



**THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB of DAYTON**  
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## NEWSLETTER

February 2026

### Presidents Message



## The Citizen Legion of Honor Celebrating 75 years in 2026!

**THEME 2026:**  
"Getting Smarter  
in 2026!"

For many years, our members have shared a commitment to growth, connection, and leadership.

- Professional development and mentorship
- Meaningful engagement and collaboration
- Thoughtful conversations about leadership, legacy, and impact

Thank you to every member who continues to invest their time, insight, and support in one another.

As we move through February, The Presidents Club of Dayton continues its commitment to leadership, service, and community connection. This month also provides an important opportunity to recognize Black History Month and reflect on the achievements, resilience, and leadership of African Americans who have helped shape our nation and our local community.

We are proud to honor one of our nation's great leaders by hosting our Outstanding Volunteer Breakfast in a space named for her at Sinclair Community College, the Charity Adams Earley Room.

In the months ahead, we're planning a strong lineup of speakers and topics that reflect the real issues our members are facing, from workforce and succession planning to strategy, culture, and growth. Your ideas and input are always welcome and help guide our programming.



- Outstanding Community Volunteer Breakfast • Tuesday, May 5, 2026 • Sinclair Community College Conference Center "Charity Earley" Room
- Bob Chiles Golf Outing • Friday, May 8, 2026 • Beaver Creek Country Club
- Citizen Legion of Honor • Thursday, October 15, 2026 • "Great Room," Sinclair Conference Center (South Entrance)

**Join us for our Monthly Meeting Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at The Dayton Woman's Club from 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.**



**Kettering Mayor Bryan Suddith** will join us for a timely and engaging presentation on **"Zero Food Waste."** This promises to be an eye-opening conversation about how small, informed choices can lead to meaningful change. There's an old saying: *if you know better, you can do better.* This talk is a great opportunity to learn practical ways to reduce food waste at



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home, changes that can benefit our families, our community, and even our bank accounts. I'm personally hoping this sparks a big shift in how my family approaches food, waste, and savings.



## *In Case You Missed It:* Three “superstars”



Brooke Onyia,  
Healthcare IT Specialist

presented a spectacular talk on **Artificial**

**Intelligence, or AI.** We took the scary out of AI, and showed how one can embrace AI with the various software programs and how easy and how useful it can be in your lives. At its core, AI is simply software designed to help people do things faster, easier, or more accurately. AI is not about replacing humans. It is about reducing

friction in everyday tasks. Tony, Brooke, and Veronica shared what we have been exposed to in the AI world and what we have learned along the way. Instead of focusing on the fear or hype around AI, we showed how these tools are actually



Veronica



Tony

being used in real, practical ways. From saving time on everyday tasks to making work more efficient, our goal was to highlight how AI can be a helpful resource, not something to be intimidated by. Brooke is my third daughter of four. **Knowledge grows here, one meeting at a time.**





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### February 2026 Calendar of Observances

- February 1, 2026 Black History Month
- February 12, 2026 Lincoln's Birthday Honors Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, and remembered for his leadership during the Civil War and his role in ending slavery.
- February 16, 2026 Presidents Day, a federal holiday recognizing the presidents of the United States, most notably George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and the legacy of national leadership.
- February 18, 2026 Ash Wednesday, a Christian holy day marking the beginning of Lent, a season of reflection, fasting, and preparation for Easter.
- Evening Feb 16 – Feb 17, 2026 Ramadan begins at sunset on February 16, with the first full day of fasting observed on February 17. It is a sacred month for Muslims focused on fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.

#### **IN-PERSON LUNCH MEETING** 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 18, 2026 from 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. at The Dayton Woman's Club 225 N. Ludlow St., Dayton, Ohio 45402.**

Pray for Peace,

*Veronica Bedell-Nevels*

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### Information of Events from our Clubs and Community

Please pass these newsletters on to your members because this information should be distributed to support our member organizations like yours, we all do excellent work in this community and the work we do needs to be acknowledged for others to see and promote growth for our service 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 2026 [pcod\\_application\\_2026.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](mailto: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 \$171,000 to the Fisher houses & over \$19,000 to First Sergeant's Association at WPAB. This year's event is May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our Citizen Legion of Honor Award is one of the most prestigious volunteer awards in our community. Last year, we announced our sixth scholarship, the **Larry Horwath Scholarship**, and made donations to Sinclair College to support six scholarships of \$2,500 each. Our scholarship endowment is now self-sustaining, helping ensure continued access to higher education for deserving students in our area who demonstrate strong academic achievement and a commitment to volunteer service. The Presidents Club has raised more than \$500,000 for Sinclair College scholarships. This success is possible because of organizations like yours, whose \$100 membership fees and ongoing fundraising support over the years have made a meaningful impact.

The Presidents Club's Citizen Legion of Honor Award's Program Booklet listed each Club/Organization Presidents Club Member. Annual Membership Dues for 2026 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/nKWgyPPduiA>  
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.

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 2026 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 [daytoncivitanclub@gmail.com](mailto:daytoncivitanclub@gmail.com) or [daaf.org@gmail.com](mailto:daaf.org@gmail.com) 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](mailto: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 **videotape**? **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](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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### Afternoon Tea with live Cello

A festive afternoon of tea, treats, and live classical cello Afternoon Tea is meant to be enjoyed at a relaxed pace — a chance to gather with friends, meet new faces, and enjoy music, conversation, and community in one of Dayton's most beautiful historic spaces.

*Seating is limited, and reservations are required.*

**DWC Members: \$38**

**General Public: \$45**

**Kids 10 & under: \$25**

### HISTORY SERIES

**From Dayton to the World: Inventions That Changed History**

**Thursday, February 19, 2026**

**5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Join local historian Andrew Hershner for a deep dive into Dayton's remarkable legacy of invention. ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED**

**\$15 admission per person**

**Optional dinners available for \$15.**

### ART SERIES

**Paint & Sip: Year of the Horse Brush Painting Workshop**

*Two dates — attend one or both sessions to create different paintings*

**Friday, February 20, 2026, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Mark the Lunar New Year with a unique Chinese Brush Painting workshop inspired by the Year of the Horse. Join award-winning artist Dr. Yufeng Wang to explore traditional ink and wash techniques and create a piece that captures movement, energy, and spirit.**

**ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED DWC Members: \$45**

**General Admission: \$50**

**[Purchase Tickets](#) Call [\(937\) 228-1124](tel:9372281124) or visit website: [www.womansclubdayton.org](http://www.womansclubdayton.org)**



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**Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach**



★ **December 19, 2026** ★

**National Wreaths Across America Day**



**Help the Civitan Club of Dayton honor  
local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a  
veteran's grave this December at Dayton National  
Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or  
visit [www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/OH0388P](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/OH0388P)



**#ServeAndSucceed**

Please help us Remember, Honor, and Teach on December 19, 2026 at 12:00 pm by  
sponsoring a wreath, volunteering, or inviting friends:

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