



# The Presidents Club

The Presidents Club of Dayton  
PO Box 278, Dayton, OH 45409

## January 2021 Newsletter

Dear President Club Members and Friends,

2020 has been a year to forget, never have I lived through a time as bad as 2020 that I can remember, the best economy ever for 3 months and the stock market out of sight and all of a sudden everything crashed on us and the world. This virus that no one can see did more harm including Millions of infections and over a third of a Million dead. It destroyed Millions of jobs and helped put Millions of the people in this country and the world in food lines. Let us Pray that 2021 will be a year that surpasses anything we have ever experienced.

The year 2020 was not one we want to remember for many reasons. There were 5 Citizen Legion of Honor Awardees who left us to take their place as Saints in Heaven.

Bob Mills, Clark Beck, Doris Ponitz, David Holmes and Joyce Young, (all Obituaries are below).

These were losses we cannot replace because of their Volunteerism, Philanthropy, and Community Services they provided. We would like you all to remember Joyce Young who was the 1991 Citizen Legion of Honor Award recipient. She was active in many local organizations and a friend of the presidents Club. She always attended our Citizens Legion of Honor Award Luncheons and always had a beautiful smile on her face and greeted everyone. She was active in many local organizations and a friend of the Presidents Club. Hopefully, we can have an Award Luncheon in 2021.

Let's Pray for a great start in 2021 with more vaccines being discovered and vaccinations getting out to suppress this Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Presidents Club of Dayton will not have a Zoom Presentation in January but a board meeting to discuss plans for 2021 and present them in the next newsletter and the February program.

Our Zoom board meeting will be Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:00 pm. and ending at 1pm. The Masonic Temple has closed because of Ohio's regulation regarding Covid-19, once it reopens we will be back again for good food and programs.

The December program was presented by Ms. Jan Lepore-Jentleson on Zoom. The website for the East End Community Center is <https://www.east-end.org/>

On the program we had in September, Vitamin D3 Research on Covid-19, here is an article proving that Vitamin D3 can save lives:  
<https://www.nutraingredients.com/Article/2020/12/21/Experts-send-Vitamin-D-and-Covid-19-open-letter-to-world-s-governments>

Wishing Everyone a Safe, Prosperous and Happy New Year!

*Larry Horwath*

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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 disseminated to support our member organizations like yours, we all do good work in this community and the works 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 accurate.

Here is the Membership Application for your organization to download and submit with update information: [pcod application 2020.pdf \(presidentsclubdayton.org\)](https://www.presidentsclubdayton.org/pcod_application_2020.pdf)

### **Presidents Club Members can have Free Zoom Meeting Use for Paid Membership Only**

- Due to the pandemic and no meetings, no gatherings being held safely for the fear of infection, 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 2020 is paid. Our subscription provides unlimited meeting for up to 100 participants for each meeting.
- For your organization to use Zoom, these are the appropriate steps you must take to use Zoom
- Visit the Calendar in the Presidents Club's Website to verify that the date and time you want is available. <http://presidentsclubdayton.org/index.php/calendar-of-events/month.calendar/2021/1/1/>
- Add the event to the calendar and "SAVE", this will ensure your time and day are scheduled. Do not forget to set your start time and end time because other organizations will need to schedule.
- Use this email to notify that you have scheduled your event and a schedule will be set up for your organization on **Zoom** and the information to use Zoom will be sent to you with log-on and password.
- 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 **videotaped**? **We will setup your organization's Zoom meeting for you if you need help.**
- 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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**To receive monthly newsletters electronically, have your members email  
Tony Massoud [presidentsclubofdayton@gmail.com](mailto:presidentsclubofdayton@gmail.com)**

Link to download forms: <http://presidentsclubdayton.org/index.php/forms-library>

### Organization Speaker Programs - Community Information Leaders

To support our PCoD members and the public, this section provides a list of area information leaders, whether they be not-for-profits; elected officials and/or specific topic experts. These individuals, if contacted, may make themselves available to speak at club meetings or special events and share important programs, projects, issues or topics with audiences about our community and perhaps where additional volunteer leadership can play an important role in the success of these programs.

This list may change from time to time to keep it updated. But it is a great reference guide to many areas of arts, social services, business, government, and education in our community.

