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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we step into February 2025, it is a month full of meaningful celebrations, reflection, and appreciation. We welcome a month filled with significant observances, celebrations, and awareness initiatives. Whether you take part in a cultural event, honoring historical achievements, spreading love, or advocating for important causes there are plenty of opportunities to engage with the world around you.

Celebrating Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements, contributions, and rich culture of the Black American community. Our guest speaker on

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 will be Michael Carter, Senior Advisor to the President and Chief



Diversity Officer at Sinclair College. Sinclair is The Presidents Club of Dayton's largest scholarship donor. Come and listen to Michael Carter share his message "Allyship" and what that means to the history of Sinclair College and the future of those students who benefit from the educational opportunities offered to the next generation of multicultural, multiracial, young people who make up our community.

We MUST remember our mission: The mission of The Presidents Club of Dayton is to encourage the spirit of servant leadership through active volunteer community service in our region. The organization celebrates this ideal by conducting celebrations of community volunteerism and sponsoring student scholarships for future community leaders.

<u>IN-PERSON LUNCH MEETING</u> Put our monthly lunch meetings (the third Wednesday of every month) on your Calendar and listen to speakers who can bring informative material to share with your membership. Join us on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 11:00a.m.-1:00 p.m. at The Dayton Woman's Club 225 N. Ludlow St., Dayton, Ohio 45402.

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Other Celebrations and Observances in February

American Heart Month – Raising awareness about heart health and disease prevention.

February 1 – **National Freedom Day** – Celebrates freedom from slavery. It recognizes that America is a symbol of liberty. The day honors the signing by Abraham Lincoln of a joint House and Senate resolution that later became the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which abolished slavery.

February 2 – **Groundhog Day** – Will we get six more weeks of winter? The famous groundhog makes its prediction!

February 4 – **World Cancer Day** – Raising global awareness about cancer prevention, detection, and treatment.

February 12 – **Chinese New Year (Year of the Snake)** – A joyous celebration beginning on January 29, 2025, marking the start of the Lunar New Year. This holiday is a fifteen-day celebration, according to the National Museum of Asian Art, with the final day of the holiday being the Lantern Festival.

February 12 – **Lincoln's Birthday (USA)** – Honoring the birth of President Abraham Lincoln. My mother will be 92 on this day and her sister will be 82 on this day.

February 13 – **Galentine's Day** – A fun, unofficial holiday celebrating female friendship. Call an old friend(s)!

February 14 – **Valentine's Day** – The global day of love and romance. My wedding anniversary.

February 17 – Random Acts of Kindness Day – Encouraging acts of goodwill and generosity.

February 19 – Presidents' Day – Honoring the past presidents of the United States.

February 20 – World Day of Social Justice – Advocating for social justice and equality worldwide.

February 21 – **International Mother Language Day** – The United Nations promotes linguistic and cultural diversity.

February 22 – George Washington's Birthday – Celebrating the first U.S. president's birth.

February 25 – **Maha Shivaratri** – A Hindu festival honoring Lord Shiva with parades, chanting, singing, and will fast for the day while making offerings to the god.

February 28 – **Rare Disease Day** – Bringing attention to rare diseases and the challenges faced by those affected.





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In Case You Missed It: We had a wonderful and insightful meeting on our field trip visiting our Citizen Legion of Honor recipient, Bing Davis' art exhibit "Visual Voices," at his studio, EbonNia Gallery and the Black Pallette Art Gallery 2 doors from his gallery. The exhibition was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's 1964 speech in Dayton, Ohio. This exhibit was sponsored by the Charles F. Kettering Foundation. After meeting with both owner/artists of their galleries and admiring the various artistic expressions, we walked across the street and enjoyed lunch with each other at the West Social Tap & Table Restaurant.



- Please have your organization renew their membership to The Presidents Club of Dayton for 2025 this month. You can get the membership form on our website: www.presidentsclubdayton.org. You can pay on-line or mail in your check.
- We need sponsors and participants in the upcoming Bob Chiles Golf Outing.
- Prepare for the Outstanding Community Volunteer Breakfast. Choose your member(s) who your organization would like to celebrate. It will be in May; the date has not been confirmed. We will send an email to all member organizations, once determined.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bob Chiles Golf Outing May 9, 2025 Beavercreek Country Club
- Outstanding Member or Community Volunteer Breakfast May 1, 2025

Pray for Peace,

Veronica Bedell-Nevels

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work we do needs to be acknowledged for others to see and promote growth for our service

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member organizations. Do not hesitate to send your fundraising information and events to us to publish. Our website is very professional, and our member organizations should verify the information accurately.

Here is the Membership Application for your organization to download and submit with update information for 2025-2026 pcod application 2025.pdf (presidentsclubdayton.org)

Value of Membership in The Presidents Club of Dayton

The Presidents Club of Dayton is a Non-Profit organization that accomplishes many things in our community and with your help can do more:

We are providing paid members (only \$100 annual membership fee) free use of our Zoom Account for meetings with no time limit. Just schedule your meeting through Tony Massoud via presidentsclubdayton@aol.com to make sure the time you want is available. We will provide assistance for you to log on and use.

