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## The President's Corner

2004 is off to a running start with big news from the Board: **OSU Marching Band Director Jon Woods** will be the featured speaker at this year's Spring Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, May 18! Mark your calendars - more details to follow.

You may have noticed the **new look of the Bits**. Thanks to Saundrea Cika for her design expertise, and to Geoff Basye and Sarah Sampsel for their work in compiling and editing the newsletter. This new team replaces Les Palkuti, who single-handedly (well, with a little help from Harlene!) published the Bits for the last seven years. Les sacrificed an extraordinary amount of time to this effort and won several "Best Newsletter" awards from the OSU Alumni Association. I know every member of the Club joins me in thanking him for his yeoman's job of keeping us well informed about the Club's activities for such a long time.



As I mentioned in the last Bits, we are striving to improve the Club's technological capacity in ways that will better meet your needs. Look for details on our plans for improvement utilizing email and the OSUDC website ([www.osudc.org](http://www.osudc.org)) elsewhere in this issue.

Thanks to all of you who came to the football Happy Hour with the University of Michigan DC Alumni Club, the Holiday Party, the late fall gamewatches (wasn't it nice to see another win in the Fiesta Bowl?!!), the Wizards game, and the ski trip. And a special thanks to all of you who contributed to the Club's local charity, St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home. As the year goes on, we will keep you posted on additional service projects we are exploring with the young families at St. Ann's.

Coming up in the next few months are an event hosted by the **John Glenn Institute** and a Baltimore Orioles-Cleveland Indians baseball game, as well as the Spring Dinner. Your attendance helps us raise the money that adds to our scholarship fund and supports the cultural enrichment of the students studying at the John Glenn Institute here in Washington. And it all makes Ohio State stronger.

**Go Bucks!**  
**Lori Robishaw**  
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For more information on our Club or its activities, please visit our website at: [www.osudc.org](http://www.osudc.org) or feel free to contact one of our officers. **GO BUCKS!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR and JOIN US  
FOR THESE GREAT UPCOMING OSUDC EVENTS:...**

**SPECIAL EVENT - SAVE THE DATE, APRIL 18, 2004**

John Glenn Institute SPRING EVENT: The John Glenn Institute would like to thank OSUDC for its financial support of Ohio State students by hosting an event at the Institute on April 18 from 11:30am to 2:00pm. We will be treated to a continental breakfast including mimosas, coffee, pastries and other goodies and will have an opportunity to meet, mingle and hear from the students, and tour the facility. What a great opportunity! The John Glenn Institute is located at 1705 DeSales Street, N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, DC (between Connecticut Avenue and 17th Street, NW and closer to the 17th Street side). The building is located next door to ABC News. For more detailed directions, you can access the website or call the Institute directly at (202) 452-6680. For specific questions and to reserve your spot, please contact Harlene Palkuti at 703-360-9321 or at harlenep@netzero.net.

**Check your e-mail, access the website and look out for future Bits issues for information on other events the Board is working on:**

- Cleveland Indians vs. Baltimore Orioles: Tentatively scheduled for May 8, more details to come
- Spring Dinner with OSU Marching Band Director Jon Woods: May 18
- Outing with St. Ann's families: TBD
- Spring Cultural Event: TBD

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On the Move...

## Meeting Diverse Member Needs

The OSU Alumni Club of DC is an increasingly diverse group of individuals with varying preferences and needs. Our goal is to meet all of those needs as much as possible, so we can all work together to help benefit The Ohio State University. Recently, the Board sent out a survey to assess how members want to receive Bits, if there is interest in paying membership dues and club activities online and what type of features would improve the website. Thank you to those who completed the survey. Your responses are helping to shape the direction our organization is headed. Over half of those surveyed are interested in receiving the newsletter electronically, and over sixty percent want the ability to pay on-line. Additionally, we received positive responses about features that could be added to the website.

At the October meeting, the OSUDC Board voted to upgrade the current web-hosting service to facilitate more technology options which will help us to better interact with you. We will keep you informed as new features become available. The Buckeye Bits will continue to be produced and mailed to paid members, unless you direct us to send you the electronic version only. The Buckeye Bits is currently available in PDF format on the website and mailed to members every other month. If you prefer to receive the Buckeye Bits electronically, please notify us by sending an e-mail to [osudc@cox.net](mailto:osudc@cox.net).