<http://presidentsclubdayton.org/index.php/community>

- Remember to:

- ✓ Send your sponsored activities.
- ✓ Subscribe for the PC newsletter.
- ✓ Use the website for registering your events and updating your organizations information and contact Mike Leibold at [mleibold@presidentsclubdayton.org](mailto:mleibold@presidentsclubdayton.org)



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MEMBERSHIP  NEW APPLICATION  RENEWAL FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE and WHEN DO YOU MEET? \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

WEB ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ # OF MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN DO YOU CHANGE OFFICERS? \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME/CELL#: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS# \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME/CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS # \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB TREASURER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME/CELL#: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS # \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and send with the membership dues of \$100.00 to the following address.

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Administrator and Secretary  
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### **ROBERT W. MILLS, Jr.,**

Robert W. Bob Mills was born August 16, 1949, in Erie, Pennsylvania, to the late Ruth and Robert Mills, Sr. He passed away at his home in Beavercreek, on Monday, July 13, 2020. Bob Mills, was a self-made success and recognized leader in our community, known not only for his business acumen, but also for his philanthropy. He worked his way through Gannon University, earning a Business Management degree. Then over 40 years ago, Bob moved his family to the Dayton region to launch his own company - with just \$200 in his pocket. His entrepreneurial spirit provided the foundation for his construction company, Synergy Building Systems, and real estate development firm, Mills Development. While building over a billion dollars of commercial space and providing jobs for many, Bob learned the value of philanthropy and giving back to his community. Bob held a special place in his heart for his hometown of 40 years, the City of Beavercreek and Greene County, sponsoring just about every sports team and community event possible. Bob loved supporting others who were taking the entrepreneurial path and he continued to provide funding and mentoring to many of the region's small startups. He also gave of his time, having generously served on more than a dozen corporate and not-for-profit boards in our region over the last 30 years, including Greene Memorial Hospital, Grandview Hospital Foundation, National Museum of the U. S. Air Force, Dayton Development Coalition, Wright State University Foundation, Homecroft, Inc, and is the co-founder and former Board Chair of Michael's House, a children's advocacy center in Greene County. Bob was especially proud of his contributions to pave the way for construction of the Indu and Raj Soin Hospital in Beavercreek and the Mills Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at Dayton Children's Hospital in honor of his granddaughter and leukemia survivor Ally. Together with his family, he created the Mills Family Foundation, a nonprofit with a mission focus as a regional resource to help "Support Women and Children in Need". Next, Bob and Barbara wanted to create a legacy to send cancer into the sunset and so they created the Gala of Hope Foundation. To date the effort has raised and donated more than \$6.5 million in the fight against cancer and to improve cancer care in our region. Over the years, Bob has been recognized by organizations like the Dayton Regional STEM School; the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce; Wright State University; the American Cancer Society; and by the national Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as its 2010 National Man of the Year for which Bob set a record raising just under \$500,000 while his granddaughter Ally was battling Leukemia. Bob was recognized by the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County with the Outstanding Community Service Award for his service to Victims of Crime. Bob was honored to be a recipient of the Mathile Community Award and to be recognized by The Presidents Club of Dayton's as the 2017 Citizen Legion of Honor recipient. In 2019, he and his wife Barbara were also honored by the Dayton Business Journal as the publication's Regional Leaders of the Year award. Everyone who knew Bob knew he was a kid at heart. He took extreme pride in his home at Fox Hill which he created to be a grandchild's paradise. Each October he was known to throw the world's best and biggest Halloween party. He loved sharing Fox Hill with so many friends and family over the years.

