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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**New OSUDC
President Harlene**

A big "Go Bucks" hello to all my fellow Ohio State alumni and friends! I thank you for the privilege of serving as your new president of this award-winning alumni club. I promise to do my best to uphold its fine traditions and, with the help of this excellent group of officers and board of directors that you've also elected, plan to host many fun, exciting and interesting events throughout the year. As you know, our main mission is to foster greater relationships among all OSU alumni through social and educational events and to sustain our scholarship programs to OSU students.

This 2002-2003 Board includes all the fine hardworking members from last year, many of whom changed responsibilities. We welcome the return to this area and this Board a former

Student Recruitment Officer, George Nelson. As you see, Lori Robishaw continues on as our Vice President, Leandra Kennedy is now our Secretary and Kim Badenhop has agreed to take over the Treasurer's big job. I'm so happy that former Treasurer Lorin Pfeil will continue as Scholarship Chairman and Hongor Oulanoff remains to continue his excellent history with student recruitment. I'm fortunate to have my husband Les continue to produce our newsletter, the BITS (an OSU Alumni Recognized Newsletter Award winner), again for another year. I'm also blessed to have two former club Presidents remaining on the board who have contributed so much of their time and hard work, John Hilbert and Bill Halsey.

We are currently working on a variety of events for this coming year, always trying to keep a balance between activities such as student recruitment, OSU sporting events, community service and social events. The first events of this year include a social gathering by the Potomac River and the annual summer picnic where we host our area students and families who are attending Ohio State this fall. Our Website, OSUDC, will continue to post these and all upcoming events throughout the year. Please look through this newsletter for other activities that I hope will attract your participation.

Remember, this is YOUR club and this Board wants it to be meaningful and interesting to you so please feel free to contact me with your suggestions for events and/or future projects as well as your likes and dislikes. I look forward to a great year together!

In friendship, Harlene Stapf Palkuti

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It's that time of year again to lend your support to your local Buckeye alumni club! All OSU alumni in the Washington, D.C. area are invited to join our club. The dues are just \$15 per member or family per year (June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003). Our newsletter "Buckeye Bits" will keep you informed of upcoming events. Please fill out the form on page 5 and mail it to the Treasurer, Kim Badenhop

Check the mailing label on this BITS for an **asterisk (*)** by your name - this means you have NOT yet paid your dues for 2002 - 2003.

SPRING DINNER HIGHLIGHTS WITH MARK DANTONIO

On May 22, OSU Football Defensive Coordinator Mark Dantonio was the featured speaker at the Club's annual spring dinner at the Westin Embassy Row Hotel (formerly the Ritz) on Dupont Circle. Mr. Dantonio, who just completed his highly successful first season with OSU, spoke of his experiences with the football team and coach Jim Tressel, and took questions from the audience about his predictions for the upcoming 2002 season. A raffle was held to sell the Club's President Club home football tickets, and an auction was held to sell a mini-replica of Ohio Stadium, generously donated to the club by one of our members, Dr. Sanford Glazer. Over \$550 was raised at this event for the Club's Spearman Scholarship Fund. Nearly 100 Club members and guests attended the event, including 2 of the 3 scholarship winners who will be attending Ohio State



Officers and Board member that were elected at the Spring Dinner are shown here with Coach Dantonio. From l/r back row: Jody Yano (guest from Columbus), John Hilbert, Hongor Oulanoff, Coach Dantonio; l/r front row: Wendy Butler, Mike Meneer, Kim Badenhop, Harlene Palkuti, Leandra Kennedy, Janet and Bill Halsey. Board members not shown are Ken Balog, Steve English, George Nelson, Les Palkuti, Lorin Pfeil, and Lori Robishaw.



Loyal Club Alumni Lowell and Jean Fisher, Charles Beatley (former mayor of Alexandria) and George Gableman enjoying Spring Dinner festivities

in the fall. Jody Yano, Director of Alumni Clubs from the Alumni Association in Columbus, also attended

the event.

The dinner also included the election of new OSUDC

Alumni Club Officers and Board members.

THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE:

We awarded three scholarships this year to DC area students who will be Freshman at Ohio State this Fall. The three winners are: Joseph Nunez, from Thomas Wootton High School, MD; Rosemarie Cox, from Fauquier High School, VA; and Rebecca Magazine, Holton Arms High School, MD. Thanks to your continued support of our OSUDC club, each of these students will receive \$2,100. The remaining \$2000 of our scholarship money will go to previous DC area scholarship winners that are still in good standing with the University.

SAN JOSE STATE FOOTBALL TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

There are still some ticket packages available for our annual trek to Columbus. This year we were able to secure tickets to the OSU-San Jose State homecoming game on October 12. The package, including ticket and our annual tailgate costs \$60. This football package is for 2002 – 2003 OSUDC members only. The number of football packages is limited and thus will be

distributed on a first-come first-served basis.

\$3/under 10, free/under 3, a \$20 maximum per family. For additional information



Scholarship winner Joseph Nunez with his mother, father and younger brother at Spring Dinner.

SUMMER PICNIC & STUDENT SENDOFF AUGUST 18

Come help plant some new Buckeyes at our annual Summer Picnic/Student Sendoff on Sunday August 18, from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Last year we had over eighty partygoers including the new freshman, current students, and alumni. This year promises to be just as big a party as we gear up for the new season. Like last year, Ken and Suzann Balog have been gracious enough to host the barbecue at their home. Come make the new Buckeyes feel welcome.

