



Next meeting:  
6 p.m. — October 14<sup>th</sup>

**Darke County Republican  
Headquarters**

**Featuring  
Mark Pohl  
of The Pohl Group**

Hello ladies from the beautiful state of Washington —

I have had the opportunity to meet many strong Republican women, during my stay. I have shared with many women about our strong DCRWC. I first want to thank Delores Ely for taking the lead in our September meeting. Second, I want to thank each of our candidates who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting. We will be having Mark Pool with The Pool Group, as our guest speaker at our October 14 meeting. Continue to encourage everyone you know to get out and vote!

Robyn L. Whitaker, 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**

**Mark Pohl of The Pohl Group**



The Pohl Group is a veteran-owned Ohio company founded by violence prevention experts from the FBI and DoD that helps businesses, schools, and police departments prevent, respond, and recover from acts of violence and reduce risks associated with potentially catastrophic lawsuits. Our society is facing a serious and pervasive threat: The explosion of violence in businesses, schools, and our communities. Attacks from angry or frustrated employees, active shooters, and volatile personal relationships have increased risks to our personal safety and the obligations of leaders to provide safe spaces for employees, customers, and students. Mark will speak regarding the needs his company is addressing.



### **Upcoming Programs —**

November 11 — Paul Schlechty (Elections—unconfirmed)

December 9 — Christmas Celebration

**Public Invited - Bring a Friend!**



DARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -- MONDAY, July 8, 2024

Dinner orders were taken at 6 p.m. Our President, Robyn Whitaker, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

The evening speaker, Angie King, State Representative, 84<sup>th</sup> district was introduced. Angie represents Mercer County, Auglaize County and Darke County. She always enjoys coming to Darke County because the people are free to talk, whereas Mercer and Auglaize Counties don't seem to be as open. "There are things there they just don't discuss". Angie's promise when she ran for office was to preserve faith, family and our way of life. In keeping her promise, agriculture is # 1 in the 84<sup>th</sup> district. She has worked on HB #4, Social Credit Score; HB #245 which is to prohibit drag shows, prevent obscene language and sexuality in public places. (These things have happened in a park in Celina.); HB #210, Ohio property protection. This is to help with not selling properties to countries like China and Mexico. Problem is the speaker will not allow it to come up, therefore, it has been difficult to have it passed. "Thanks to Biden". HB # 451, Ohio Wired Act. Want to place a 7% user fee on funds wired to Mexico and China because wired funds are now going to Cartels. Mexico and China are fighting over marijuana in Ohio. Once again, the presenters can't get recognized on house floor. Senator Matt Huffman plans to run for House Speaker when his term expires which will help Republicans to be fairly recognized.

DCRW members and guests present: Angela Armstrong, Kathy Brewer, Kim Davis, Wavelene Denniston, Delores Ely, Donna Gasper, Betty Hill, Anna May James, Barb Kimmel, Angie King, Jaime LeVeck, Margaret Manix, Cindy Pike, Sherry Ward, Jeff and Robyn Whitaker, and Pepper Wright. Quorum of regular members is present.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

AGENDA: Cindy Pike made a motion to approve this evening's agenda, seconded and approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: E-mailed to members in June 10, 2024 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance of checking \$ 1,551.84, savings \$ 983.38, memorial fund \$ 115.80. Filed for audit. .

COMMITTEE REPORTS: – PROGRAMS: No meeting in August; September is candidates night; October Mark Pohl, (The Pohl Group), a security business and November is Paul Schlecty with recap of election.

ELECTED OFFICIALS: Council person Delores Ely, Working with Downtown Greenville on banners; Transportation issues. Need better communication. Greenville Mayor, Jeff Whitaker. Hired Chad Baltes as code informant field inspector, Planning & Zoning Office.

MEMBERSHIP: Angela Armstrong is a new member as of this meeting. Welcome!

SOCIAL: Outing to Versailles Winery July 11. Wine presentation starting at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow. There will be 10 wine tastings and lunch will be salad, bread stick and pizza for a cost of \$16.09 per person. Bring a guest. If you wish to sign up, notify Donna Gasper by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Phone: 1-934-417-1708 or e-mail: [dgasper001@woh.rr.com](mailto:dgasper001@woh.rr.com)

Please have your working/attendance hours to Barb Kimmel by July 15. E-mail... [bkimmel69@roadrunner.com](mailto:bkimmel69@roadrunner.com) . Phone 937-423-0521

No unfinished business and no new business to present.

Motion to adjourned was made at 7:32 p.m. Sherry Ward, secretary



## DARKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -- MONDAY, September 9, 2024

Tonight the "Meet the Candidates Night" meeting is held at the newly opened Republican Headquarters on West Third Street, Greenville. The evening opened at 6:15 p.m. by First Vice President, Delores Ely. Lyn Bliss led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer was given by State Representative of 80<sup>th</sup> district, Johnathan Newman. Pizza, salad, chips and drink was served for dinner.

DCRW members and guests present: Linda Allen, Angela Armstrong, Jim Bennett, Lyn Bliss, Joy Bowers, Kathy Brewer, Wavelene Denniston, Delores Ely, Aaron Flatter, Robert Hanseman, Nancy Hemer, Pete Hemer, Margaret Hile, Betty Hill, Anna May James, Peggy Jasenski, Barb Kimmel, Angie King, Jaime LeVeck, Susan Manchester, Margaret Manix, Johnathan Newman, Charlene Sinclair, Ben Thaeler, Cindy Pike, Jim Ward, Sherry Ward, Greg White, Mark Whittaker, and Pepper Wright. Quorum of regular members is present.