### **Clark Eugene Dr. Clark Eugene Beck, Sr.**

91 of Dayton, Ohio, passed on Sunday, June 14, 2020. Dr. Beck was born on April 6, 1929, in Marion, Indiana, to Frederick Douglas Beck and Mildred (Pettiford) Beck. He attended Marion HS, in Marion, Indiana. He continued his education at Virginia Union University and graduated with a BS in Mathematics, he went on to the University of Cincinnati where he graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree. He had an illustrious 33 career as a civilian research engineer manager at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He obtained his master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from University of Cincinnati, who also bestowed an honorary Doctor of Science degree on him in 2003. After his retirement from Wright Patterson Air Force base, he became an assistant dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Wright State. He designed and implemented the Wright STEPP (Science and engineering precollege program). He served as the first



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African American President of the Engineers Club of Dayton. He also served as president for The Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, the Engineering and Science Foundation of Dayton, the City of Dayton Environmental Advisory Board, and the Engineer's Foundation of Ohio. He was a member of the Dayton chapter of the American Red Cross and the order of the engineer, and a member of the University of Cincinnati Foundation Board of Trustees. He was a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity Inc. Clark was a faithful member of the Stillwater SDA church in Dayton, OH. He was also big into volunteering; he carried the Olympic torch in Dayton. He was on the board of County Commissioners to serve on Montgomery County Planning Commission, volunteered for Grandview Hospital and on the board of College for Seniors at Sinclair. He was awarded as an uncommon man in aerospace engineering. He was awarded the Presidential Award and was given a point of light from President Bush. President Bush also honored him regarding the Right Step Program; and he was the creator of Radiant Barrier. He was predeceased by his parents and his brothers, Theodore, Cleo, John and sisters, Dora Maria, and Opha (Delores). He is survived by his loving wife, Gwendolyn Macon Beck, son Clark Jr. (Ramona), daughter Angela (Eric), grandchildren, Emory, Taylor and Jessye and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins, stepchildren, family, and friends. Clark received a kidney transplant in 1972 and he was always grateful for this amazing gift of life.

### **Ponitz, Doris Jean Humes**

Doris Jean Humes Ponitz passed peacefully on December 1, 2020, in Dayton, Ohio.

From humble beginnings, Doris dedicated her life and career to a variety of humanitarian efforts, the results of which now echo throughout the local and international communities. She was a teacher, community volunteer, philanthropist, and civil rights activist who advocated tirelessly for the arts, education, peace equity, social

justice and the rights of children, refugees and women. The lifelong contributions made by Doris Ponitz embodied the notion "think globally, act locally," well before it entered the modern lexicon.

Born in 1932 to Lilah Belle Robinson Humes and Frederic J. Humes in the small town of Marlette, Michigan, during the Great Depression, Doris was the bright middle child and only daughter of a working-class family who saw promise in her nimble mind and unflappable cheer. She showed an early acumen for music and was given piano lessons. Doris went on to receive a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Michigan State University, Master's Degree in Public Education from the University of Michigan, and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Dayton.

Classical and choral music would remain a lifelong passion for Doris, who passed on her love of song to her own children, as well as to countless others through her work in the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, public

schools, Girl Scouts, and the United Methodist Church. Throughout her life, she filled her home with music, and actively sought harmony with persons from a diverse array of backgrounds.

Doris received hundreds of formal commendations for her work championing women, children, persons of color, and the underserved, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award, National Council of Community & Justice Friendship Award, the Dayton Region Walk of Fame, the President's Club Legion of Honor Award,



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the Dayton Daily News Ten Top Women Award, Michigan State University's Outstanding Alumni Award, and the Centerville Schools Hall of Fame. She was named a YWCA Woman of Influence in 2002 and received the

YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013. She was quoted in multiple books and publications, including the New York Times. The Doris and David Ponitz Leadership Scholarship was established at Sinclair Community College in 1998.

Doris Ponitz helped found the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Award, the Dayton International Peace Museum, and led multiple humanitarian missions to Bosnia after the Dayton Agreement helped secure a ceasefire there. She chaired and served on a variety of boards, foundations, and associations, including the League of Women Voters, National Girl Scout Board, National Conference on Community & Justice, Dayton Peace Accords Project, United Way, Wright-Dunbar Walk of Fame, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, American Symphony Orchestra League Volunteer Council, Montgomery County Arts & Cultural District, Centerville Education

Foundation, Engineer's Club of Dayton, Friendship Force of Dayton, Culture Works, Leadership Dayton, Junior League, Girl Scouts of Buckeye Trails, Clothes That Work, Washington Township-Centerville Diversity Council, Kids Voting Ohio, Centerville Education Foundation, Think-TV/PBS, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Miami Valley Cultural Alliance, Museum Center Foundation, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, CD '96, the celebration of Dayton's bicentennial, and was appointed by Ohio's governor to the Ohio Educational Broadcasting Network.

