

# Douglas County Republican Women April 2012

## March Meeting

The Douglas County Republican Women met March 12th at Monical's Pizza in Villa Grove. Fourteen members and guests attended.

During the Flag Minute given by Areta Joines, we learned that the United States was the first country to authorize a pledge to the flag.

Sixty one dollars was collected during Caring and Sharing to be given to Beth's Place.

There were two guest speakers. Kevin Nolan, Douglas County State's Attorney, spoke about the values his father instilled in him. Characteristics making him a good choice for States Attorney were his range of job experiences, his willingness to serve and volunteer in the community and the energy with which he performs his duties.

Tammy Baer was also scheduled to speak but was unable to attend.

Joan Dykstra, District Director for U.S. Congressman Tim Johnson also spoke at the meeting. Mrs. Dykstra shared how she became involved in politics. She gave advice to those who are interested in becoming involved in politics:

- Become a "worker" which will get you noticed and expand your opportunities.
- "Look for the fork in the road" and don't be afraid to take the path that seems riskier. Just "go for it".
- Sometimes it's just as easy as being in the right place at the right time.
- "Don't dismiss how much you can do and learn, at any age".

Due to redistricting, Douglas County is no longer in Tim Johnson's District but Joan Dykstra spoke highly of John Shimkus who is now representing Douglas County.

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*Happy Easter  
April 8*



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## Lincoln Day Dinner

Seventy people attended the Douglas County Lincoln Day Dinner which was held March 9 at Yoder's Country Kitchen in Arthur, IL.

US Congressman, John Shimkus shared that he was the same person he was when he began politics. His faith and family are keys to his success.

## 2012 Primary Election

31.83% of registered voters participated in the General Primary.

Douglas was one of 25 Illinois counties with oversized ballots. Precincts involved: Arcola 1 & 2 and Garrett 2.

Permission was given to the Election Authority by the Circuit Court Judge to

cut ballots to fit. All ballots and votes were accounted for. 3 AccuVote machines and 1 Touch Screen were damaged during the day. Election will be Certified and closed on April 3rd. County Convention has been set for April 18th at 7PM at the Courthouse.

## Scholarship Program

The Douglas County Republican Central Committee and the Douglas County Republican Women are searching for Seniors who want to earn a college scholarship. A scholarship will be made available to one boy and one girl for \$500 each.

The requirements are to write a minimum one to three page story titled "What the Pledge of Allegiance and our Flag Mean to Me". Send your story to:

Sandra Bragg  
1500 E CR 1050 N  
Villa Grove, IL 61956  
[Sandra.bragg@netcare-il.com](mailto:Sandra.bragg@netcare-il.com)

The deadline for receiving your story is April 15.

Winners will be invited to read their stories at the DCRW Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 28 at the Kaskaskia Country Club, Arcola.

If you have any questions please call 217-253-3884.

### 2012 Spring Luncheon

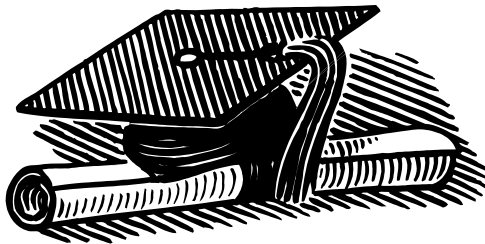
The Spring Luncheon will be held Saturday, April 28 at the Kaskaskia Country Club, Arcola at noon. The cost is \$15 each. The menu follows:

Broiled Chicken Breast  
Parsley Potatoes  
Broccoli with Cheese Sauce  
Mulligan Salad  
Assorted Cakes

Please RSVP to Sharon Corum at 217-474-7738 by April 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not paid your 2012 Dues, please be sure to mail your check for \$15 to:

Caryl Knox  
100 Hickory Lane  
Villa Grove, IL 61956-1607



## DCRW Board Meeting

There will be a DCRW Board Meeting Saturday, April 14. The meeting will start PROMPTLY at 8:00 a.m. and conclude by 11:00 a.m. A continental breakfast with juice will be available. The meeting will be held at the Ag Building in Tuscola which is adjacent to the Sheriff's office on Route 36.

Come prepared to discuss goals for this year. This is a very important meeting.

Please do everything possible to attend.

Club members not serving on the Board are encouraged to share with President Linda Brown or other Members of the Board any suggestions to improve YOUR organization.

## IFRW Spring Conference

The 2012 IFRW (Illinois Federation of Republican Women) Spring Conference will be held on April 20-21 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville and will include a full-day campaign school from the NFRW (National Federation of Republican Women).

The IFRW Spring Conference begins at 6 p.m. Friday and runs through Saturday afternoon.

Registration is \$100. The Douglas County Republican Women voted to pay registration and gas for members who want to attend.

To register online visit the IFRW Website at: [www.ifrw.org](http://www.ifrw.org)

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### *Happy Birthday*

*Jan Johnson – April 9*

*Chana Ray – April 16*



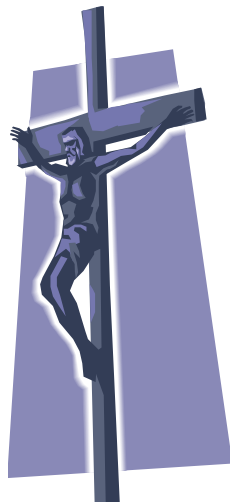
Information for the newsletter needs to be submitted to Laura Henry by the third week of each month. Thank you

[lollymom87@yahoo.com](mailto:lollymom87@yahoo.com)

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Please feel free to copy or share your newsletter.

We welcome new members and volunteers.



But he was pierced for our iniquities: the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5