Programs – (some unconfirmed)

March: Candidates for May 2 Primary Election
April: Auditor of State Keith Faber, District Representative
May: Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, District Representative
June: Darke County Judge of Common Pleas Travis Flieman

July: Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, District Representative
September: Candidates for November 7 General Election
October: State Representative Angie King
November: State Representative Jena Powell
December: Christmas Party

Public Invited - Bring a Friend!



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -- MONDAY, February 13, 2023

At 6:10 p.m. Delores Ely gave an opening prayer. Betty Hill then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dinner was served.

DCRW members and guests present: Lyn Bliss, Janice Clark, Wavelene Denniston, Sharon Earles, Delores Ely, Donna Gasper, Kenneth Henning, Betty Hill, Anna Mae James, Peg Jasenski, Barb Kimmel, Jaime LeVeck, Margie Manix, Julie Monnin, Cindy Pike, Brenda Ross, Charlene Sinclair, Diane Smith, Jim Ward, Sherry Ward, Robyin Whitaker and Jeff Whitaker. A quorum of regular members is present.

After dinner the evening speaker, Kenneth Henning, Southwest Ohio Regional Liaison for Frank LaRose, Ohio Secretary of State, was introduced. Southwest region covers 16 counties. Kenny remarked that 81% of this region showed up to vote in our last election. Kenny's job is to oversee businesses and elections. There were over 190 new businesses in our region in 2020 in the covid pandemic. Voting early in Ohio is very safe to have your vote count due to procedures in place to assure no voter fraud. Democrats are working to have the abortion issue on the ballot while Republicans are working to keep it off. Voter ID at elections will allow driver's license; State ID which can be obtained free at BMV and passports. Passports still need some updating. There are 5 cyber liaisons in Ohio working a non-profit program called "ERIC". The last election there was some "hacking" that happened but the board of elections systems are the only ones that were not breached.

BUSINESS MEETING OPENED AT 7:25 p.m.

REPUBLICAN MINUTES: Lyn Bliss explained and passed out a paper on "How the Republican Party Works".

SECRETARY MINUTES: Cindy Pike made a motion to accept the December 2022 minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cindy Pike gave the report and filed for audit. A bill was presented for the dinner this evening. Lyn Bliss made a motion to pay Jaime LeVeck for the meal preparation, seconded and approved. Membership dues are due.

Caring across America: OFRW is suggesting, if you want to donate to the recent flood victims in Kentucky go to OFRW.ORG for further information.

Memorial Fund: Our club gives a single rose to members that have passed as a memorial to their dedication to this club. Donations are accepted at any time to this fund. Thank you for caring.

Social Committee: We have a new social committee. They are Donna Gasper, Peggy Jasenski and Diane Smith. Thanks ladies!

A discussion was held at the January 19th board meeting regarding programs for 2023. The programs for 2023 are listed in the February 2023 news letter, agreed upon by the board.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding "do we want a meal at our regular meetings or not". A motion was made by Lyn Bliss to contact M&M Diner to see if they will work with us as a meeting place and each attendee would pay for their own meal, starting at March 13th meeting.

Election updates: Mayor race: John Baumgardner verses Jeff Whitaker. Four ward seats: Delores Ely, Chris Norris, Leon Rogers and Clarence Godwin. Auditor: Kim Davis. Judge: Julie Monnin running as Independent.

Membership: Now have 24 members and 3 associate members.

Clothing Bank: Need volunteers. Fridays 9 – 5. Money goes to homeless shelter.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Sherry Ward, secretary

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 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 2023-24 Officers

Robyn Whitaker, President
Delores Ely, 1st Vice President
Lyn Bliss, 2nd Vice President
Cindy Pike, Treasurer
Sherry Ward, Recording Secretary
Wavelene Denniston, Corresponding Secretary