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## JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL SPRING DINNER, INCLUDING ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESENTATION OF CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

### MONDAY, MAY 19



#### “Physics on the Edge ”

**Can a pickle become a light bulb?  
What do batteries taste like? The  
answers to these questions and  
more will be explored in a fun-filled,  
inspiring demonstration program  
with  
OSU Professor Linn Van Woerkom.**

Please join or renew your membership now to the Ohio State Alumni Club of Washington DC to take advantage of many exciting activities including our May 19 Spring Dinner featuring Professor Linn Van Woerkom who will explore how physics can affect our daily lives. The concepts of energy transport with electricity and electromagnetic radiation will be illustrated with common household objects such as grapes and a

microwave oven. The thermal properties of materials and energy storage will be studied with liquid nitrogen. The complexities of a fluid vortex will be seen using a garbage can.

Please join us on May 19 at the **Westin Embassy Row Hotel** (formerly the Ritz) at 2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, one block to Dupont Circle Metro - corner of Mass Ave, 21<sup>st</sup> and Q Streets NW. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with a cash bar cocktail hour followed by dinner and the program beginning at 7:45 pm. The multi-course dinner begins with whole hearts of romaine with shaved parmigiano reggiano and classic Caesar dressing, grilled olive bread triangle; the entrée is sautéed breast of chicken on a bed of artichoke hearts & sundried tomatoes with salsify and asparagus, white port wine sauce, oven roasted potatoes, chef's selection of spring vegetables; ending with a dessert of Linzer torte with fresh raspberries.

The cost for 2002-2003 or 2003-2004 OSUDC members is \$50. For non-members the price is \$65. Send in your RSVP no later than 15 May on the form found on page 5 in this BITS.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Dear Buckeyes, this is my last letter to you as President of this great Ohio State Alumni Club. I've been so blessed with such outstanding Club officers and members of the board of directors! I've loved every minute of working for the Club and having the opportunity to meet and greet new and old friends who love Ohio State University as I do.

Spring has finally arrived here in our beautiful Washington area and with it, the time for our Club's annual Spring Dinner and Election of Officers. This event is scheduled for Monday, May 19. We are so fortunate to have secured that fabulous place to host this event again this year, The Westin Embassy Row Hotel in Washington, D.C. We promise you a very special evening where we will award our Club's five Student Scholarships, honor members of the 1943 and 1953 class reunions, raffle the opportunity to purchase 2003 President's Club football tickets, and of course, elect our new Club leaders.

There's a very special treat in store for you at this event, our featured speaker, Dr. Linn Van Woerkom. He's a young Associate Professor of Physics at OSU who will dazzle us with his sound and light show called "Physics on the Edge." Dan Heinlen assures us that he is just terrific and not to be missed! Be sure to send in your reservations right away.

This past year, our Club has offered many activities that hopefully have covered a spectrum of personal interests for Club members including charitable fundraising events, historic home tours, a holiday party and concert, a ski outing, an audience for CNN *Crossfire*, a basketball game fundraiser evening, and participation in over 16 student recruitment events. And what a way to end the 2002 football season with our team winning the National Championship Title! How proud we all were to be Buckeyes when Coach Tressel was awarded Coach of the Year by the Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C. in January and also when he returned here in February with the team to be congratulated by President Bush. The raffle donations at our football game watch parties allowed our Club to increase student scholarships. Thank you all again for your continued support of Ohio State and our Alumni Club. Go Bucks! Harlene Palkuti



**President Bush receives OSU helmet from Andy Groom as he congratulates the National Champion Buckeyes.**

### FOOTBALL BUCKS CAME TO TOWN!!!

That's right; at the White House, President Bush congratulated "the best d... team in the land" on Monday, Feb. 24.

Due to snow conditions in Columbus that morning, the team's plane was delayed departing for Dulles. Our



**OSUDC members waiting for the National Champion Team on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Snowstorm delayed the Team in Columbus.**

Club was disappointed that we could not greet and cheer the team on their planned visit to the Lincoln and Viet Nam memorials as scheduled before their White House visit. However, the brave crowd of OSUDC members who gathered on the Lincoln Memorial steps that cold, windy

day enjoyed seeing each other and talking about THE GAME.

**OSU FOOTBALL TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

Order ticket packages for our annual trek to Columbus. This year we were able to secure tickets to the OSU-Washington game on August 30th. This should be a great game as our National Championship Team begins to defend their National Title. The package, including ticket and our annual tailgate costs \$70. Football ticket packages will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

If you don't need a football ticket you are welcome to join our tailgate, at a cost of \$20 each. The tailgate will be on the roof of the Tuttle garage (5th floor if inclement weather) and will consist of cold cuts, salads, desserts, beer and soft drinks. This is currently scheduled as a night game. The tailgating will begin early; conclude in time to see TBDBITL enter the stadium.