We are co-sponsors for the Bob Chiles Golf Outing, The Presidents Club of Dayton with Miami Valley Military Affairs Association since 1990 has donated over \$180,000 to the Fisher houses & over \$22,000 to First Sergeant's Association at WPAB. Next year's event is May 9^{th.}

Our Citizen Legion of Honor Award is one of the most Prestigious Volunteer Awards in our community. We announced the 5th Scholarship, The Anthony (Tony) Massoud Scholarship and donated to Sinclair College for the 5 Scholarships, each received \$2500. Our current endowment for the 5 Scholarships is self-sustaining to help maintain higher education for worthy students in our area who achieve high scholastics and volunteerism. The Presidents Club has raised over \$400,000 for Sinclair Scholarships because organizations like yours over the years with their \$100 membership fee, and fund-raising support have helped raise these monies.

The Presidents Club's Citizen Legion of Honor Award's Program Booklet listed each Club/Organization Presidents Club Member. Annual Membership Dues for 25-26 will be sent in November.

Your organization will have a page in the Presidents Club Website. This is a great tool for promoting your organization to prospective members. Your organization's contact information and website link plus any marketing materials can be included on this website. Our webmaster does all the work that you submit to be included.

We secure excellent speaker programs, and we share them with our members for their use. See excellent Program regarding Non-Profit Website Dayton Serves https://youtu.be/nKWqyPPduiA
The Presidents Club of Dayton will advertise your organization's events and fund-raising activities in our monthly newsletters as well as the Presidents Club Facebook Page.

An annual breakfast meeting, traditionally held in May, that celebrates the volunteer involvement of active members in member service clubs. This event is meant to showcase individuals' commitment to their service organizations and the community. This year's event will be held at Sinclair College on May 1st.

We place your organization's name in our programs for the Outstanding Volunteer Award Ceremony and the Citizen Legion of Honor Award.

Presidents Club, Inc. | Outstanding Club Member Breakfast and Citizen Legion of Honor Award.

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Presidents Club Brochure that provides all the activities of The Presidents Club of Dayton.

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Presidents Club Members can use Zoom Meeting Free for Paid Members

- The Presidents Club of Dayton has subscribed to Zoom for the purpose of providing our member organizations a way to conduct virtual online meetings that they can use. Your organization can schedule programs and board meetings using Zoom and it is free to our members if you reserve time ahead of others, and your membership for 2024-25 has been paid.
- Our subscription provides unlimited meetings for up to one hundred participants for each meeting. You can try this on your own, if you have any problems, contact Tony Massoud <u>daytoncivitanclub@gmail.com</u> or <u>daaf.org@gmail.com</u> or text 937-238-0595.
- A. For your organization to use Zoom, these are the appropriate steps you must take to use Zoom.
- B. Please email the details to tmassoud211@cs.com and include in the details of the meeting who the **Leader** will be with their **email address**, do you want a **password** for your participants to enter Zoom or Waiting Room or Both. Do you want your meeting **videotaped? Tony Massoud will set up your organization's Zoom meeting for you if you need help contact Tony.**
- Use someone who is familiar with Zoom. It is quite easy to use with a computer, laptop, smartphone, or telephone. You can share this with your organization for them to learn https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials?flash_digest=49b103a7faa18733bc195ebf5e0c2be49b6fc460
- Using Zoom to watch a video presentation from Phoenix, Az for the Civitan Club proves that Zoom can be a useful tool for your organization. Please watch https://youtu.be/KBRPvf3IFXg



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February Programs at the DWC

By Mary Jo Osborn, Events Chair

Wednesday, February 5 Booklovers Meeting

11:00 AM

Saturday, February 8
Speaker Series: A Voice for Change: The Life of Activist Hallie Quinn Brown

2:00 - 4:00 pm Cost: \$10 per person. *RSVP and advance ticket required.

Celebrate Black History Month with us and hear Dr. Amy Hobbs Harris, Acting Provost and former Dean of Humanities, discuss Hallie Quinn Brown, an educator and elocutionist who pioneered the movement for African American women's clubs.

A graduate of Wilberforce University, she lectured widely on the cause of temperance, women's suffrage, and civil rights. She helped found the Colored Women's League in Washington, D.C., which became the National Association of Colored Women and adopted the motto, "Lifting as We Climb."

Wednesday, February 26 Lunch & Learn

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members

Are you one of the millions of people who cannot fall asleep, or who awaken in the middle of the night and cannot get back to sleep?

Join Dr. Cathy Rosenbaum, Holistic Clinical Pharmacist to learn about the four stages of the sleep cycle, common causes of insomnia and the pros and cons of medications and supplements.

How To Register for DWC Events

To register for any of our upcoming programs, please use the following link:

<u>Upcoming & Past Events | The Dayton Woman's</u> <u>Club (daytonwomansclub.org)</u>

You may also call the Club and make your reservation. That reservation must be received two days before the event. You can leave a message on the answering machine, and you may then pay at the event. Just a friendly reminder, if you make a reservation via the website or phone, even if you do not attend, you will be responsible for that reservation. The Kitchen plans on the number we report so we must pay for each reservation. Thanks for your help with our event registration process!

Save The Dates! March at the DWC!

Thursday, March 6. Speaker Series. Teena Baldridge will discuss *Mary Lincoln*. 5:00-7:00 pm. Advance Tickets: \$10 per person

Wednesday, March 19. Lunch and Learn. 11:00-1:30 pm. Christine Aiena will discuss the National Weather Service in Wilmington, as well as spring weather safety. \$25 members, \$30 non-members.