



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

*Important  
Announcement*



### The Citizen Legion of Honor “*Wall of Honor*” is Moving!!!

For many years, the Dayton Convention Center has proudly overseen our “*Wall of Honor.*” This cherished display has allowed the public to appreciate the plaques, read the inspiring biographies of distinguished individuals in our Kiosk, and participate in our annual luncheon, where we honor one recipient with the prestigious **Citizen Legion of Honor Award**. The proceeds from this event have helped provide five scholarships to students attending Sinclair College. We are deeply grateful for the dedication and support that the Dayton Convention Center’s management and staff have shown to **The Presidents Club of Dayton**.

As we reflect on our club’s mission, legacy, and future, our Board has carefully considered the sustainability of our annual **Citizen Legion of Honor Award Luncheon, scholarships, and the “*Wall of Honor.*”** Given our role as the largest scholarship donor to Sinclair College, we now have an exciting opportunity to **relocate the Wall of Honor and our annual luncheon to Sinclair College**. This transition aligns with our long-term vision and will help ensure the continued success of our community’s most esteemed event.

We will keep our membership informed throughout this transition. However, we are pleased to confirm that the **2025 Citizen Legion of Honor Luncheon** will take place on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at the Sinclair Conference Center**. The event will feature a **VIP Reception at 10:30 AM**, followed by the luncheon from **11:15 AM to 1:15 PM**.

We also encourage members to submit recommendations for the **Citizen Legion of Honor Award recipient**. The application is available on our website: [www.presidentsclubdayton.org](http://www.presidentsclubdayton.org). **Phil Parker, Chair of the Selection Committee, has already sent emails and letters** to remind members of the deadline and selection criteria.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we embark on this new chapter.



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## *Women's History Month*

Every March, countries like the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia celebrate **Women's History Month**. This is a time dedicated to recognizing the invaluable contributions of women in history. This month-long observance highlights the achievements of women in various fields, acknowledges the struggles they have faced, and inspires future generations to continue advocating for gender equality.

The origins of Women's History Month trace back to the United States. In 1981, Congress passed a resolution establishing **Women's History Week**, to be observed in early March. Over time, grassroots efforts and growing recognition led to its expansion into **Women's History Month** in 1987. The movement was inspired by International Women's Day, which has been observed annually on March 8th since the early 1900s. Today, multiple countries recognize March as a time to honor the historical, social, economic, and political achievements of women.

### Notable Women in History

Let us start with our own Children's Historical Publishing book "*Awesome Americans, Great Women of the Miami Valley*" by **Brian Scott Reid**. This inspiring read showcases remarkable local women leaders across education, aviation, healthcare, invention and innovation, philanthropy, government, and the military.

- **Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906)** – A leading figure in the women's suffrage movement in the U.S., Anthony played a crucial role in securing women's right to vote.
- **Marie Curie (1867–1934)** – A pioneering physicist and chemist, Curie was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and remains the only person to win in two different scientific fields.
- **Rosa Parks (1913–2005)** – Known as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement," Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a segregated bus helped ignite the U.S. civil rights movement.
- **Malala Yousafzai (1997–Present)** – An advocate for girls' education, Malala survived an assassination attempt and went on to become the youngest Nobel Prize laureate.
- **Ada Lovelace (1815–1852)** – A visionary mathematician, Lovelace is credited with writing the first algorithm for a mechanical computer, making her one of the first computer programmers.

Women's History Month is an opportunity to reflect on the progress made and the work still ahead in the fight for gender equality. By recognizing the contributions of women past and present, we can continue building a world where everyone has equal opportunities to succeed. Whether through education, activism, or everyday actions, celebrating women's history strengthens our collective future.

Let this month serve as a reminder that women's contributions are not just part of history—they are shaping the present and the future every day.



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- 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](http://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. Application is on our website: [www.presidentsclubdayton.org](http://www.presidentsclubdayton.org).
- Prepare for the Outstanding Community Volunteer Breakfast. Choose your member(s) who your organization would like to celebrate. It will be **May 1, 2025 at the Sinclair College Conference Center in the "Charity Earley" room, from 7:00a.m.-9:00a.m.**
- Application for recommendation for Citizen Legion of Honor recipient can be found on our website: [www.presidentsclubdayton.org](http://www.presidentsclubdayton.org).



- Bob Chiles Golf Outing • **May 9, 2025** • Beaver Creek Country Club
- Outstanding Community Volunteer Breakfast • **May 1, 2025** • Sinclair Community College Conference Center "**Charity Earley**" Room
- Citizen Legion of Honor • Wednesday, **October 8, 2025** • Sinclair Conference Center "**The Great Hall.**"

*In Case You Missed It:* 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 was *Michael Carter, Senior Advisor to the President* at Sinclair College. Sinclair is The Presidents Club of Dayton's largest scholarship donor. We listened to Michael 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 had a lively discussion on the



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past and how the future is being systemically structured to repeat the ills of our American history.



**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, March 19, 2025, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.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 2025-2026 [pcod\\_application\\_2025.pdf \(presidentsclubdayton.org\)](https://www.presidentsclubdayton.org/pcod_application_2025.pdf)

### **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. Next 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. We announced the 5<sup>th</sup> 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/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.



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[Presidents Club, Inc. | Outstanding Club Member Breakfast](#) and Citizen Legion of Honor Award.  
[Presidents Club, Inc. | Citizen Legion of Honor Award](#)  
[Presidents Club Brochure](#) that provides all the activities of The Presidents Club of Dayton.

