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## The President's Corner

It is an honor and a privilege for me to be selected to lead the best alumni club for the best university in the nation—**Go Bucks!**, and moreover, **go DC Bucks!**

Before I introduce the new board, I'd like start by taking a moment to recognize and thank last year's board for their **dedication and hard work**. Although last year's accomplishments were many, the club can be especially proud of the \$8,040 in scholarships that were given to area students attending Ohio State in the fall, and the \$1,500 given to support the students of the John Glenn Institute here in DC. Significant technology strides were made, including a redesign of the club website ([www.osudc.org](http://www.osudc.org)) and a fresh new look for the Bits. They both look great!

I'm pleased to introduce your **2004-2005 Board of Directors**. The incoming executive committee is made up of Bill Fox as Vice-President, Karyn Schneider as Treasurer, and Leandra Kennedy continues on as Secretary. Student Recruitment continues to be led by Hongor Oulanoff, Scholarship by Steve English, Service by Kirsten Fox, Technology by Kim Badenhop, Gamewatches by Jack Schreiber, and the Buckeye Bits newsletter will continue to be edited and produced by Geoff Basye and Saundrea Cika respectively. Rounding out the board are Ken Balog, and past Presidents Lori Robishaw and John Hilbert.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention and recognize the board members who are "retiring" this year. Mike Meneer, Anne Oller, Sarah Sampsel, Harlene Palkuti, and Les Palkuti are all stepping down. We thank each of you for your **faithful service to our club and to our University**. I'd like to specifically pay tribute to the hard work of both Les and Harlene. Between the two of them, they have played a variety of pivotal roles in the success of the Club for many years. Harlene has served as a multi-year treasurer and is a past President, and Les single-handedly produced the award-winning newsletter for 7 years. Now that's a dedicated Buckeye household!

As a board, we look forward to the coming year, as we hope you do too, with anticipation of much **fun and camaraderie**, and our continued service to our University and our community. We're kicking off the new year with a happy hour—we hope that each of you will attend and encourage any Buckeyes who are not members of the club to come along and **experience the fun**.

**With friendship,  
Wendy Butler, '95  
OSUDC President**



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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:**

- Potowmack Landing Happy Hour:  
Wednesday, August 4th
- Summer Picnic/Student Send-Off:  
Sunday, August 15th
- Legg Mason Tennis Classic:  
Friday, August 20th
  - Adopt-A-Highway:  
Saturday, August 21st
- Football Home Opener:  
Saturday, September 4th

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

# events...

On the Move...

## The Buckeye Bits—Your Way!



Let us know how you want to receive your OSUDC Newsletter! As reported earlier this year, the OSUDC Club has been making a number of technology updates to better serve our members. These improvements were the result of a survey we conducted last fall. One thing we heard loud and clear is that many of you would prefer to receive the Buckeye Bits via email versus hard copy. We're ready to start sending the newsletter electronically, but need you to let us know if this is your preferred method of delivery.

The Buckeye Bits will continue to be produced and mailed to paid members, unless we are asked to send you the electronic version only. If you choose to receive electronically, you will be emailed the Buckeye Bits in PDF format. If electronic delivery is your preference, please notify us by sending an e-mail to [osudc@cox.net](mailto:osudc@cox.net). Please be sure your email includes the email address you want the Bits delivered to. We look forward to hearing from you.

## OSU vs UC Football Game and Tailgate

This year, OSUDC requested tickets to the OSU-University of Cincinnati football home opener on September 4. Your response has been overwhelming and we sold all of the ticket & tailgate packages. While we have yet to receive official confirmation of our ticket order from the University, we expect to receive positive confirmation soon. Please keep an eye on the website for updates. And, as in years past, for anyone interested in attending the tailgate only please send a check for \$20 to Karyn Schneider, 12945 Climbing Ivy Drive, Germantown, MD 20874 to reserve your spot. Go Bucks!