### MEET THE CANDIDATES

**BEN THAELER:** On behalf of U.S. Representative – 8<sup>th</sup> District, Warren Davidson. Warren will not vote for bills for out of control spending. He is against tax dollars to Ukraine; Government not allowed to purchase your information without a warrant; Need to hold Rail Roads more accountable; Agriculture needs more awareness on banning self culture of meat; Protect property rites from China. Warren or Ben attend all invitations they receive. Want to be present to hear from constituents.

**ROBERT HANSEMAN:** 2<sup>ND</sup> District Court of Appeals. Unopposed. Lives in Centerville, was an "Air Force Bratt", graduated from Fairborn High School, Ohio State, law school and was a Jag Officer. Married for 26 years. His concern is that there is unequal application of the law; Justice needs to be blind.

**SUSAN MANCHESTER:** State Senator – 12<sup>th</sup> District. Unopposed and is replacing Senator Matt Huffman who was term limited. Susan worked for Jim Jordan when she first went to Washington. "On ISSUE 1 at November election - VOTE NO!!" Requires juxtaposition or proximity of districts, in other words redrawing the districts to include/exclude certain areas of the population to attain population/votes they want.

**JOHNATHAN NEWMAN:** State Representative - 80<sup>th</sup> District. (Miami County and southern Darke County) Replacing Jenna Powell. Married 27 years, 3 children, pastor for 26 years. He listens, acts on values. He discovered some Republicans in Washington are not as conservative or vote the way the public would like. He will defend the Bible and the Constitution of the United States. Please "VOTE NO on ISSUE 1 and defeat it"!!

**ANGIE KING:** State Representative – 84<sup>th</sup> District. Concerns: VOTE "NO" on ISSUE!!; Small businesses; Agriculture Industry and farm values. House Bill 212 to protect real estate, farm land and from "spy balloons"; Prohibit adult entertainment in front of children (this actually happened in a park in Celina, OH); Prevent immigrants from overwhelming our towns (20,000 Haitians have recently arrived in Springfield, OH); Border; Energy independence. Ohio has no legal protection of our land from foreign buyers.

**AARON FLATTER:** Darke County Commissioner. Aaron has been an electrician for 25 years, married and has one child. New to political arena. Isn't a fan of Solar wind machines.

**JAMES BENNETT:** Darke County Prosecuting Attorney. Unopposed. Has a lot of experience working with persons with mental problems and drugs. Want to be more fair in allowing people not to "walk" after committing a crime.

**CINDY PIKE:** Darke County Clerk of Courts. Unopposed. This will be her 7<sup>th</sup> term. Has noticed the attitudes of people are changing, not necessarily for the good.

**MARK WHITTAKER:** Darke County Sheriff. Started out as an EMT, has worked in the sheriff's department for 29 years and has been Sheriff since 2021, for a total of 39 years. He wants to protect the constitutional rights of people and expects his employees to be professional at all times; Has a budget of close to 9 million dollars;

Received grant funds of 1.7 million to upgrade the county jail; Another grant allowed for GPS trackers in all cruisers and new finger print equipment to help with ID information; He has 2 drug detectives; In the last 2 – 3 weeks traffic stops have been made in Darke and Mercer counties in which car loads of Haitians (from Springfield) are being driven to work. Most have no drivers license, sometimes not even the driver; There are resource officers in all county schools and security in some county churches; Officers receive active shooter training on how to handle shooting situations.

No business was transacted this evening.

REMEMBER....VOTE NO on ISSUE 1 !!!

Meeting closed at 8:54 p.m. Sherry Ward, secretary



## **ISSUE ONE IS A BAIT-AND-SWITCH SCAM**

- Under the claim of ending gerrymandering, the Amendment will force political and racial gerrymandering of legislative districts.
- The amendment requires proportional representation in legislative districts, meaning the partisan numbers in Congress and the general assembly should mirror statewide voter percentage for Republicans and Democrats.
- By definition, the Citizens Commission will be required under the amendment to politically and racially gerrymander districts to meet proportionality.
- It is a bald-faced lie to say the Amendment stops gerrymandering.

## **ISSUE ONE ELIMINATES THE ANTI-GERRYMANDERING RESTRICTIONS MANDATED BY VOTERS IN 2015 & 2018**

- Requirement to preserve county, municipal and township boundaries is superseded by proportional representation.
- Removes the requirement for compact districts, meaning there will be districts that stretch over long distances through multiple counties and other subdivisions.
- Removes the important role the Ohio Supreme Court serves by shutting the court room doors for many people who might want to challenge a map.

## **ISSUE ONE REMOVES ACCOUNTABILITY FROM OHIO'S REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

- The decision makers are all unelected citizens who are self governing, not responsive or accountable to voters.
- Commission members are selected by unelected, retired judges and a private hiring firm.
- The Commission would have a constitutionally guaranteed blank check for any legal expenses without legislative oversight or accountability.
- Ohioans will have severely restricted legal rights to challenge the Commission's decisions.

## **ISSUE ONE IS A BAD DEAL FOR OHIO VOTERS**

- Forces map makers to gerrymander based on politics and race.
- Eliminates voter approved safeguards overwhelmingly passed in 2015 and 2018.
- Removes accountability to the voters of Ohio.

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