

# Buckeye Bits

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## HOLIDAY DINNER DECEMBER 13

The Washington DC Alumni Club will once again host our always-anticipated Holiday Party on Friday evening December 13th at the Capitol Hill Club! The fun begins at 6:30 and lasts until 9:30. Again, there will be a reception with heavy hot hors d'oeuvres, an imported and domestic cheese display, a carving station with turkey, Christmas cookies, and an open bar including wine, beer, spirits and coffee. Later in the evening we will have special entertainment and a raffle for door prizes.

The cost is \$40 per person. Also we will be collecting unwrapped toys for underprivileged children. To make reservations send your check made out to "OSU Alumni Club of Washington DC" to John Hilbert at 232 6th Street SE, Apt 4, Washington DC 20003. The deadline for reservations is December 9th.

The beautiful Capitol Hill Club is located at 300 First Street SE, just one block from the US Capitol. Located directly across the street from the Capitol South metro station (orange and blue lines), the Club is easily accessible from all parts of Washington. Parking is plentiful across First Street from the Club in the Congressional Parking Lot, which opens to the public at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Buckeyes! I have wonderful news to relate to you. Our members and our alumni club have been honored by receiving several awards from the University. The prestigious Distinguished Alumni Awards have been given to two of our past presidents, Lowell Fisher and John Hilbert. These awards will be presented to them at a banquet in Columbus the end of this month. At the Leadership Conference held in September, OSUDC has again won the Gold Star Award as an outstanding OSU alumni club in the nation. Our Newsletter, the BITS, has been selected again for the Newsletter Award for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. This award carries with it a \$100 scholarship donation.

I'm so happy to report the terrific attendance at our Gamewatches this fall! They have generated significant donations to our student scholarship programs. We look forward to continued support and many fun times together.

As the holidays approach, please mark you calendars for Dec. 13 and plan to attend our annual Holiday Party reserved again at the lovely Capitol Hill Club. This year, we plan special entertainment for

you along with the usual good food and friendship.

I look forward to seeing you at these events. Go Bucks! Harlene

## TWO OSUDC PAST PRESIDENTS NAMED AS RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS ALUMNI AWARDS



**Alumni Award recipients John Hilbert and Lowell Fisher**

Winner of the **Alumni Citizenship Award for Community Service**, Lowell Fisher ('50) of Arlington was instrumental in establishing our Club's scholarship fund in 1983, and for the past 25 years, he has served as an athletic committeeman providing the University with information related to scholar-athletes in the Washington area. His community service includes tutoring disadvantaged children and arranging tours to the Smithsonian for them. His longtime support of the Red Cross includes driving people in need to medical appointments and other essential services, and he assists with coordination and delivery of Meals on Wheels to elderly and homebound persons. His nominators said this about Lowell: "His community is humanity. Throughout a career of personal achievement, coupled with zealous dedication to community service, he has been an example of success, commitment, self-sacrifice, and persistent loyalty to the ideals that have their root in basic values . . . refined, expanded, and deepened in the culture of The Ohio State University."

John W. Hilbert III ('93) of Washington, D.C., is a winner of the **Thompson Alumni Award for Early Career Achievement**. Less than a decade after receiving his

business degree at Ohio State, and only four years after earning his law degree at Washington and Lee University, John became a partner and president of a respected Washington lobbying firm. As president of Kinghorn, Hilbert, and Associates, John oversees the firm's client base, client development, and staffing issues. He has had extensive experience in national public policy, economic development, and association management, and his areas of focus include international trade, the environment, defense, and federal appropriations. In 1999, he was selected to be a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce Industry Sector Advisory Committee, which provides feedback to the Administration on the impact of potential international agreements on U.S. industries, and he continues in that role under the current administration.

Lowell and John will be honored at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Awards Banquet in Columbus, and we congratulate them for their many accomplishments and for being such outstanding representatives of our alma mater.

## OSUDC AWARDED GOLD STAR AT 2002 CLUB LEADERS CONFERENCE

The theme for the 51<sup>st</sup> annual Alumni Leaders conference in Columbus was "Imagine the Possibilities". The full day session on September 13 included informative workshops on all aspects of operating a successful alumni club. Representatives from the Washington, DC club included Hongor Oulanoff, Lori Robishaw, Janet Halsey, and Bill Halsey. At the awards ceremony, the DC club was honored by receiving a Gold Star Outstanding Club Award and an Alumni Club Newsletter Award. The Gold Star represents our club being among the top ten of over 200 Alumni clubs worldwide, and is based on outstanding involvement in community relations, student recruitment, and fellowship and networking. The Newsletter Award marks the fourth year in a row that our editor, Les Palkuti, has been honored for producing one of the best OSU alumni newsletters in the country. This award included a framed copy of a newsletter and a check for \$100.00