## **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 [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 **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](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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## ***Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc.***

*Touching Lives with Compassion*

*The Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc. (FNHI) is a 501(c)3 non-profit that supports the guests and operations of the three Greater Dayton-area Fisher Houses. The houses are compassionate care facilities that offer active military, Veterans, and their families housing at no cost during times of medical treatment. Some come for a day, some for a year, some return often for treatment for ongoing issues such as cancer care. The houses are fully stocked with everything that is needed, so the patients and families can focus on one thing, which is healing. We pride ourselves on being a "home away from home" that is tranquil. Community is also often built between families in the houses as they can relate to others facing similar challenges, and life-long bonds have been forged as a result.*

*A gift to FNHI directly benefits the guests of our houses. We are proud of our 4-star rating with Charity Navigator, which is an organization that monitors and rates non-profits and their stewardship of donations. FNHI has earned and enjoys the top rating year over year.*

*The annual gala for Fisher-Nightingale Houses, Inc. (FNHI) is happening on April 26, 2025 at Sinclair Conference Center. This is an evening that celebrates the work of FNHI, and their amazing supporters. Come and celebrate with us and learn more about the work that we do.*

*Our vision is this: "Have well-supported Greater-Dayton area Fisher Houses that are known to the public as compassionate care homes for the military and their families during times of medical need." The link to register can be found here: <https://fnhi.org/cchgala025/>. This is the largest fundraiser of the year for FNHI. Come join us in our work to support those who have served all of us. Doors open at 5:45.*

*Please consider getting engaged with Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc. Compassionate Care Heals!*

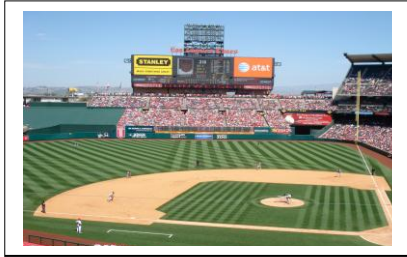
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## **'Take Me out to the Ballgame' Raffle**

Altrusa of Dayton is sponsoring a raffle to win a luxury suite at a Dayton Dragons' Baseball Game.

**Thursday, May 29, 2025**

**Game starts at 7:05 pm, Gates open at  
6pm**

Winner will receive 20 tickets  
to the ballgame and use of the luxury suite.  
Catering is NOT included.

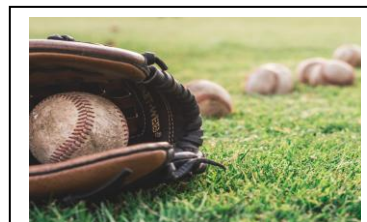
**Raffle Ticket Cost - \$25.00**

Drawing – Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Contact Altrusa of Dayton to purchase  
raffle tickets for this fun event  
at [daytonaltrusa@gmail.com](mailto:daytonaltrusa@gmail.com) or 937-623-9950.

**Make Checks payable to Altrusa of Dayton, Cash or  
can use Venmo (Kathy-Ballman-Parks account)**

Proceeds support Altrusa of Dayton Foundation for grants, scholarships and other community service projects, such as Brigid's Path, Dayton Christian Center, Brunner Literacy, With God's Grace, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Days



for Girls, widow's Home.





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**Miami Valley Military History Museum**

**is located at 4 E. Main Street, Fairborn, OH 45324.**

**☐ March:**

- ☐ **Monday, March 3, 2025:** US Navy Reserve birthday.
- ☐ **Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 5:00PM:** Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial Project meeting.
- ☐ **Tuesday, March 25, 2025:** Medal of Honor Day.
- ☐ **Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 6:00PM:** Fairborn Military Veterans Coalition meeting.
- ☐ **Saturday, March 29, 2025, 2:00PM:** Annual Vietnam Veterans Day pinning ceremony.
- ☐ **Saturday, March 29, 2025, 6:00PM:** 4 Freedom Equestrian Team meeting.

**April:**

- ☐ **Saturday, April 5 2025:** Gold Star Spouses Day.
- ☐ **Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 5:00PM:** Fairborn Military Veterans Memorial Project meeting.
- ☐ **Saturday, April 12, 2025, 2:00PM:** Monthly Speaker Series (2nd Saturday of each month, 2:00 - 3:30PM with light refreshments): Ray Prater: *Bataan Death March and his fathers survival.*
- ☐ **Monday, April 14, 2025:** US Air Force Reserve birthday.
- ☐ **Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 6:00PM:** Fairborn Military Veterans Coalition meeting.



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**DWC**  
**THE DAYTON WOMAN'S CLUB**

**Join us for Lunch!**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**from 11 am – 1 pm**  
*Open to the public*

**Carryout is also available – please call the office at 937-228-1124.**

**We are pleased to announce that we provide, whenever possible, farm-to-table produce along with our homemade and from-scratch meals and desserts!**

**Reservations are required two days in advance for parties of 5 or more. To make a reservation, call 937-228-1124 and leave a message.**

**Private lunches for groups over 20 can be scheduled any day of the week. Pre-registration required.**

*Our menu changes frequently – please check back often.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Guided Tours of The Dayton Woman's Club**

**March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th**  
**1:00 pm**

*Tours are given on the 1st Wednesday of the month.*

Take a tour of our historic Victorian mansion circa 1850. Learn about the history of the building, as well as the founding women who were leaders in the community and used the Club to promote music, art, education, civil rights, and suffrage.

**ONLINE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED**

\$10 per person.

[Learn More & Register](#)