This event is a great way to of getting to know the Ohio State alumni community as well as students attending Ohio State from the Washington area. The cost for alumni is \$7/adult,

about this event check our website at www.osudc.org.

If you plan to come please RSVP to Kim Badenhop, (703) 370-1540 by August 12. The price of the picnic can be paid at the door of the event. Come join the fun. We look forward to seeing you.

Directions to Ken & Suzann Balog, 21072 Carthagena Pl.

Ashburn, VA (703) 858-5153

It is a light gray house with a scarlet door!!!! – Ken's wife would not let him paint a Block "O" on the door; but the OSU flag will be flying.

From All Points East of Dulles Airport:

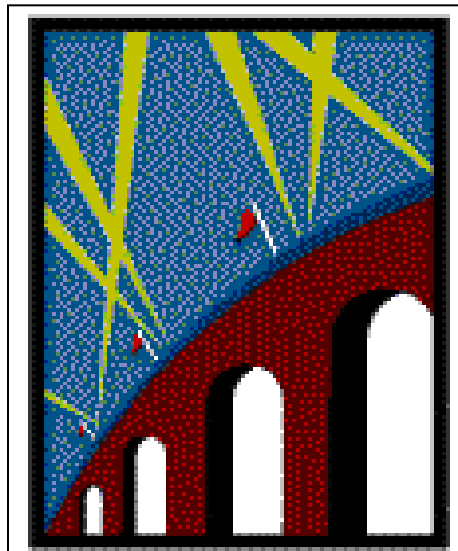
Get on the Dulles toll road towards the airport
Take exit 9B – Route 28N (Sulley Rd.). At the 5th light (Waxpool) Rd. turn left (note there are two left hand turn lanes). At the 4th light (Ashburn Village Blvd.) turn

right. Take the first left on to Cheltenham Circle. Take the 4th left (Carthagenia Pl.) we are near the end of the street on the right.

From Sterling, Reston: You can take Route 7 to Ashburn Village Blvd. (left turn off Route 7). Go approximately 2.5 miles. Turn right on Cheltenham Circle. Take your next right onto Carthagenia Pl.

From Frederick, MD Take Route 15 South towards Leesburg/Tyson's Corner. Take Route 7 East (towards Tyson's Corner) and continue as above.

chit chat and be among your alumni family and friends. Bring a friend along if you'd like. See you there?



has an abundance of nearby free parking, doesn't already have another alumni club booked, and is excited about being the official Ohio State headquarters in the DC area. If you haven't been to Willie & Reed's before, I urge you to check it out - it is a very nice facility and we will have the entire upper level for Ohio State fans only! We are currently working out the details on drink and food specials and will announce everything in the August issue of the BITS.

NEW FOOTBALL GAME WATCH LOCATION SELECTED

WILLIE & REED'S

301-951-1100

4901-A Fairmont Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814

POTOWMACK LANDING HAPPY HOUR

July 18, 5:00 PM – 7PM

One of our more popular and traditional "Happy Hours" is our annual trek to the Potowmack Landing Restaurant. This will be our 11th annual event at this great spot on the Potomac River, just south of National Airport off the G-W Parkway. There will be special prices on domestic and imported draft pints, a wine of the month, and Philly cheese steak sandwiches.

Whether you are new to our club or to the area, or an old timer, please come and join us for some "Buckeye" fun,



Willie & Reed's Sports Bar

After much hard work and site visits to many potential locations, the OSUDC Board has selected Willie and Reed's as the official Gamewatch location for Ohio State Football this fall. Willie & Reed's is a wonderful bar/restaurant that has numerous large flat screen TVs, is close to the metro,

OSUDC - VA ADOPT – A - HIGHWAY

Join us for OSU Adopt-A-Highway litter clean-ups in Virginia on the dates below. Our club has adopted the stretch of Lee Chapel Rd from Ox Rd. to Old Keene Mill Rd. We will meet at the McDonald's at the intersection of Lee Chapel and Old Keene Mill at 9:00 am on each pick-up day. Volunteers must be 18+ years of age. Hope to see you there! Contact: Phil Gbur, 703-799-3403; philip.m.gbur@census.gov

August 17
November 16

OSUDC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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OSUDC Dues: \$15.00 per individual or family for June 1, 2002 - May 31, 2003

\$ _____ 2002 - 2003 Club dues
 \$ _____ Football Ticket Packages @ \$60 each
 \$ _____ Total

Send completed membership form with each order
 Make check payable to: OSU Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.
 Mail Check & Form to:

**KIM BADENHOP
 803 N. HOWARD ST #241
 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304**

Please complete the information on this form even if you think we have it.

Name	Name (Spouse)
Year(s) of Graduation and Degree(s)	Year(s) of Graduation and Degree(s)
Street Address	Event Suggestions
City, State, Zip	Volunteer Interests
Home Phone Work Phone	Interest in becoming Board Member
E-mail	

SPEARMAN SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

You can make your own donations to our local scholarship fund by mailing your checks to:

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 Fawcett Center for Tomorrow
 The Ohio State University
 2400 Olentangy River Road
 Columbus, OH 43210-1027

Make checks payable to: Alumni Club of Washington, DC/Spearman Scholarship Fund #524-938.



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