**Board members Janet Halsey, Lori Robishaw, Bill Halsey and Hongor Oulanoff hold OSUDC's Gold Star Award**

## OSUDC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**October 26: Penn St. Ronald McDonald House**

**Gamewatch 3:30PM - Willie and Reed's**

**November 2: Minnesota Gamewatch - Willie and Reed's**

**November 9: Purdue Gamewatch - Willie and Reed's**

**November 16: Illinois Gamewatch - Willie and Reed's**

**November 23: Michigan Toys for Underprivileged children**

**Gamewatch 12:15PM - Willie and Reed's**

**December 13: Holiday Party - Capitol Hill Club - Toys for Underprivileged children**

### FALL CHARITY DRIVES

At two of the football Gamewatches at Willie and Reed's, our club will be collecting items for charities that we support. Household items are needed for the Northern Virginia Ronald McDonald House on Oct. 26.

The Alumni Club will be collecting unwrapped children's toys, books, games, etc. at the Gamewatch on Nov. 23, the game with the team "Up North" and at the Holiday Party on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The items will be brought to T.C. Williams High School (on King St. in Alexandria) where they will be sorted by age group and parents will be allowed to come in and "shop" for gifts for their children.

Please be generous with your donation for these very worthwhile causes. Donations are tax deductible. At these Gamewatches, we will give out door prize tickets to those who bring a donation.

### INTEREST IN OSU STRONG AMONG AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Fall schedule of College fairs is in full swing. Interest in Ohio State has been generally strong at the fairs we have attended. And participation among alumni volunteers remains high. Student interest in subject matters has ranged from architecture and engineering, to business and sports.

To date only one fair at Eleanor Roosevelt was cancelled due to the security situation in Washington this Fall. Thanks to all the alumni club volunteers who have stepped up and staffed fairs at the midway point of the season including Bill and Janet Halsey, Leandra Kennedy, Deborah Shade, Mary Rampe, Marc Schie, Mark Epstein, Steve



**BITS editor Les Palkuti with the 2002 Newsletter Award**

English, and special thanks to first time volunteer and recent graduate Julie Neff.

For anyone interested in volunteering for the remaining fairs this Fall or the for the Spring schedule of fairs contact Hongor J. Oulanoff on (703) 351-6509.

### OSU vs SAN JOSE STATE GAME

Many OSUDC members trekked to Columbus for the San Jose State



**OSUDC visitors Bill Halsey, Hongor Oulanoff Phil Gbur at San Jose State game tailgate**

homecoming  
football game.

The OSU Alumni Club of Columbus hosted our annual Tailgate. The Tailgate took place at the top level of the Tuttle Parking Garage, just east of the stadium.

### OSU VANITY LICENSE PLATES

Custom Ohio State license plates available in BOTH Maryland AND Virginia!

For Virginia plates: order at any DMV customer location or on-line at [www.dmv.state.va.us](http://www.dmv.state.va.us). Go to the special college plate section. Plates will be mailed within 2-4 weeks.

For Maryland plates: contact Bill Halsey at (301) 549-1363. There is a one-time \$45 per set fee. All profits for MD plates go to our scholarship fund, which has netted over \$2000 for the scholarship fund.

### OSUDC - VA ADOPT - A - HIGHWAY

Join us for OSU Adopt-A-Highway litter clean-ups in Virginia on November 16. 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 9:00AM. Volunteers must be 18+ years of age. Hope to see you there! Contact: Phil

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[philip.m.gbur@census.gov](mailto:philip.m.gbur@census.gov)

### OHIO STATE FOOTBALL GAMEWATCH AT WILLIE AND REED'S

4901-A Fairmont  
Avenue, Bethesda,  
Maryland  
(301) 951-1100

What great fun we've all had at our Game watches this fall! Terrific attendance of Buckeye faithful, many TV's, good food, successful support for scholarship programs and of course, the best of all, the UNDEFEATED Bucks!

It's like a little slice of The Shoe in metro DC! Come on over and join in the good times!



**Terrific crowd at WILLIE and REED'S for the Northwestern Gamewatch. Over 170 alumni were cheering the Buckeyes during the Wisconsin Game.**

### THE TICKET CONNECTION

Our club is maintaining a "ticket exchange" program for the 2002 football season. The program involves putting people in touch with each other who wish to buy, sell or trade OSU football tickets.

If you have or need tickets, please e-mail Steve English [english1\\_1998@yahoo.com](mailto:english1_1998@yahoo.com) who will then put you in contact with the appropriate person.



**The Schie family, Julie and Marc with twins Sarah and Caroline cheer the team at a recent Gamewatch**

**OSUDC MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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 below 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.

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

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