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## HOLIDAY PARTY



**Harlene Palkuti, OSUDC President and Director Robert Wray with the Westlake High School Choir after their performance at the Holiday Party.**

Over 60 local Buckeyes brought in the holiday cheer at the Annual Holiday Party held on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol Hill Club. Once again, it was truly a success! The food was great—complete with a turkey carving station, tasty appetizers

and mouth-watering desserts. The ambiance of the Eisenhower room was festive and inviting, which made it a great place to socialize and have a cocktail from the open bar. The true highlight of the evening was the entertainment, provided by the choir from Westlake HS in Waldorf, Maryland. They sang traditional Christmas Carols, other memorable Holiday tunes, and even CARMEN OHIO! It was quite a treat! We also collected toys for underprivileged children, and we held a raffle for OSU memorabilia. Thanks to all who attended this wonderful evening. Tis' the Season!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of our OSU Alumni and Friends! What a busy and exciting year it has been for our OSUDC club. Thanks to everyone's wonderful support and financial contributions resulting heavily from the successful Gamewatch raffles, we will be able to increase the number of local scholarships awarded next year. Also, the household goods, food, toys and money collected at the Gamewatches and annual Holiday Party were *greatly appreciated* by the charities. Thank you again for your generosity!

And what about our beloved football team!! What a season this has been and now a chance to play for the National Championship! We

will gather again at Willie and Reed's in Bethesda on Jan 3 to watch the Buckeye victory over Miami.

Our officers and board are planning some great events for the coming year. Beginning on January 21, we will again return to Willie and Reed's but this time to watch the Ohio State vs. Indiana basketball game. The restaurant has offered to donate 10% of their gross sales that evening to our scholarship fund so be sure to mark that date on your calendar to attend. Our alumni club has been invited to be the audience for a live broadcast of CNN Crossfire on January 22. Other events include an OSUDC night at the Washington Capitals hockey game on Feb.6 and a ski trip to Ski Liberty on March 1. We also plan to donate our time one evening to answer telephones for a WETA telethon. I'm sure you are bound to find one of these events to "tickle your interest" and I look forward to seeing you there. Wishing you and yours a wonderful happy and healthy holiday season.

Harlene Palkuti

## OSUDC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 3: National Championship Fiesta Bowl Gamewatch 8:00PM - Willie and Reed's**

**January 21: Indiana Basketball Gamewatch 8:00PM - Willie and Reed's**

**January 22: CNN Crossfire Show 6:00 PM**

**February 6: OSUDC Hockey night as the Capitals take on the New Jersey Devils - MCI Center**

**March 1: OSUDC Ski Trip to Liberty Resort**

**Spring: WETA Pledge Drive**

**May: Spring Dinner**



**Group of young Buckeyes enjoying Christmas festivities at the Capital Hill Club**

organization that helps needy children and their families in Alexandria, VA. The toys collected at our annual Holiday Party

## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

For the third year, our club collected household items and money donations for the Ronald McDonald House of Northern Virginia at Gamewatches during the month of October. Thanks for everyone's support. If you would like to find out more about the Ronald McDonald House or provide additional donations, please call 703-698-7080.

## HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE 2002

Thanks to all who donated toys and money to our toy drives. The items donated during the Michigan Gamewatch went to Community Partners for Children, a charitable

were given to St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville, MD., a place of refuge for abused and abandoned children and young mothers. The donated items helped provide Christmas presents for over 300 families. Thank you for your generosity during this holiday season of giving.

## ALUMNI CLUB MAKES FIRST IMPRESSION WITH GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

At the University's request, the OSUDC alumni club helped to facilitate the departure of five Washington area high school guidance counselors for a visit to Ohio State. An alumni student recruiter met the guidance counselors at Dulles Airport's charter terminal to distribute gifts and confirm the tail number of an early morning jet to Ohio State's Don Scott Airport. It was reported that the guidance counselors were favorably impressed by their tour of the University as well as the hospitality of the alumni club in Washington as they were preparing to see the campus for the first time.

In other student recruitment activities alumni volunteers accomplished the Fall schedule of college fairs. Thanks go to Lori Robishaw, Phil Gbur and Michael Meneer for staffing the last fairs of the year. In addition, volunteers completed a mailing to prospective high school students who have expressed an interest in attending Ohio State following graduation. The purpose of the mailing is to reciprocate their interest and act as a local resource for information about the University and the alumni club's scholarship program.

