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If you have not paid your 2011 Dues, please be sure to mail your check for \$15 to:
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Information for the newsletter needs to be submitted to Laura Henry by the third week of each month. Thank you

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Please feel free to copy or share your newsletter. We welcome new members and volunteers.

The Douglas County Republican Women met Monday, November 14 at the Senior Citizen Center in Tuscola. There were twelve in attendance. The meal was provided by Becky Lucas, Julie Mills and Laura Henry.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation. Jim Ingram, Douglas County Clerk, was the speaker for the evening. He spoke about his background and how he came to be involved in politics. His childhood story gave inspiration in getting our youth involved in politics. Mr. Ingram also spoke about the changes with the State Board of Elections and passed out the March 20, 2012 election calendar.

During the business portion of the meeting the minutes from the October meeting were read,

the Treasurer's Report was given and it was announced that the Caring and Sharing collection taken that evening was to go to the Hindsboro Christian Church Food Pantry. Committee Reports were given by the By-laws, Campaign and Membership Committees. A committee meeting for the By-laws Committee will be called soon. A new Campaign Chair is needed and the Republican Headquarters will be located next to the Tuscola IGA. Anyone wishing to serve on a committee should contact any of the officers or Committee Chairs. A motion passed to donate a memorial book in honor of Edith Bozarth to the Tuscola library. Mrs. Bozarth was a member of Douglas County Republicans

and recently passed away.

It was announced that DCRW member, Tammy Baer, is running for State's Attorney.

Member Chana Ray shared information that Eddy Weiss from Chasing 4 Life will be speaking at the Tuscola Community Building on December 6th at 6:30. Mr. Weiss will be speaking about his disaster response organization. This is open to the community. Future plans for the Douglas County Republican Women include helping with a Lincoln Day Dinner in the spring where Representative Shimkus is scheduled to be the speaker. More information will follow for the Lincoln Day Dinner.

The Douglas County Republican Christmas Party held December 1 at the Kaskaskia Country Club will serve as the December Meeting.



Officer Spotlight: Caryl Knox, Treasurer

I was born at Jarman Hospital and grew up in Tuscola. My parents were Melvin and Alice Lossman. I have one sister who lives in Champaign. I attended school in Tuscola and graduated from high school in 1955. Following graduation I attended nursing school at Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago for 3 years. While there I was a

member of the choir and student council. I represented Wesley as their candidate for Miss Methodist Student Nurse. After graduation in 1958 I attended MacMurray College in Jacksonville, IL for 2 years. While there I worked as a nurse in the Student Health Center. That job paid my tuition, room and board and small stipend. By transfer of credits I received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Northwestern University.

I met my husband Charles the summer before we were seniors in high school. He lived in Villa Grove. We dated via long distance as he

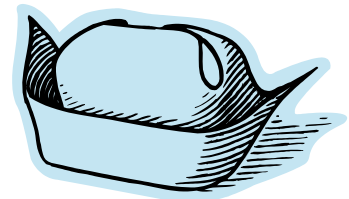
attended Illinois Wesleyan College. We were married in 1960. He owned a True Value Hardware Store in Villa Grove. He later worked in the Secretary of State's office in Springfield. He retired from the U of I as a senior buyer. He currently serves as chairman of the County Board.

We have two children. Our son Jeff and his wife Jenny have two daughters and one son. Our daughter Ann and husband Paul have two sons and one daughter. They range in age from 10 to 17.

Following our marriage I worked for one year at St Francis Hospital in Peoria. We moved to Villa Grove in 1961. I worked at Jarman Hospital in Tuscola in

surgery, recovery room, central supply and emergency room. I was supervisor in these areas when the hospital closed in 1990. Looking for a new job in your 50's is scary but I was fortunate to get a job in the One Day Surgery department at Carle Hospital where I worked until retirement.

I have served as treasurer of Douglas County Republican Women for several years. I enjoy gardening, reading, volunteering at Carle Hospital, playing bridge and watching our grandchildren grow.



Meeting Notice

The Douglas County Republican Christmas Party will be held in lieu of a December Meeting. There will be no DCRW meeting in January due to the unpredictable weather. The Calendar Supper will be held in lieu of a February Meeting. Watch future Newsletters for more information



Happy December Birthdays

Doris Bragg	12/6	Marlene Lincoln	12/8
Becky Lucas	12/16	Holly Henry	12/24
Laura Henry	12/27		

Happy December Anniversary

Simone Jackson 12/21/1969



Whatever you are, be a good one- Abraham Lincoln

Website Open

<http://www.douglascountyillinoisrepublicans.org>
email: douglascountyilrepublicans@gmail.com

If you haven't visited the new website, I encourage you to do so.

The site is divided into several pages that are easy to navigate. The Central Committee has a page that highlights the officers. Douglas County Republican Women has a page

that introduces each officer. There is a page for upcoming events and there is a page for photos.

The administrators of the website are Linda Brown and Laura Henry. If you have any information or any additions for the website please

contact them. The website will be updated with each month's newsletter and upcoming events. Along with the new website is a new email address to contact Douglas County Republicans.

We welcome any comments and ideas for improvement.

Calendar Dinner

February 19, 2012, the Douglas County Republican Women will be hosting a Calendar Supper at the Arcola Center. The money raised from this dinner will be awarded to a student in the form of a Scholarship. The club is asking for volunteers for this dinner. There is a kitchen committee who will be organizing the entrees and side dishes and seeing to the service the night of the dinner. Also needed are women willing to host a table. You may work with a friend or sponsor a table alone. There will be one table for each month of the year, seating eight people. Each sponsor will be responsible to set the table in a theme for their month, serve a salad and a dessert and sell tickets for their table. Ticket costs are \$8. An example might be decorating a table with a patriotic theme for July, or snowflakes for January. This could be a way to display a collection you may have or promote a festival in your town.

Not only is this dinner raising money to help a young person defray the high cost of college, but it could be a great way to build our organization.

If you are interested in helping with this dinner please contact Sharon Corum at (217)474-7738

Luke 2:11

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Romans 8:3

For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering.

We wish you and your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May all your holidays be happy and may you have a year blessed with joy, love, and abundance.