

# An interview with Phil Mowry

By Becky Smith

**Becky:** How did you become a member of the Engineers Club?

**Phil:** I came to be a member through my executive role at the National Composite Center in 2006. Since then I've learned to use the Club for business development; for example, in 2008 I launched my own firm and my confidence to do so came from the knowledge of the Engineers Club being a key resource. The Club is evolving and becoming even more beneficial through the upgrades in technology, customer service, and program options.

**You mentioned launching your own firm . . .**

I started the KnuVex Group in '08. The concept behind the firm was inspired by the entrepreneurs that started the Engineers Club 90 years ago. They had a vision for themselves, the company, and the city of Dayton. I knew there would be no better place than the Engineers Club to start my own endeavors.

**What is the primary function of the KnuVex Group?**

Our mission is to transform individuals for long-term success in the new economy.

**That is a timely and ambitious goal. I'm glad to hear your company still has faith in Dayton's ability to rise above the negative forecasts.**

Absolutely. I believe in Dayton as a place to live and raise a family. I see a bright future for the area and KnuVex hopes to be a vehicle to drive that bright future.

**Now that you are president of the Club what are your plans?**

The Board will be implementing an aggressive business plan full of excitement and opportunity. My team and I plan to transform the Club and keep moving in the directions of the past presidents. I would like to ask everyone's patience and support because it's not going to be easy.

**How does the first lady feel about your new position?**

Elise and I, on the social side, look forward to participating in the life and fellowship of the Club.

**One last thing—now that you're president, will the pub be open every day?**

Count on it!!!



*Phil Mowry*

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## daytaOhio provides new high-tech projection system

By Ken Barta, Executive Vice President, daytaOhio - the Ohio Wright Center for Data



*Ken Barta*

The Engineers Club now benefits from a daytaOhio investment that includes a Barco projection system capable of producing high-definition images from multiple sources. The system can be used for multisite video-conferencing, investigating multiple sets of data at the same time, and projecting multimedia presentations from a VHS, DVD, flash drive, laptop computer or networked source.

The idea for enhancing the capabilities of the Club auditorium came through working with **Phil Mowry** and **Harry Seifert** on a daytaOhio innovation network.

daytaOhio had made an investment in the National Composites Center's "knowledge center" and at our five

university partners (Wright State University, University of Dayton, the Ohio State University, the University of Cincinnati and Kent State University).

We were looking for a downtown venue that could introduce visitors to the innovation heritage of the Dayton region, and the Engineers Club seemed the perfect solution. The auditorium was not being fully utilized and an urban venue for innovation opportunities would help support a re-emergence of downtown and the new businesses at Tech-Town, the Entrepreneurs Center, and other sites.

It is our plan and hope that this technology will enable creative leaders from across the country and around the world to share their ideas with Dayton and its technology community. Like the symposiums and discussions on new technology that dominated the Engineers Club schedule in the past, we can use the same historic facility to enhance our region's capabilities and share them with the rest of the world.