Many new and old alumni club members alike continue to volunteer to staff college fairs and participate in other recruitment

activities. If you are interested in volunteering in the club's student recruitment program contact Hongor J. Oulanoff on (703) 351-6509.

**FIESTA BOWL  
GAMEWATCH AT  
WILLIE AND REED'S  
JANUARY 3, 2003**

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

What great fun we've all had at our Gamewatches 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!

So lets meet again at Willie and Reed's for the

**OSU – Miami  
National Championship  
Game**

Although the game doesn't begin until 8PM, the restaurant tells us that Happy Hour prices will begin at 5:30 PM so plan to arrive as soon as you can.

**GO BUCKS!!!!**

**WATCH  
BASKETBALL HELP  
THE SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

January 21, 2003, 8:00 PM

Join the fun as local Buckeye fans join together to watch Ohio State

basketball and raise some money for our scholarship fund. We will gather at Willie and Reed's on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, to cheer Ohio State as they take on the Indiana Hoosiers. As a token of their appreciation for our support of their restaurant, Willie and Reed's will donate 10% of the gross sales that night to the OSUDC scholarship fund. At the end of March (when the regular season games are finished), Willie & Reed's will compare the totals of any Alumni Group. The one Club that raised the greatest amount of money will then receive a check for \$500.00 from Willie & Reed's owners' Mike Wilson and Scott Reed! Our thanks to Willie and Reed's too, for their continued support of our club and the scholarship fund.

**JOIN OSUDC FOR CNN  
LIVE NETWORK TV**

Our alumni club has been invited to be the studio audience for a live broadcast of CNN Crossfire in the Jack Morton Auditorium at George Washington University. The audience enjoys an hour of lively debate with the hosts and there is an opportunity to ask on-air questions. This event is scheduled for the evening of January 22. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the audience must be

seated by 6:30 PM - tickets are free. We can supply a group up to 50 so please respond as soon as possible to Harlene Palkuti at [harlenep@netzero.net](mailto:harlenep@netzero.net) Audience information, directions and topics can be requested by e-mail at [CNN@gwu.edu](mailto:CNN@gwu.edu)

### HOCKEY GAME

February 5, 7:00PM

We have reservations to attend the Wash Capitals vs New Jersey Devils game at the MCI center. Tickets will be \$30, normally \$35. The Caps will send out a mailer to each member and thus each member can sign up directly with the Caps. If you did not get a flyer from the Caps, please call Ken Balog at (703) 858-5153 and he will send you a flyer. We will all be seated together.

### OSUDC SKI TRIP 2003

March 1, 2003

After such a resounding success two years ago and last year's failure due to lack of snow, The Ohio State Alumni Club of Washington, DC is organizing a ski trip to Liberty Mountain ski resort for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. For those of you unfamiliar with Liberty Mountain, the resort is a little over one hour from DC and has a great variety of slopes and slope-side activities. Directions to the resort are located on their

website at [www.skiliberty.com](http://www.skiliberty.com).

We have organized a fun day for all! We will meet at 8:00AM in the lodge to pass out lift tickets and equipment rental forms, ski the morning on the mountain, meet at the Chalet at the base for lunch at noon, and then ski the rest of the day! Later in the day we will meet up in the resort's bar for some après skiing. We are not organizing any transportation to the resort, but we will help out with carpooling if you are interested. Your lift tickets are good for the entire day of skiing (until 10:00PM) so you are free to stay as long as you wish. We have arranged a special group rate of \$55.00 for those with your own equipment (includes lift ticket and lunch) and \$80.00 for those who need ski rental equipment.

If you are interested, please email Les Palkuti at

your reservation and send in a check made out to "The OSU Alumni Club of Washington DC" by 17 February. Send your checks to: Les Palkuti, 3720 Carriage House Court, Alexandria, VA.

If anyone is interested in staying in a hotel Friday or Saturday night you should contact the Liberty Hotel, located right at the resort. Call (717) 642-8282 for details. Please note, this information is only FYI, we are NOT organizing an overnight package and do not have a group rate reserved with the hotel.

### 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.



**Evelyn English and Clarence Wilson participating in the Christmas Cheer at the holiday party**

[harlenep@netzero.net](mailto:harlenep@netzero.net) with

**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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| Year(s) of Graduation and Degree(s)        | Year(s) of Graduation and Degree(s) |
| Street Address                             | Event Suggestions                   |
| City, State, Zip                           | Volunteer Interests                 |
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