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Dear Racquet Club Members,

Health studies confirm that volunteering is one of the best ways to be socially connected while belonging to a group. I'm convinced that our club is successful due to its robust volunteer opportunities. Our membership is growing in large part due to our social events which all require volunteers.

In 2023 we began exploring ways to develop our expanding volunteer program. Recent numbers indicate that our calendar of events offers over 1600 opportunities each year for us to connect with others through volunteering. The Racquet Club Board is committed to offering these opportunities as our way of promoting both physical and mental health benefits.

I'm very proud to announce a new partnership with Signup Genius (SUG). This web-based tool will make it easy to find the best opportunities for you and your friends to connect with the Racquet Club. All signups will slowly migrate to this new tool. Future phases will include signups for both volunteers and participants. Phase 1 will be simple as we work out the bugs. You will receive a link steering you to our new tool that will have opportunities to volunteer for *Play & Stay* events, *Do Dues Day* help and a third tab with very special club needs that we're calling *Opportunity Knocks*.

Phase 2 will launch in a month or two with tournaments, classes & clinics and one of our main social events. Get the most out of the Racquet Club by *belonging* as a volunteer. Please get involved, play with the site and report back to us with your thoughts.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2025!

Bob James
President, OH Racquet Club