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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone! And what a way to start this year with our beloved Buckeye football team winning a long-deserved national championship! Our Game Watch location, Willie and Reed's in Bethesda, was packed with over 300 people, as bedlam broke loose with the double overtime victory. What a tremendous victory and what pride and joy it brought to all of our Ohio State community.

Due to the overwhelming increase in attendance at our football game watches this season, everyone there had the opportunity to make many new friends. Our local alumni club also benefited from increased football attendance by increasing our membership as well as the number of student scholarships awarded. Thank you all again for your continued support!

Sorry if you had to miss our most recent events, they were quite fun and everyone had a grand time. Several members had the unexpected opportunity to greet and talk with Coach Tressel when he was awarded "Outstanding Coach of the Year" by the Pigskin Club of Washington, DC, where we certainly let our presence be known with tremendous cheers when he was introduced. The CNN Crossfire show had a capacity audience and was quite a unique and interesting experience. Other events included the basketball game watch fundraiser at Willie and Reed's and the Capitals Hockey Game.

The new events our board is planning include skiing (or just enjoying watching others ski and having a nice lunch together) at Ski Liberty Resort in Maryland scheduled for March 1, tours of two lovely and interesting landmarks – Tudor Place and Dunbarton House in Georgetown on April 12, and of course, our annual spring dinner in May that includes the election of new officers and board members as well as awarding of student scholarships. This year's dinner promises to be a SPECIAL EVENT with a speaker(s) I know you will be THRILLED hearing! You will receive a special mailing announcing specific details of this not to be missed evening. We are also trying to arrange a session answering telephones at public television station WETA during their fund drive in March. Please see details of these events discussed in this newsletter and I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Go Bucks! Harlene Palkuti

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## OSUDC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 24: OSU Team visit to Washington, DC and the White House**

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

**March: WETA Pledge Drive**

**April 12: Tudor Place and Dunbarton House Tour**

**May: Spring Dinner**

### FOOTBALL BUCKS COMING TO WASHINGTON!!!

That's right, "the best d... team in the land" is scheduled to be congratulated by President Bush at the White House. The event is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Feb. 24, dependent upon world events.

Athletic Director Andy Geiger has informed me that the team will be flying into Dulles by charter plane and return to Columbus the same day. Their plans are to visit the Lincoln and Vietnam memorials between 11:30/12:00Noon - 1:30PM where they will be served a box lunch. Due to their schedule and transportation arrangements, our Club will not be able to sponsor a formal reception for them as we had hoped. So...., wear your OSU colors, etc. and come to these areas during this time frame to greet and mingle with the team. We will inform you by e-mail of any changes in these arrangements. (Call Harlene Palkuti at 703-360-9321 if you do not receive e-

mail). We hope you can all make a special effort to greet the Team and show our Club's support and pride in their accomplishments!

### COACH TRESSEL HONORED

The Pigskin Club of Washington, DC honored Coach Tressel as Coach of the Year at a dinner at the Capital Hilton Hotel on Jan 17. As it's club said, "Under Coach Tressel's leadership, the Buckeyes played with a renewed passion and pride that demonstrated an understanding and appreciation of Ohio State's rich football tradition. In addition to giving great effort every game, they conducted themselves with class and dignity both on and off the field." As Buckeyes, we can all take pride in this outstanding representative of The Ohio State University and as many have stated, he is a real class act! For those of us who were fortunate enough to attend this event, it was



**Pigskin Club honors Tressel as Coach of the Year**  
It was thrilling to meet, talk and have photos taken with our coach.



**Harlene Palkuti, OSUDC President with Coach**



**George Gableman, Lowell Fisher and Bill Lewis with Coach and Mrs.**

## OSUDC SKI TRIP TO LIBERTY MOUNTAIN

March 1, 2003

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Washington, DC has organized a ski trip to Liberty Mountain Resort for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. We have arranged 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 in the resort's bar for some après ski fun. 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 secured a special group rate of \$55 for those with your own equipment (includes lift ticket and lunch) and \$80 for those who need ski rental equipment.

