

DWO Mission:
Deaf Women of
Ohio (DWO) is
to support Deaf
and Hard of
Hearing Women
and Girls in Ohio
by providing
inspiration,
education,
mentoring, and
resources.

Deaf Women of Ohio

Inspiration Mentoring Resources



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DWO HERSTORY

Deaf Women of Ohio (DWO) is an organization of, by and for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind or DeafDisabled women and young girls. Founded in 2004, DWO strives to provide inspiration, education, mentoring, and resources.

In 1997, a well-known Deaf leader, Martha Sheridan invited Deaf women in Ohio to share experiences. As result, Ohio Deaf Women (ODW) group formed its first officers: Darlene Zangara, President, Betty Rogers, Vice President, Bonnie Morgan, Secretary, and Pat Doyle, Treasurer. From 1997 – 2001, ODW hosted many educational workshops in different regions of Ohio. Topics addressed were Breast Cancer, Self Defense, HIV/AIDS, Finance and many more. In 2002, ODW disbanded.

DWO HERSTORY (Continued)

in 2004, Deaf Women of Ohio (DWO) was founded with its first officers: President, Betsy Bachtel; Vice President, Mary Ann Corbett; Treasurer, Jeannette Halischak; Secretary, Susie Bachtel; and Members at Large, Roxy Sigafoose, Sharon Prince and Marie Potts. DWO held its first major event, Mardi Gras Gala Chaired by Mary Ann Corbett in February of 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Worthington, Ohio which had over 100 in attendance. Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and DeafDisabled women came from Columbus, Cincinnati, Toledo, and Mansfield and other cities in Ohio to DWO events annually. In 2005, DWO became an affiliate of Deaf Women United (DWU), a national organization for Deaf Women. On June 23, 2007, DWO received an award from DWU for “outstanding services to the community in Ohio” which Darlene Zangara, Ohioan native and former DWU President and board member accepted on DWO’s behalf. In 2009, DWO became incorporated in State of Ohio. During 2015, DWO reinstated its affiliation with DWU with focus on Young Girls Outreach as well as to offer leadership and mentoring opportunities for Deaf women.

DWO Member Benefits

Support DWO events by becoming a DWO member – \$25 for two (2) years

- Free subscription to DWO E-Blast
- Attend DWO annual events at discount
- Educational opportunities
- Be role models for young girls
- Leadership/mentoring opportunities
- Join DWO Facebook page

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