

Hope Springs Eternal



by **Jim Pearson, Director**

Before we know it, spring will be upon us. Plants will sprout and flowers will bloom; leaves will return to the trees. Like the changing of the seasons, The Club is experiencing growth and positive changes as we continue on our tireless mission to serve our community's youth. The culture that has been instilled at The Club is one of joy, self-respect, care for others, and the building of positive relationships with other kids and adults alike. Our membership has reached an all-time high of nearly 180 members. Monthly Teen Nights, organized by and for high schoolers, continue to see high participation, with an average of 30 teens attending each event. The future looks a bit brighter each and every day, and we owe a great deal of our success to those who have supported us in so many wonderful ways!

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THIS QUARTER'S TOP STORIES



SPRING BREAK @ THE CLUB TO THE RESCUE

Need something to keep your kiddos occupied over Spring Break? The Club is currently enrolling for **Spring Break @ The Club!** This year's program will be held April 6-10, from 7:30am-5:30pm daily. Open to all in grades K-6. Lots of fun and engaging activities are in the works. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are included. The program fee is \$90 per child; financial assistance is available. Find more information and enroll today at www.theclubdayton.org/applications.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT COMING SOON

We are so excited to announce our first ever **Middle School Night!** Anyone in grades 6-8 is invited to join us Tuesday, March 17, from 6:00-8:00pm, for an evening of fun. We will have food, karaoke, table games, Makerspace demonstrations, and more! Admission is free. Call for more details.



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us April 25th at 6:00pm for The Club's third annual fundraiser, **Stand-Up for The Club!** This year's event features live acoustic music by **The FrogHollow Band**, and the hilarious stand-up comedy of Portland-based **Dwight Slade**. Food is being prepared by Country Gentleman, followed by dessert from Weinhard Cafe. Auction items include Gonzaga Men's Basketball tickets, vacation packages, Alaska Airlines ticket vouchers, and much more! Tickets are selling fast, so reserve yours today by calling Ginny Butler at **509-290-3882**.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY @ THE CLUB

Throughout the month of February, 10 members of Dayton High School's National Honor Society spent a combined total of 40 hours volunteering to work with youth at The Club. Each of them were exemplary role models, displaying compassion, responsibility, and joy in the service of others. We are so fortunate to have had the opportunity to host these wonderful young adults, and we look forward to more chances to team up with the area's high schoolers.

DAYTON EARLY READING PROJECT



In collaboration with Innovia Foundation, Dayton School District, Dayton Elementary PTSO, and Columbia County Rural Library District, The Club is launching the early reading project, "Opening Books, Opening Doors".



Based on research demonstrating the tremendous challenges that face those who cannot read at grade level by the time they exit third grade, Opening Books, Opening Doors pairs adult volunteers with young readers for one-on-one reading sessions. We are currently in the process of recruiting volunteers, known in the program as "Book Buddies". If you are interested in becoming a Book Buddy, please contact The Club for more information.

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"Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly... you are doing the impossible." - Francis of Assisi

From all of us at The Club, thank you for making our important work possible!