# Play Ball!



Almost 50 Ohio State alums from both the DC and Baltimore Alumni Clubs came together to watch the Cleveland Indians take on the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards on Saturday, May 8. Unfortunately (or fortunately—depending on your team of choice) the Orioles swept the series and came from behind to beat the tribe 10-7 on Saturday. At least the game was exciting!

While the weather was a bit chilly and damp (not to mention the wind in the Upper Reserve Seats); everyone had a great time. Before the game, the two clubs met and socialized at Max's at Camden Yards. Thanks to the Baltimore Club for setting up the happy hour! We hope to do more joint outings in the future so be on the lookout!

## Legg Mason Classic '04

OSUDC is planning another fun night at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic for the evening semifinal match on Friday, August 20 at 5:00 p.m. We are arranging group seating at the discounted price of \$30 per ticket (this is a discount from the regular price of \$33/ticket). If you are interested in joining us for what should be an exciting semifinal match, please send an e-mail (commitment to purchase tickets) to Les Palkuti at harlenep@netzero.net as soon as you know you can attend. Again, note your e-mail is a commitment to purchase the event tickets. After notifying Les of your commitment, please forward payment and your ticket will be mailed to you before the event. Refunds will not be available, but the ticket(s) may be exchanged for another day of the tournament.

## Picnic with Buckeyes

Come join us for the biggest party of the summer and help plant some new Buckeyes at the OSUDC Alumni Club's annual Summer Picnic/Student Sendoff on Sunday August 15, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Last year, we had over 100 Buckeyes including the new freshman, current students, alumni, and family members. This year promises to be just as big a party as we gear up for the new season. Ken and Suzann Balog have graciously volunteered again to host the barbecue at their home on 21072 Carthagenia Pl. in Ashburn, Virginia. Come see your old friends and make the new Buckeyes feel welcome.

This event is a great way of getting to know the Ohio State alumni community as well as students attending Ohio State from the Washington area. The picnic will include hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, beverages, desserts provided by alumni board members, and beer for those 21 and over. The cost for alumni is \$7/adult, \$3/under 10, free/under 3, a \$20 maximum per family. For the directions to the Balog's house and additional information check our website at [www.osudc.org](http://www.osudc.org). If you plan to come, please RSVP and send your checks to Karyn Schneider, 12945 Climbing Ivy Drive, Germantown, MD 20874 (240) 686-0669 by August 8. Come join the fun. We look forward to seeing you.

# A Spring Dinner Worth Tooting our own Horn Over!

What do you get when you pair a Buckeye Chef with a Band Director? All those that attended the Spring Dinner would agree that the answer is: an amazing event! On May 18, DC area Buckeyes gathered together at the Washington Terrace Hotel (home of acclaimed restaurant 15 ria) for an evening of fun. The food was great, the program was inspiring, and the Buckeye spirit was fantastic!

Energy was high as Dr. Woods, Director of The Best Damn Band in the Land, caught our attention by showing us the halftime show from the National Championship game—the show that all of us “armchair quarterbacks” who watched it on TV didn't get to see. What a show!! By the results we see on the field, we all know it must be a lot of work, but the crowd was riveted as he confirmed it by describing the inner workings of the band, how they plan and execute the shows, and the people who make it all come together. The Band truly is and deserves to be “the pride of the Buckeyes!”

As is usual at the spring dinner, Board Members and Officers were elected to lead the club in the coming year. A raffle and silent auction were held to raise money to support our scholarship fund. We set a record by raising over \$1700! Thank you all for your generosity, and congrats to those who ended up with some terrific prizes.



## Breakfast at The John Glenn Institute

On April 18, a capacity crowd of OSUDC members was treated to a light breakfast by the John Glenn Institute to thank us for the Club's generous support of the Institute students' study tours and enrichment activities. OSUDC members had the opportunity to enjoy good conversation and sharing of impressions and responsibilities with the current class of OSU students studying at the Institute, as well as some local program alumni living and working in the Washington area. It was exciting to learn of the breadth of experience program alumni are getting, such as: Capitol Hill, health organizations, non-governmental organizations, and USAID. The current students were very eager to interact with OSU alumni, hear about our lives and careers, and welcome the Club to their offices. What a wonderful opportunity it was for our Club to enjoy the advantage of having Ohio State students right here in our area! OSUDC gives a great big THANK YOU to The Institute, it's students and especially Dr. Beth Boles for this great day.