If you did not receive an e-mail asking you to take the survey, then we do not have your current e-mail address on file. **Please contact Leandra Kennedy at [ldkenn@yahoo.com](mailto:ldkenn@yahoo.com) to update your e-mail address.**



# 2003 Annual Holiday Party

Local Buckeyes celebrated the holiday season at the Annual Holiday Party on Friday, December 12 in the Eisenhower room of the Capitol Hill Club. It was a lovely evening complete with plenty of food, libations, festivity and camaraderie! In addition to having a great time, we collected items for St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home.

We continued the tradition of raising money for our scholarship fund by conducting an auction. We were very fortunate to have two wonderful items donated, which raised \$90 for the fund! The items included a framed poster of the program cover from the 1936 Indiana-Ohio State football game. The program cover, designed by famous artist Milton Caniff, and others will be sold through the Club's website and future gamewatches. Stay tuned for ordering information in the near future.

Additionally, local photographer Susyn Schweers donated a beautifully framed and signed picture of a haunting solitary Alaskan fishing boat. Her work includes beautiful nature scenes, as well as Washington, DC icons such as the Capitol building seen at night. To view or purchase her work, visit [www.darkroom21.com](http://www.darkroom21.com).

Thanks to all of you who shared in the holiday spirit with us!

# Looking for a Few Good Buckeyes



OSUDC has had a busy year of student recruitment activities. We started the season at the end of August with the Student Send Off, the biggest and most fun party of the summer. Over 20 students, their parents and a large group of alumni attended the annual cook-out. Many thanks to Ken and Suzann Balog for graciously hosting the event at their home.

The Club moved into the Fall recruitment season by staffing eight fairs. Special thanks goes to first time recruiters

Marjorie Morgan and Jack Schreiber as well as the tried and true team of Meredith Curran, Mary Rampe, Marc Schie, and Bill Halsey. We'd also like to recognize the husband and wife team of Ken and Mila Lowery who staffed the outlying fairs in the Annapolis area. We're currently ramping up for six Spring Recruitment fairs. We are always in need of volunteers for student recruitment. If you are interested in helping we'd love to have you. Check the website for details and contact Hongor J. Oulanoff at (703) 351-6509 or by e-mail at [oulanoff\\_hongor@bah.com](mailto:oulanoff_hongor@bah.com).

# Wizards vs. Cavaliers NBA Outing

*The Washington Post* headline summed it up: "James Puts On a Show"!

A big thank-you to the Club members who purchased tickets to the Wizards/Cavaliers basketball game at the MCI Center. A donation of over \$100 was made to the Club to benefit the scholarship fund. Cleveland's star LeBron James, who scored a career-high 38 points, did not disappoint our OSU group of nearly 30 fans. What a game, and a satisfying appetizer prior to the other big game held later that day, the Super Bowl. We can't mention the Super Bowl without mentioning OSU alumnus Greg Vrabel who put on an MVP-like performance as his New England Patriots won a very close game against the Carolina Panthers.

Our Club hopes to offer additional opportunities for fun group outings at sport and recreation events in the DC metro area. Your continued support of and feedback about such events is valued. The Club also appreciates the support given from "Washington Sports" in organizing the event for our membership.

# Socializing with Wolverines?!?!

On November 20, 2004 we had the first annual Ohio State and Michigan Alumni Club happy hour at the Capital City Brewery by Union Station. Within an hour of starting we had approximately 100 alumni from both clubs arguing about who has the better fans, and who was going to win the big game. Of course the drink specials and having our own floor reserved helped to create the "festive" environment! While there was a lot of trash talking between the groups (including which school has the best team colors) it was a great opportunity for the two clubs to get together and talk about why they were living in DC.

The best part about the evening was to see the span of alumni from every generation. It was refreshing to see recent graduates speaking with an alum from the 1950's, and hear stories about the competitive rivalry between the two schools over the years. The event also provided an opportunity to share programming ideas, successes and areas for improvement.

Even though some may say that Buckeyes and Wolverines can't get along, people from both groups were still talking about how much fun they were having at 8:00pm. Based on the success of this event, the clubs have discussed doing more programs together, including service projects. Look for updates in future newsletters and on the website.



