



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

**M & M Diner**

**Featuring**  
**Mike Bowers**  
**Darke County**  
**Economic Development Director**

Hello Spring (I think). Several weeks ago I came to the realization that I now have more years behind me than in front of me. This sobering thought caused me to stop and reflect on my childhood, my life as a Wife, a Mother, and a Grandmother and now even as a Great Grandmother. My life is full of spending and sharing time with family, friends, co-workers on City Council, those I encounter in my Republican groups, my Community involvement and those unexpected surprises daily living can bring about. If I could share one thing with each of you, it would be to live each day to the fullest and don't allow the negatives others want to pass onto you. God has richly blessed me and called me to share His love with all I encounter in this world. The scripture in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 King tells us that: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" Please take a moment to read this scripture and pray that God will open your eyes to see. I may have a limited time here in this world, but I am choosing to make the most of each day given to me. Go forth and live and conquer the days you're given.

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**

**Mike Bowers, Director**  
**Darke County Economic Development**



Mike Bowers is Director of Darke County Economic Development and will be speaking about some of the group's goals and past achievements. He will also explain current programs and what is planned for the future. Mike is past Greenville City mayor.



### **Upcoming Programs —**

May 12 — Mike Bowers  
June 9 — Carol Ginn  
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, April 14, 2025**

The evening opened at 6:05 p.m. A draft of the handbook was passed around to make any corrections necessary. Dinner orders were taken. Cindy Pike led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Joy Bowers gave a prayer and Kathy Brewer led us in singing "Yankee Doodle Dandy".

DCRW members and guests present: Angela Armstrong, Ron Beisner, Sherri Beisner, Jim Bennett, Lyn Bliss, Joy Bowers, Kathy Brewer, Delores Ely, Betty Hill, Barb Kimmel, Lois Milyard, Cindy Pike, Charlene Sinclair, Sherry Ward, and Jennifer Webb. A quorum of regular members is present.

The evening speaker, Jim Bennett, District Attorney, was introduced. He has now been in office for 98 days. The office is much different than it was a year ago. Improving the "look" of the office by painting and simply updating equipment. He wants to make it the best looking office in the court house. Hiring more support staff from 2 to 3 persons for more efficiency. Last year the office processed 257 felony cases which is about the same as Montgomery County. The office had tried to get a grant from the attorney general office for victim advocates, but was not successful. He will try again this year. Starting with a clean slate. Jim stated "there is no room for offenders in prison". In the past all Ohio counties were offered money for "Intervention in lieu of conviction". The offender would receive probation instead of prison and given an amount of time to successfully complete a rehabilitation for his offense. This could be done for as many times as the offender kept repeating his offense. Before Jim took office, Darke County accepted the money, and that is why offenders are not prosecuted. 65 out of 88 Ohio counties accepted the money. There was no log kept prior to January 1, 2025 as to the number of offenses each offender made. Now keeping track of offenses. For Juvenile court the office now does a face to face first time meeting with offenders. The office does consulting work with the townships in Darke County. Jim graduated college in 1985 and worked as a criminal defense attorney. In 2016 he came to work in Greenville. He mentioned reading about Marsy's Law regarding National and State education. The most surprising thing to him about his job is the number of meetings he is required to attend. Very informative speaker.

**REPUBLICAN MINUTE:** Lyn Bliss handed out a paper regarding President Donald J Trump's physical exam, performed on April 11, 2025. Trump said, "overall, I felt I was in very good shape. Good heart, a good soul, a very good soul". Normal visual acuity, hearing, thyroid function and lymph nodes. "President Trump exhibits excellent cognitive and physical health and is fully fit to execute the duties of the Commander-in-Chief and Head of State".

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Cindy Pike made a motion to approve tonight's agenda as amended, seconded and approved. Lyn Bliss made a motion to approve minutes of March 10, 2024 meeting, seconded and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balances were given for March ending with final balance of \$ 1,329.23. Bill presented for reimbursement to Lyn Bliss for cards "to join DCRW". Memorial fund balance \$ 115.80. Filed for audit.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you note from Margaret Manix regarding "Thinking of You" card sent to her regarding her recent illness.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** 1) Comments were made by ladies who attended the OFRW Conference. 2) Lincoln Day Dinner was a success. There were 285 reservations made. Recognition given to Mr Geis for allowing us to have a headquarters at his building; a desk statue was given to Jim Buchy in recognition; a statue was given to Katie DeLand as Republican of the Year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Need to put a note on calendar for next year before the Lincoln Day Dinner to make a donation to Darke GOP for student tickets for the dinner.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Kathy Brewer received no reply for calls so will follow up with an e-mail.

**PROGRAM 2025:** 1) Mike Bowers, Economic Development Director will be May 2025 speaker. 2) Mark your calendar for June 11, Special educational meeting at Radiant Light House, 6:30 p.m. Sheriff Mark Whittaker will speak on how immigration has affected Darke County. 3) October 25, 2025 OFRW convention at Beavercreek Golf Club, details to be announced.

**NEXT MEETING,** Monday, April 14, 2025 at Double M Diner, 537 South Broadway, Greenville, OH.

Evening adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Sherry Ward, Secretary