

Letter from our President



Dear CCW Members:

February is thought of as a month of Love. But think about the fact that Jesus didn't confine the sharing of His love to just one month! He didn't confine his love to just those who He liked or even knew. He came to this world to show us what unconditional love really is. How great is that?

So, while you think of this month as a time to share your love with those around you, take a minute to follow Jesus' life and learn how to truly spread your love and compassion to those who may be strangers or those you may have distanced yourself from for whatever reason. Think about mending those fences and sharing the love.

Suzy



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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.

FEBRUARY 21 CCW MEETING

Meet and Greet with Dr. Colleen Hanycz, President of Xavier University

6:30 – 7:00

Dinner – 7:00

Meal will be catered by Village Pantry

Dr. Hanycz will speak following dinner.

COST: \$15.00 (includes wine/beer and food)

Please EMAIL TEDDIE (TEDDIE@FUSE.NET)

AND TELL HER YOU'RE COMING.

ALL RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE TO TEDDIE BY FEBRUARY 16

SPECIAL INTENTIONS (from our monthly meeting):



***“A prayer in its simplest definition
is merely a wish turned Godward”*** (Phillips Brooks)

“For my mom who is waiting a biopsy”

“For a great next semester of college for my son”

“For the Shanks Family who lost their mother” (Pauline Fitzgerald’s mom:

“For Emi’s Nana who had a stroke”

“For Sara Dettmer’s health”

“For Steven Penny’s health”

“For Pete Wilson’s health”

“For good health for Linda Kraemer”

“For Pat Kraemer’s continued good health”

“For peace and good health for Aileen Moeller”

“For my niece who is healing from stomach cancer:

“For my friends’ granddaughter who was born sleeping. Peace and acceptance for the family”

Special Intentions continued:

“Pray for my cousin who died from COVID in December. Pray for her daughters who are heartbroken”

“Pray for my children that they return to Mass”

“Pray for the Horan family who lost their son”

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meg Jung – Member since, well, a long time

I’m not sure exactly when I joined “Catholic Women of Cincinnati,” as it was called way back when. Maybe 1991? I knew of the group from my dad’s cousin who had been a member in years past - back when it was mostly west-siders, if you can believe it. A friend of mine from college mentioned that we should join so we investigated the process and arranged to go to a meeting. She totally bailed on me though, so I went alone to my first meeting. It was held at Funky’s Blackstone Grill, which has been gone for many years now. Back in the day, we met at restaurants around town that had space for the nearly 100 women who would attend. I saw one familiar face, so that and the hope that my friend might change her mind and join, kept me coming back.



The group was very tied to official meeting protocol back then – Robert’s Rules of Order was followed to a T! We logged our required hours at meetings, hours working for CWC, and volunteer hours outside of the group. We couldn’t miss more than 1 or 2 meetings or we were put on probation. When it came time to sign up for committees, there was stiff competition. Each group had a limited number of available spots, and some were hard to get on to. I tried every year to get on the dinner committee so I could get more of our meetings on the West side (the membership had become almost exclusively East side by this time), but I never did make it onto that one. Honestly, I don’t remember which committees I served on over the years, but everyone did something.

I worked on the Fashionata fashion show every year. I was in charge of gathering vendors for several years, and I co-chaired the event one year too. Big job! For the Feast In Eden cookbook, I was in charge of the section with recipes from restaurants in the greater Cincy area. I helped with our murder mystery dinners at Peterloon and the Wine Tasting dinners we had for a number of years too. I was on the scholarship committee for a long time, both HS and continuing ed. Oh, and also the Flower Show luncheons! I became a pretty good basket maker working on that. (Thanks, Kelley Carrier!) As I said before, everyone did something.

I’ve served on the board several times in different capacities – Treasurer, Vice-President and President, included. It was an honor to be asked to be on the board, and we had to basically run a campaign to get an executive position. I was really excited when I won the presidency!

We were a very different group when I first started my time with all of you. Younger for sure! It seemed that someone was always pregnant. There was a week in January of 1994 where 4 of us had babies during the big ice storm! My Grace's birthday is the 21st, Tracy Green had one of hers that week, and I'm not sure of the other two - Chris Bell and Liz Cutter?

It was almost overwhelming then, with so many people attending meetings. There were a lot of people I never got to know well, but far more that I met over the years and really liked. Selfishly, this started as a way to get out of the house one night a month for dinner, but became a much bigger part of my life. Over the years we've tried to increase our membership, but there are benefits to being a smaller group. We have our "home" where we gather and there is a greater opportunity to get to know our close-knit "family." I love that we can celebrate Mass together a couple of times a year, and the Stations of the Cross are a "not to miss" for me. (My girls can't believe this, as it brings back such painful memories for them of Stations in grade school during Lent, where some kid always threw up from the incense!) I love the variety of speakers and activities we have, and am really glad we've added the prayer list. Prayer warriors are the best!

My friend never did join the group, but I'm really glad I did.

Thanks for your service and your story, Meg!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Janet Buening
Ursula Hassel
Joycee Simendinger**



NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED.

Carol Turchick is heading up the nominations for our 2022-23 Board Members. We will need, at least, 3 people to join us in leading the group in the coming years.

What's involved? The Board meets 6 times a year (in person or virtually) and helps oversee the finances, house and meetings for the organization. Your term will officially begin Summer, 2022 (just in time to plan for the year)

Time commitment: About 1 – 1 ½ hour /mth. with extra time for special projects, should you choose to undertake.