If you are interested, please e-mail Les Palkuti at harlenep@netzero.net with your reservation by 26 February. In your e-mail, please indicate your choice of lift ticket or equipment rental and your selection for lunch entrée (choices are hamburger, chicken breast,

hot dog, steak sandwich, pork tenderloin and veggie burger). Directions to Ski Liberty are located on their website at [www.skiliberty.com](http://www.skiliberty.com)

## OSUDC SPRING STUDENT RECRUITMENT DRIVE IN FULL SWING

The annual Yield Reception sponsored by The Ohio State University Admissions Office is intended to secure the enrollment of admitted area students. The Yield Reception will be held at the Tyson's Corner Marriott (in Vienna) on Thursday March 6 at 7:00PM. Interested alumni are invited to meet these prospective students and share happy OSU experiences.

Student recruitment activities also include alumni volunteers staffing the spring college fairs. Volunteers discuss Ohio State with prospective high school students who have expressed an interest in attending Ohio State following graduation. The purpose of these fairs is to 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.

The schedule for the spring college fairs is:

Wed, Mar 12, 6-9:00PM  
Anne Arundel Com College  
Arnold, MD

Thu, Apr 10, 10:00AM-  
2:00PM and 6-8:30PM  
P.G. Com College  
Largo, MD

Tue Apr 22 6-9:00PM  
The Montgomery Co.  
Agricultural Center  
Gaithersburg, MD

Thu, Apr 24, 6-9:30PM  
Stone Ridge School of the  
Sacred Heart  
Rockville, MD

## HISTORIC HOMES TOUR AT DUNBARTON HOUSE TUDOR PLACE

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Please join us for this year's historic homes tour. The tour starts at Dunbarton House located at 2715 Que Street, NW at 10:00AM. (Please assemble in front of the house by 9:45AM).

Dunbarton House is a fine example of Federal period architecture. It offers visitors an opportunity to enhance their appreciation of early American history. It was the home of America's first Register of the Treasury and provided a sanctuary for Dolly Madison during her

flight from the burning White House and advancing British invaders in 1814.

A few blocks away is the second home we will tour, which is Tudor Place. Tudor Place is located at 1605 32nd Street, NW. Tudor place stands alone in the nation's capital as a house of architectural distinction lived in by six generations of the prominent Peter family from 1805 to 1984. This expansive urban estate of 5 \_ acres was host to numerous illustrious figures who shaped America's history, including the Marquis de Lafayette, Robert E. Lee, President Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, and Daniel Webster. The rich story of Tudor Place brings to life American cultural history from the Federal period to the late 20th century. We will also have a guided tour of the gardens.

The cost of the tour is \$15 for both houses, a portion of which will go to our scholarship fund. There are a limited number of tickets available so please send your money in early. Make your check payable to The Ohio State Alumni Club of Washington, DC. Send your check to Janet Halsey 14824 Crosswood Terrace Burtonsville, MD 20866. Brochures will be sent to you with the tickets, which include detailed maps of the locations of the houses. The deadline for tour tickets is April 1, 2003. If you have

any questions you can contact Janet Halsey at 301-549-1363.

Please inform Janet if anyone in your party needs special assistance or wheelchair access. Also we are planning to walk from one house to another so wear comfortable shoes. If you are unable to walk you need to make your own arrangements. There is no transportation provided between the houses.

### **OSU - INDIANA BASKETBALL GAMEWATCH AT WILLIE AND REED'S**

A number of OSUDC fans had fun together as we watched the Ohio State Basketball Buckeyes play the Indiana Hoosiers. This outing raised money for our scholarship fund. Our thanks go to Willie and Reed's for their continued support of our club and the scholarship fund.

### **WETA PLEDGE DRIVE**

March TBA, 2003, 6 PM

As in past years, our club will help WETA-TV with their spring fund raising drive. We answer the telephones taking donations for an evening. It has always been a fun time socializing and renewing friendships during breaks

Call Steve English to reserve your spot. Really

there is no limit to the number, but we would like to have at least 30. So if we get at least 30 volunteers we won't need to twist any arms. If, you can't make up your mind ahead of time, come anyway.

WETA is located at 2775 South Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

WETA Tel: 703 998-2600

### **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 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP**

As most of you know, many of our events throughout the year help to raise money for our club's scholarship fund for awards to local Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC high school seniors who plan to attend Ohio State. The process to select this year's

scholarships is well under way. In 2003 we plan to award five scholarships to worthy students.

**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**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2002 - 2003 Club dues
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name badges at \$5.00 each
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2002 National Championship Bottle Covers at \$5.00 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	

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