

WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR

Well, the summer has flown by and we are ready to begin a new year! I hope your summer was full of wonderful time with family and friends making memories.

CCW is still in the midst of celebrating its 100th anniversary and we hope to have one more event that will bring the “older” members back to visit with us. We are planning a High Tea that will be lots of fun and give us an opportunity to use all our good china!

Because of time constraints, the Board met in August and have come up with our schedule of events for this year. We think we have a little something for everyone and hope you will agree and make plans to join us. See flyer for details.

Our first meeting will start at our house PROMPTLY at 6:30 so you can grab a cocktail and take a walk to our neighbor’s house – Ryan and Jim are going to tour us!! We will come back to the CCW house after the tour and eat and we will have a brief meeting. This will give us time to catch up with one another.

Our October meeting will start with a Mass and we strongly encourage you to bring a friend. We are still trying to build our membership and we can only do that if you encourage others to join you for a meeting.

We are excited to be starting our 2017-2018 year and hope the meetings we have scheduled will help you explore your faith in new ways and celebrate that faith among friends.

Suzy

WHO IS LEADING THIS CHARGE, ANYWAY?

The votes were counted and the Board has been elected for the 2017-2018 year. Surprise, nothing changed and we are all working together to bring you the best possible year of meetings, so mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

Board Members:

President – Suzy Dorward

Vice President – Meg Jung

Secretary – Kelley Carrier

Treasurer – Teddie Curry

Members at Large

Maria Carver

Marty Cunningham

Liz Glassmeyer (Corresponding Secretary)

Lisa Odenbeck

Julie Ross

Our Mission

“Offering women of all ages spiritual growth, philanthropic endeavors, volunteerism, and friendship through personal involvement in projects and activities that have a focus on helping women and children in our community.”

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CINCINNATI CATHOLIC women *celebrating 100 years*

Calendar of Meetings and Activities 2017-2018

- September 18 New Year Mix and Mingle
Meet our neighbors and tour the 1897 North Avondale (15,065 sq. foot) home of Ryan Messer and Jimmy Musuraca.
- October 16 Fr. Bob Sherry, Chaplin, Dynamic Catholic
Video from Matthew Kelly on "The Mass" followed by discussion and creation of a Mass Journal
- October (date TBD) High Tea
- November 13 Preparing for Advent – Nancy Brockhoff will host
"Advent by Candlelight"
Prepare dinners for Mercy Neighborhood Ministries.
- December 11 Ornament Exchange
- January 15 Jeanne Hunt joins us again as our guest speaker
- February 19 Paint for a Cause. Join us as we paint a picture to use
During Lent. The instructor donates her proceeds back to Art for All People
- March 19 St. Rose Church – Stations of the Cross
BINGO!! (why not, we'll be in the undercroft of a Catholic Church)
- April 16 Emily Mulvey, RCIA, Guest Speaker

"Converting to Catholicism-? Why?"
- May 21 May Crowning
- June TBD Picnic



FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 -6:30 (PROMPTLY)



Tour Ryan & Jimmy's house (our neighbors). You'll be encouraged to grab something to drink and walk over to meet our neighbors and see the inside of this spectacular house.
Dinner will be served – 7:30 (dinner menu TBD) cost = \$13.00

Please RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 12th to Teddie- TEDDIE@FUSE.NET
PLEASE HELP US PLAN AND RSVP !!!