What are the requirements? You need to be a paid member (that's \$35.00) and want to help guide CCW into the future.

How long do I have to serve? Board Members are elected to a 3-year term with the option of renewing for another 3 year term.

CONSIDER JOINING US AND PROVIDING NEW IDEAS/DIRECTION FOR THE ORGANIZATION!!!

Minutes from the November Meeting

CCW Meeting – January 17, 2021

- Suzy Dorward called the Meeting to order and thanked Fr. Barry for saying Mass
- Guests (and new members) were welcomed including:
- Suzy reminded the members to read the monthly newsletter as it contains information on our meetings. We have added a "Spotlight on a Member" and "A Look Back in Time" section that gives you a little more information on our members and our history. It also contains the meeting minutes in case you didn't make it to the last meeting.
- Financials were presented by Teddie Curry. Details can be found in the Office if interested.
- Suzy reported that we are in negotiations with Miguel, our Caretaker, to sign the contract. We are more than pleased with all that Miguel has done around the CCW house as it has never looked so good! Suzy will report at next meeting.
- The Special Intentions book was passed around and everyone was asked to contribute. Fr. Barry included the book on the alter during Mass and acknowledge those intentions.
- We continue to make improvements to the house to keep it in working condition. The new gutters should be installed in late January or early February. Suzy said that we will call Junk King when the weather is a little nicer and clear out the items that are just taking up space.
- Carol Turchick continues to update our Instagram and Website accounts. Take a look at them as the redesigned website looks great!
- Carol is also Chair of the Nominating Committee and looking for people who want to become more involved. There will be two spots open this year and they are each a 3-year term. Please contact Carol if interested in serving or helping.
- Our next meeting will feature Dr. Colleen Hanycz, Ph.D. and President of Xavier University.

- If you are interested in helping with the set up and clean up, please contact Carol.
- Suzy introduced Patty Green, our Guest Speaker who enlightened the group on the tradition of the Mass. Thanks, Patty and welcome back.
- Melissa Smith won the Split the Pot
- Meeting ended at 8:45p.m.

CCW History: THE YEAR'S WRAP UP

By Peggy Kenney

As we are beginning a new year very often we look back on the accomplishments of the past year. So for this month I wanted to look back on what happened with the CCW in 1921.

In May 1921, the ladies closed the “old” association to become incorporated and adopted a constitution for the group. There were 24 officers who were elected. They praised “the devotion and admirable tact” of the previous leaders who had carried the association through the trials and fatigue of the war years.

However, the group did have some interesting activities in 1921. They transported 200 children from the Fresh Air Farm to Church and gave 1600 garments to The Needlework Guild. They also protested against “immodesty of dress”. (*see below*)

The group received a letter from the White House, from President Harding thanking them for expressing hope for the success of the Peach Conference in November 1921.

As they began the New Year, the group’s president asked each of the members to bring a new member “in order to increase the membership and augment our income, making it possible to carry on our charitable work and provide the means to establish a home for us.” That seems like something we are still doing today, except those women lived during prohibition and could not entice friends with promises of wine! Yet they still had many active members even without the club house or making toasts.

1921



2021



Upcoming Meeting Information:

February 21, 2022 – Meet a new face in our community!

MEET XAVIER UNIVERSITY'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Dr. Colleen M. Hanycz, Ph.D. is the 35th President of Xavier University and will be sharing her thoughts on leading this outstanding university and a little history about her journey. Dr. Hanycz comes to XU from LaSalle University where she was president since 2015. Prior to that, Hanycz served as president of Brescia University College in London, Ontario.



March 21, 2022 - Tour the Cathedral Basilica and Stations of the Cross



Tour Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption (1140 Madison Ave. Covington, Ky. At 5:00p.m. Followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 and dinner at a local restaurant (more details to follow)

April 18, 2022 – Catholic Art through the centuries

There is so much we can learn from the art in our churches. We welcome Ceil Dorger to our meeting as she presents on “Post Resurrection in Art”.

Cecelia Dorger-received her doctorate in Art History from the University of Louisville. Dr. Dorger teaches art history at Mount St. Joseph University. She specializes in sacred art, especially images of the Virgin Mary. She also teaches at the Athenaeum of Ohio. Lecturing about Mary in art and how art can be used to facilitate prayer is a favorite pursuit.

May 16, 2022 – May Crowning



Our annual May Crowning holds a special place in the hearts of our members. Members/guests are encouraged to bring a picture of their Mother to pray in honor of the women who have shaped our faithful lives.

June 13, 2022 – Year-End Meeting

Come celebrate our year with a cookout (spouses/significant others invited). Voting for new board members, Pennies from Heaven Winners announced and outdoor games! Don't forget, it's also “Dues paying” month!



February, 2022 – Cincinnati Catholic Women Newsletter

Board Members for 2021-22

Officers:

Suzy Dorward – President

Carol Turchick – VP/Recording Secretary/Communications

Tracy Green – VP/Membership Chair

Marty Cunningham – Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Coordinator

Edy Schlotman – Reporting Treasurer

Members at Large:

Pat Evans – House Co-Chair/Reservations

Kathy Hosking – House Co-Chair

Peggy Kenney – Newsletter Coordinator

Lynne Kraemer – Meetings/Mission

Bunny Jacobs – Funds Allocation