# The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Washington, DC

Invites you to join us at our annual



**When:** Sunday, August 15, 2004, 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** 21072 Carthagen Place, Ashburn, Virginia -- 703-858-5153

Look for the OSU flag

**Who:** New freshman, current students, and prospective students from the Washington area, and local alumni

**Directions** are found in the Buckeye Bits or on our website: [www.osudc.org](http://www.osudc.org)

The picnic will include hotdogs, hamburgers, sides, beverages and dessert (food to be served at 4:30pm). Beer will be provided for those over 21.

**Cost:** \$7/adult; \$3/child under 10; under age 3 free - \$20 max. per family

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# Potowmack Landing Happy Hour

It's time again for one of our traditional "happy hours" at the Potowmack Landing Restaurant on Wednesday, August 4 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. This is a great spot to meet and mingle on the Potomac River, just south of Ronald Reagan National Airport off the G-W Parkway. There will be special prices on drinks and food. Whether you are new to our Club, to the area, or an old timer, please come and join us for some "Buckeye" fun and chit chat, and be among alumni family and friends. Bring along a friend if you'd like! Hope to see you there. Questions? Call Harlene Palkuti at 703-360-9321.

## Buckeye Scholars

We are pleased to announce the OSUDC 2004 scholarship recipients: Lindsay Buschar, Patrick Henry High School, is planning to study Criminology at Ohio State. She is hoping to pursue a career with the FBI in their Behavioral Sciences Unit. Lindsay was born in Ohio and her father is an OSU alumnus. In Lindsay's scholarship application, she states that she has, "always wanted to be part of Ohio State's "Tradition of Excellence." Dylan Erwin, Watkins Mill High School, is not sure what he'll focus on at OSU, but would like to pursue his Ph.D. in a science related field. During his high school career, Dylan was a member of the National Honor Society and worked as a research assistant. Rachael Smith, Oxon Hill High School, will be meddling in the biological sciences area, with the hopes of one day becoming a pediatrician. Rachael is preparing to play soccer at OSU and said that, "What really topped off my decision to attend Ohio State is when I saw the women's soccer team play. They played in a way that challenged me to strive for even higher goals."

We are very pleased and excited to award these fine students with scholarships and hope that they will continue to make us proud throughout their academic careers and beyond.

## Adopt-A-Highway



On the morning of May 8th, members of OSUDC helped out the environment and a local neighborhood by cleaning up a highway in Springfield, Virginia. Kudos to Phil Gbur for once again setting up this service!

OSUDC has adopted the Lee Chapel Highway (in Springfield near Old Keene Mill Road and Ox Road.) As a club, we clean the road about 4 times

per year. The work isn't too difficult and you get a lovely orange vest to wear! On-site training occurs and you walk away knowing you made a difference. Don't worry if you missed out, you will have future opportunities to COME CLEAN WITH US!! Come out on Saturday, August 21 - we could use your help!

We meet at 9 a.m. at the McDonalds on the corner of Old Keene Mill and Lee Chapel Highway. VDOT provides all the basic materials - vests and trash bags, so all we need to provide are the volunteers! Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and should bring their own gloves. If you are interested in participating, please contact either Kirsten Fox, Community Service Chair at kfox2@umd.edu or Phil Gbur, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator at philip.m.gbur@census.gov. If we know who is coming, we can make sure we have the right number of vests and trash bags. So, don't just sit there, DO SOMETHING GREAT! We hope to see you later this summer!



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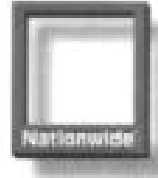
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