Minutes from the May Meeting

May General Meeting
May 22 , 2017

May Crowning Ceremony/Lynne Kraemer and Marty Cunningham orchestrated the ceremony and music
Meeting Called to order:
8:00 p.m. by Suzy Dorward

1. Financial Update – Teddie Curry
 - a. See attached
2. House:
 - a. Doors upstairs outside need to be repainted
 - b. Front door/new screen door ordered
 - c. The lead glass window /cost to repair was less that \$600 with flashing repair and gutter cleaning
 - d. Bob Burch (handyman) will replace flood lights on outside of the house
3. 100th Anniversary Recap
 - a. Suzy thanked all who were involved on the committee
 - b. Janet Buening thanked the committee as well
 - c. It was noted that many former members attended that mass and some attended the brunch. It was good to see them there and have been invited to “rejoin” the CCW.
 - d. Budget for the event: no final numbers are in, but Janet reported that we were under budget. As of this date, \$1,460 spent and a total of \$1,293.00 taken in.
 - e. Bunny Jacobs loaned the table cloths and silverware for the brunch.
 - f. Ideas for continuing the celebration throughout the year ... High tea was suggested to be held at the CCW house.
4. 2017/2018 Nominations and vote for board members
 - a. Past president and nominating committee presented 4 candidates for the board:
Marty Cunningham, Liz Glassmeyer, Teddie Curry and Lynne Kraemer
 - b. There were 21 ballots and 21 votes for each candidate
 - c. The 4 candidates were unanimously voted in
(note: that there may be a hurdle in attracting board members by having one board meeting per month. A suggestion has been made to shorten the number of board meetings required to make board positions more convenient)
5. What Lies Ahead for CCW
 - a. 2017/2018 Planning Meeting
 - b. Planning meeting date will be set and members will volunteer to attend to begin to plan for next year:
Michelle , Nancy, Peggy, Mari Ellen have volunteered to join in the planning. All are welcome. A date for this meeting has not yet been determined.
 - c. Board members will again sign up to lead a meeting next year with the assistance of a member CCW.
6. BHGH
 - a. Define what we would like to do with them in the next year.
 - b. B. Michelle Jones asked for gift cards/donations for graduates who are heading to college to get them ready for school.
7. Strategic Planning
 - a. CCW needs to come up with a strategic plan for what it is that CCW wants to do.
8. Pennies from Heaven
 - a. \$5,700.00 was collected
 - b. \$3,700 was made for CCW
 - c. Winners:
\$250... Polly O’Toole / \$250... Jenny and Kip Heekin / \$500 ... St. Rose Church / \$1,000 ... Karen Meyer
9. Split the Pot winner

- a. Barbara Wilger \$48
- 10. Next Meeting/eventJune 19
- 11. Pregnancy Center East Baby Shower
 - a. Donations were collected for PCE
 - b. Delivery will be made by Kelley Carrier and Julie Ross

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Kelley Carrier

Thought for the Month

One day, a professor entered his classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They all waited anxiously at their desks for the exam to begin. The professor handed out the exams with the text facing down, as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked the students to turn over the papers.

To everyone's surprise, there were no questions—just a black dot in the center of the paper. The professor, seeing the expression on everyone's faces, told them the following: "I want you to write about what you see there." The students, confused, got started on the inexplicable task.

At the end of the class, the professor took all the exams, and started reading each one of them out loud in front of all the students.

All of them, with no exception, defined the black dot, trying to explain its position in the center of the sheet. After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor started to explain: "I'm not going to grade you on this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same thing happens in our lives. However, we insist on focusing only on the black dot – the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the disappointment with a friend. The dark spots are very small when compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds. Take your eyes away from the black dots in your lives. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life filled with love!"

ByLaw Changes - Proposed

The last time we changed/modified our bylaws was in 2009. Since then, technology has allowed us to communicate with one another on a constant basis without having to schedule meetings. This access to instant information, coupled with the limitations we all have on time to give to projects and programs, the Board is going to propose a change in the number of Board meetings we need to host each year. Presently, we meet every month right before a General Membership meeting. We are proposing that we meet every other month. If necessary, the President will reserve the right to call a meeting. Otherwise, much of what the Board needs to discuss can be done via email and phone call. Stay tuned as we will need a formal vote by all paid members. We just wanted to give you a heads-up.



WE NEED WINE, please!!

We are asking members to each bring 2 bottles of wine so we can rebuild our supply. If you could please bring a red and white that should get this party started.