We will also sell raffle tickets for the opportunity to purchase 2 great seats to individual games through our club's Presidents Club membership. The Raffle will be held during the Spring Dinner. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25.

**2003 Ohio State Home Football Schedule:**

- Aug 30 Washington
- Sept 6 San Diego State
- Sept 13 North Carolina State
- Sept 20 Bowling Green
- Sept 27 Northwestern
- Oct 18 Iowa (Homecoming)
- Nov 8 Michigan State
- Nov 15 Purdue

Both of these offerings are for 2002-2003 or 2003-2004 OSUDC members only.

**2003 OSUDC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Our club has once again rewarded outstanding area high school seniors' scholarships to Ohio State. The club's scholarship committee decided to award three new scholarships and renew two others.

Mihyar Alnifaidy, Barbara Colberg, and Hanna Davis are new recipients of the awards. All three have



**OSUDC Skiers at Liberty Resort**

displayed strong characteristics in academics, leadership, volunteer service, and extracurricular activities. We also renewed Rebecca Magazine and Joseph Nunez's awards from last year. Both have excelled during their first year at OSU.

All five recipients will be invited to our annual Spring Dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup> and our Student Sendoff Picnic later this summer. I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming them to the Buckeye family.



**Wendy Butler, Sonja Lewandowski and Hongor Oulanoff at the Yield Reception**

**YIELD RECEPTION A SUCCESS**

The annual yield reception to welcome prospective OSU student from this area was a success. OSUDC alumni turn out to meet with students.

**OSUDC SKI TRIP TO LIBERTY MOUNTAIN**

Even though the ski trip to

Liberty Resort was late in the season, we had good conditions from a snowfall early that week. The sky was somewhat overcast and foggy but visibility was OK most of the day. On our tour of the resort we met a fellow Buckeye ski instructor who promised a fun filled day on our return trip next year.



Visitors at Dumbarton House Paula, Harlene and Janet

**HISTORIC HOMES TOUR AT DUMBARTON HOUSE TUDOR PLACE**

April 12 was a picture perfect day as fourteen alumni club members enjoyed touring two historic homes in Georgetown. The tour started at Dumbarton House. This beautiful



Buckeyes are part of the audience at the taping of a

example of Federal Period architecture and furnishings was home to America's first Register of the Treasury, Joseph Nourse. The house also served as a refuge to Dolley Madison on August 24, 1814, during her flight from the burning White House and advancing British invaders.

A short walk away was our next stop-Tudor Place. This was home to six generations of the prominent Peter family from 1805 to 1984. This expansive urban estate of 5 \_ acres nestled in residential Georgetown 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. After the house tour, we went on a guided tour of the beautiful gardens. We were also treated to a view and discussion of Armistead Peter, III's 1919 Pierce Arrow Roadster as it was being readied by it's mechanic to be taken out for a drive. Everyone had an enjoyable and informative day.

**OSUDC BUCKEYES PARTICIPATE IN CNN CROSSFIRE**

This January, 45 OSUDC members and friends were

part of the live studio audience of CNN's *Crossfire* televised from George Washington University. It was great fun and we all enjoyed this hour of lively political debate.

**OSU VANITY LICENSE PLATES**

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

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**OSUDC - VA ADOPT - A - HIGHWAY**

Join us for OSU Adopt-A-Highway litter clean-ups in Virginia on May 17. 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 Gbur, 703-799-3403.

**SPRING DINNER RESERVATIONS and OSUDC MEMBERSHIP FORM**

All OSU alumni in the Washington, D.C. area are invited to join us at our Annual Spring Dinner and to join our club. Our main missions are to foster greater relationships among all OSU Alumni through social and educational events and to sustain our scholarship programs to OSU students! Our newsletter "Buckeye Bits" will keep you informed of upcoming events.

**OSUDC Dues: \$15.00 per individual or family for June 1, 2003 - May 31, 2004**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2003 - 2004 Club dues
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number Spring Dinner reservations (OSUDC member) @\$50
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number Spring Dinner reservations (non-member) @\$65
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ President's Club Football Ticket Raffle @ \$10 or 3/\$25
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OSU vs Washington Football Ticket and Tailgate @ \$70 each
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Football Tailgate only @ \$20 each
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

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