She made her first mark in her own community at the age of 14 speaking out publicly for civil rights in 1947. A forerunner in modern women's rights, she was the adult leader of the first Girl Scout troop to serve as Governor's Honor Guard in her home state of Michigan. Later, she promoted equity in access to education, the arts, employment opportunities, and the democratic process through innovative programs like Women Who Work, KidsVoting, Symphon-Ears, the Dayton Philharmonic Volunteers Association, and the National Conference Of Community & Justice.

Doris Humes married David Ponitz in 1956, beginning a dynamic partnership centered on an agenda of education, equity, and community, which gained traction over the course of their careers. As a teacher and advocate, Doris endeavored to make positive changes everywhere she lived. She and David lived in Waldron, Michigan, where Doris was a music teacher and he was superintendent of schools; in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where Doris looked after their first child, Catherine, and David received his doctorate from Harvard University; in Freeport, Illinois, where Doris continued her community service and David served his first presidency at Freeport Community College; in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where together they helped found Washtenaw Community College, and their second child, David, was born; and in Dayton, Ohio, where Doris transformed local priorities and David served as president of Sinclair Community College until his retirement in 1997.

Her adventurous spirit took her to every U.S. state and all seven continents. Doris accompanied a zoological expedition to Antarctica, walked the Great Wall of China, swam with turtles in the Galapagos, saw the northern lights in Iceland, and sailed on the Queen Mary II.

Well-known for her optimism, mentoring, and vision for community, the legacy of Doris' advocacy and integrity

is most evident in the improved lives and careers of others. She led by example, enthusiasm, and the sheer force of her will, and inspired many to volunteer. "Onward and upward," was one of her signature phrases, and



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that is how she lived her life: raising the spirits and fortunes of others, with gratitude for the opportunities she herself was given. Her curious mind was always keen to discover the new. Her generous heart remained open to the experiences and needs of others.

Even after multiple health challenges in recent years, her determination remained an inspiration to her family, friends, and all who encountered her. Like the music and art she loved and championed, the legacy of Doris Humes Ponitz is one of profound beauty. Our sorrow upon her passing is commensurate with the joy she brought to this world.

### **Holmes, David Richard**

Passed away Friday, December 4, 2020, at Maine Medical

Dave was a graduate of San Gabriel (California) High School, Stanford University and earned an MBA from Northwestern University. He also received two honorary doctorates, one from the University of Dayton and one from Northwood University. He and his wife, Nancy, celebrated 55 years of marriage in September.

Dave left a large footprint. In 2002 he retired from the Reynolds + Reynolds Company, where he held the titles of President, CEO and Chairman of the Board. Before coming to Reynolds, he held executive management positions at General Foods, General Electric and Nabisco Brands. He served on a number of corporate boards, including NCR Corporation,

Dayton Power and Light and Bank One. He was very active in the Dayton community. He served on numerous boards and committees, including the Dayton Business Committee, the Area Progress Council and WDPR-FM. He chaired the 1992 Dayton United Way Campaign and was a trustee of the Performing Arts Fund, the YMCA and the St. Elizabeth Medical Foundation. He spearheaded the creation of the Downtown Dayton Partnership and chaired the Riverscape campaign to revitalize the downtown Dayton riverfront. He devoted much time to working with Dayton Public Schools as a member of the Business Advisory Council. He served on the boards of Dayton and Wright State University Foundations, as well as the board of trustees of Northwestern University's J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management Alumni Advisory Board. Dave received many awards including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, Financial World CEO of the year twice, The Outstanding Business Leader award from Northwood University, the Smitty Award, the Citizen's Legion of Honor Award, and the Dayton City Manager's Service Award.

### **Joyce C. Young Obituary**

WASHINGTON TWP. – Joyce Young, who served in leadership posts of several Dayton-area organizations since the mid-1970s, is being remembered for her passion, frankness, generosity and enthusiasm. Those are among the qualities Young, who died Saturday at 86, was known for during her service on Miami Valley and Ohio boards. It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Joyce C. Young (Far Hills, New Jersey), who passed away on December 26, 2020, at the age of 86, leaving to mourn family and friends.