

THE OBERLIN CLUB OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK REGION CHARTER

Article I - Background

The Oberlin Club of the Metropolitan New York Region (OCMNY for short) has its origins in the extant Oberlin Alumni Club of New York. Due to the nature of the club's geographic extent, its alumni population is large and diverse. The club has the largest population of alumni and nearly twice as many alumni as the second largest club. Specific to professional backgrounds, Oberlin alumni in the region have a strong presence in the fields of law, arts & entertainment, non-profits, and education, amongst other fields.

Historically, the club has held a few events on an annual basis, these include: The Gilbert & Sullivan Event (organized with help from alumni in the Blue Hill Troupe); Oberlin Day of Service; an Annual Summer Picnic; a summer outing to a Brooklyn Cyclones game; and a volunteer appreciation dinner (see below event calendar below). The club also has co-hosted the annual reception for the Oberlin Business Scholars program since the inception of this program in 2003.

The club also encourages alumni to engage with the admissions process through participating in interviewing prospective students.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the OCMNY is to build and sustain a lifelong relationship between Oberlin College and its alumni living in the Greater New York Metropolitan Region, through the following activities:

- Create a community of active alumni volunteers to support Oberlin College initiatives
- Support Oberlin College's fundraising initiatives (annual giving)
- Engage students as future alumni
- Provide social and career networking for Oberlin College students and alumni
- Encourage participation of Oberlin students and alumni in Oberlin College and Greater NYC Metro Alumni Region activities
- Facilitate sharing of ideas between the school and various alumni associations
- Provide an avenue for feedback to the administration
- Develop a strong community of actively engaged Oberlin Alumni in the New York Metropolitan Region that are dedicated to building and sustaining a lifelong relationship with Oberlin College.

Article III – Membership

Membership will be open to any alumnus/a of Oberlin who is living or working within 50 miles of New York City. The membership area is broadly defined as the New York City Metropolitan Area, inclusive of the following counties: in Connecticut - Litchfield, Fairfield, New Haven; in New Jersey - Ocean, Monmouth, Middlesex, Mercer, Somerset, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Essex, Union, Hudson, Bergen; in New York - New York, Queens, Kings, Richmond, Bronx, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland.

Currently there are **over 6,600** alumni with addresses within the geographic region defined above in the alumni database. This would position the club in the Finney Tier.

Article IV - Leadership

The Leadership Committee will consist of no less than five alumni who represent a range of years and interests and are willing to execute to the responsibilities laid out in this Charter. The Leadership Committee membership will be selected in accordance with the bylaws.