

THE '1918' CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Giving Commitment

Fitting the Clubhouse for its Second Century

Colonel Edward A. Deeds and Charles F. Kettering founded The Engineers Club of Dayton in 1914. As the original clubhouse grew snug, Deeds and Kettering bought the 110 Monument Avenue property. They sent out a search team to check out the architecture of other clubs in the United States. Unsatisfied, they sought inspiration in the great clubs of England.

On Feb. 2, 1918, Deeds and Kettering presented a new clubhouse to the growing organization. Orville Wright accepted the keys on behalf of the now 300 members.

Deeds and Kettering paid for the building themselves in excess of \$300,000 and subsidized its maintenance and operations for the first decade. By then membership had grown to the point that the club could be self-sufficient. Ever since, the forethought, efforts and bequests of members have ensured the club's ongoing survival in a continually changing Dayton.

By 1996 a much-needed \$3.5 million building restoration was underway. It touched all areas of structure and grounds including structure integrity, assessing hazards like lead paint, electrical modernization, enhanced security, and converting to internal steam heat. To pay for it all, financial innovations enabled the Engineers Club Foundation to accept tax-deductible donations.

Nearly twenty years on, we must complete building renovations. Further improvements would reduce operating costs through efficiencies, improve access to the disabled, and expand Internet access to attract younger members and facilities rentals.

Heading toward its 2018 centennial, the clubhouse needs more than \$500,000 to fit it for the new century. All who contribute a minimum of \$1918—symbolic of the year the clubhouse was opened—will be recognized on a prominent display, updated through the year. At the conclusion of the five-year campaign their names will also be placed on a permanent plaque.

All tax-deductible contributions to the Engineers Club of Dayton Foundation's 1918 Capital Campaign will be used for preservation and maintenance. Contributions will automatically apply toward membership in the Deeds-Kettering-Wright Society (\$1,000 minimum cumulative.)

The Club maintains and regularly updates priority lists for imperative and future repairs and upgrades. 1918 Capital Campaign proceeds is being managed on a systematic basis. When the more pressing needs are met, any remaining funds will be kept for future maintenance and preservation. As our founders provided a clubhouse ready for the century before it, now it is our turn. We have the opportunity to help assure the future of the classic building that embodies a history and spirit of innovation shared in fellowship.

Please download the 1918 pledge form to fill out and send to the club. The Dayton Engineers Club Foundation sincerely thanks you for your participation and commitment to restore and maintain our Club to its original condition for the enduring enjoyment of members present and yet to come.

REPAIR. REPLACE. RENEW. RESERVE.

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REPAIR REPLACE RENEW RESERVE '1918' Capital Campaign Giving Commitment Fitting the Clubhouse for its Second Century

Yes! I want to help ensure the Engineers Club is repaired, renewed and reinvigorated to meet its second century. Add my name to the 1918 Capital Campaign Plaque with my contribution of \$1918 or more:

I PLEDGE A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ _____

I want to fulfill my pledge through:

One Single Payment

60 Monthly Payments for 5 Years (minimum \$32 per month to achieve a \$1918 gift)

Other (specify): _____

[] I pledge another amount: _____

[] I wish to give but remain anonymous

Method of Payment:

Invoice on monthly bill Visa MasterCard Other: _____

Make checks payable to the Engineers Club of Dayton Foundation 1918 Fund

If paying by a credit card, please fill out the following:

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name(s) to appear on Pledge roster: _____

Affiliation/Company (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please fill out and return in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to the Engineers Club of Dayton

Tax-deductible contributions to the Engineers Club of Dayton Foundation's 1918 Capital Campaign also apply to recognition as a member of the Deeds-Kettering-Wright Society (\$1,000 minimum cumulative.)

Those wishing to make a five-year pledge of \$1918, paid with their Club bill at \$32 a month (60 months) will also be recognized as ongoing supporters of the 1918 Capital Campaign.

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