# Another Fun Filled Football Gamewatch Season

Thanks to our terrific fans and the great atmosphere at Willie and Reed's in Bethesda, we had another year of fun and camaraderie at the football gamewatches. Your participation and support of this and other fundraising events has made it possible for the Club to donate \$3500 in support of OSU students attending the John Glenn Institute and our own Spearman Scholarship fund. While a second straight national title wasn't in the cards, our Buckeyes put together yet another terrific season under Coach Tressel. Next year should be another exciting campaign for the Bucks, so be sure to stay tuned to the Bits for the latest news about next season's gamewatches!



## Hanging out with that school from up North!

Ohio State alumni met up with alumni from "that school up North" to watch the Ohio State v. Michigan basketball game on February 29. Though the Bucks came out on the losing end, it was a good game and was enjoyed by Buckeyes and Wolverines alike.



Ohio State fans cheer on our men's basketball team at the recent Ohio State v. Michigan gamewatch at the Pour House in Washington.

## Helping Hands and Hearts

### St. Ann's

Local OSU alums have more to cheer about than just football! The OSUDC held a very successful goods drive to benefit St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville, Maryland by providing necessary items for children ages newborn to 12 years old as well as teen mothers. Items were collected during all of the gamewatches, at the OSU/Michigan Happy Hour, and the Holiday Party. In all, we collected over 150 items. St. Ann's was especially excited to see the 58 packs of batteries that were donated! We also collected 21 toy items, \$60 dollars in money and gift cards, many bike helmets, some articles of clothing, and dozens of personal items. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed! OSUDC will continue to work with St. Ann's throughout the year. We are in the process of planning an outing (bowling anyone?) with the children of St. Ann's for sometime in May.

## A Step in the Right Direction

Congratulations are in order for Tracy Wolffrum, a recent OSUDC scholarship recipient. Tracy graduated from the OSU Fisher School of Business in December. After majoring in accounting, Tracy has accepted a positing with KPMG in Cleveland.

If you have DC alumni updates, please send them to Sarah Sampsel (ssampsel@cox.net) and we'll do our best to include your tidbit in a future issue of Bits.



# Coming Soon!...

## Adopt-A-Highway

Spring time means spring cleaning and we could use your help! As part of Adopt-A-Highway, OSUDC is responsible for cleaning Lee Chapel Highway (Springfield near Old Keene Mill Road and Ox Road) throughout the year. Be on the lookout for upcoming dates! We are working on establishing carpools to the site for Maryland residents interested in participating.

## WETA Telethon

Always wanted to be a star? In years past, OSUDC members have come together on a Saturday night in March to answer phones and work the WETA telethon. WETA will need groups of 25 or more to answer phones as part of the annual WETA telethon. You can't beat a Saturday night with fellow OSU alums doing something charitable! While we don't have the date quite yet we will pass it along as soon as WETA confirms.

If you are interested in helping with any of the service projects or have ideas you would like to share, please contact Kirsten Fox at [kfox2@umd.edu](mailto:kfox2@umd.edu).



## A Fond Farewell...

Our OSU Alumni Club, as well as The University, is very saddened to have lost one of its outstanding members and benefactors, Chuck Beatley, who passed away this past December. In addition to being a life-long Buckeye fan, Chuck was the longest-serving mayor in the history of the city of Alexandria, VA, and was a formidable reformer who has been credited with transforming Alexandria from a small, segregated Southern town (with much of the downtown waterfront

area rotting) into the modern city it is today. The city's main public library dedicated in 2000 is named in his honor. His many civic accomplishments are too numerous to list in this short article but are described in his January 1, 2004, obituary in *The Washington Post*. He graduated from Ohio State with a bachelor's degree in economics and received his Master's degree in business administration in 1947. Between degrees, he found time to become a pilot for Pan Am Grace Airways, transporting military planes as a civilian to overseas bases during World War II. His ties to the University run deep; in addition to being a member of our local Alumni Club for many years, he was a member of the President's Club, received the prestigious Ohio State University Alumni Citizenship Award and also generously donated his family home on 11th Avenue in Columbus to the University. It was always interesting around his house on OSU/Michigan football game day, for you see, his wife of 58 years, Marjorie, was a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is survived by Marjorie, a daughter and two sons and six grandchildren. In Chuck's memory, we say "How firm thy friendship....."

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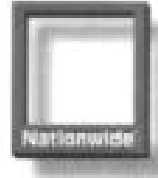
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