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The President's Corner

It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve another year leading **the best alumni club for the best university in the nation!** We've got a lot planned for the coming year, and we hope you'll join us!

I'm pleased to **introduce your 2005-2006 Board of Directors**, many of whom are continuing on in their roles from last year. The incoming executive committee is made up of Bill Fox continuing as Vice-President, Marjorie Morgan as Treasurer, and Leandra Kennedy Roscoe as Secretary. Student Recruitment continues to be led by Hongor Oulanoff, Scholarship by Steve English, Service by Kirsten Freeman Fox, Technology by Kim Badenhop, and Buckeye Bits newsletter by Geoff Basye and Saundra Cjka. We have a few new board members joining us: Joe Neff will be chairing the Gamewatches and Ralph Nunez joins as a member-at-large. Rounding out the board are past Presidents John Hilbert and Harlene Palkuti, who also serves as Alumni Advisor.



As is typical in a city as transient as DC, we have several board members from last year who have moved out of the area, and **we thank them for their service** and wish them the best in their new clubs: Karyn Schneider and Lori Robishaw who have moved to the Columbus area, and Ken Balog who has relocated to Richmond, VA. We also say thanks and best wishes to Jack Schreiberman who is leaving the board to focus on being a new dad. Congratulations Jack!

We're looking forward to a great year, and I'm not just referring to the Buckeye Football season, although that is much anticipated! **We look forward to seeing you at many of our upcoming events**, be it a Gamewatch at our usual spot "Willie & Reeds" in Bethesda, our monthly happy hours, or whichever activities interest you. Be sure to **stay tuned to www.osudc.org** for details, and if you aren't getting club email announcements be sure to visit the website to be added to the email mailing list.

Go Bucks!

Wendy Butler Mafuz, '95
OSUDC President

P.S. Don't forget to renew your membership for the 2005-2006 year!

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

- Young Alumni Happy Hour:
1st Wednesday of each month
Buffalo Billiards, Dupont Circle, DC:

- Football Gamewatches:
Willie and Reeds in Bethesda
Starting September 3, 2005!

- Texas tailgate:
September 10, 2005
(more info forthcoming: be sure to check our website!)

**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...

Fall Recruitment

The Fall Recruitment schedule is currently being set. This will be a great opportunity for Buckeye Alumni in the area to volunteer and share the wonderful experience of The Ohio State University with prospective students. Plus it's a lot of fun!

For more information on how you can attend and help out, please e-mail Hongor Oulanoff at oulanoff_hongor@bah.com. You can also check our website later this summer: www.osudc.org.

DC Bucks Here and There

Wendy Butler, our club President, is now Wendy Butler Mafuz! Congratulations to Wendy on her recent marriage to Miguel Mafuz!

Do you have any exciting announcements (new job, family additions, etc.) you'd like to share? Please email club Secretary, Leandra Roscoe at ldkenn@yahoo.com.

Get Involved!

We want you!!! Interested in taking a lead role in one of our Special Interest Groups, or starting off a bit smaller by chairing or co-chairing an event? Contact Wendy Butler Mafuz at 202-270-6446 or wendy.butler@cox.net. To participate in our various community service projects contact Kirsten Freeman Fox at kfox2@mail.umd.edu. To volunteer for student recruitment fairs beginning in the fall contact Hongor Oulanoff at oulanoff_hongor@bah.com.

Membership Message

It's time to renew your membership for the 2005-2006 year. If you haven't done so already, don't delay—drop your dues in the mail today!





Gamewatch 2005

September is a time when students return to campus and when all the football speculation and rankings are put to the test. September is also a time when alumni from all over the world gather to watch games with their fellow Buckeyes.

The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Washington, DC is proud to offer an opportunity for its members in DC, Northern Virginia, and Maryland to watch every game this season at Willie and Reed's, in Bethesda, Maryland. The sports bar is a short walk from the Bethesda metro stop on the red-line and there are plenty of parking garages and meters for anyone who chooses to drive.

We have been assured that there will be drink and appetizer specials available during the game. Buckeye Brass will entertain us over the speakers during timeouts and halftime. There will also be raffle tickets available for purchase in exchange for a donated item, with all the proceeds and donations going to St. Ann's. A variety of prizes are available for the raffle drawing at halftime of each game.

Season Preview

Expectations are high this year for the Ohio State Buckeye Football team. Almost every publication has Ohio State listed in the top ten for their preseason rankings. Ohio State does not play Purdue or Wisconsin this year, but the conference games will not be easy. It

Play Ball!

On August 24, OSUDC made a trip to see The Washington Nationals vs. The Cincinnati Reds Baseball Game. *

The 20+ OSUDC group of fans proudly wore OSU gear and cheered both the Reds and the Nats- although mostly hometown fans! It was indeed hard to cheer against the Reds for some in the crowd. For some it was the first trip to RFK this season and wow we enjoyed a beautiful night and a great view of the field from our seats. Many thanks to all those who purchased tickets in advance or simply showed up and greeted us in section 515. The August 24 Washington Nationals vs. Cincinnati Reds baseball game outing was a success and club members were able to meet and greet, enjoy a hot dog and beverage, and a relaxing night at the stadium.

The Nationals defeated the Reds, 5-3, in front of a crowd of 32,641 at RFK Stadium. It was the Nationals' first victory against the Reds this season.

is quite possible for Ohio State and Michigan to be undefeated going into The Game in Ann Arbor. The first big hurdle will be the Texas game, which is a night game in Columbus. The fact that OSU doesn't play night games at home very often will only raise the intensity and importance of the matchup.

A game that may be looked over, but shouldn't is Iowa in late September. Iowa looked pretty comfortable last year as they gave the Buckeyes their third loss in a row. Penn State has struggled in recent years under Coach Paterno, but they bring back a stellar defense and a revamped offense. Look for the Buckeyes to have a real fight on their hands when they visit State College in October. We're all hoping to smell roses in January, which would mean another Big 10 and National Championship for our Buckeyes!!! In the meantime ... HOOK 'EM BUCKS!!!

Stay Tuned...

Check out www.osudc.org for updates regarding gamewatches, detailed game previews, and special events, such as the Ohio State/Michigan Happy Hour. Feel free to contact Joe Neff with any questions, jneff@gmail.com.

Lasting Impressions

We received a wonderful thank you note from one of our new scholarship recipients, Megan Conroy. It reads as follows:

To the DC Chapter of the OSU Alumni Association,

I want to thank you for awarding me your scholarship. I am so incredibly Excited to be a Buckeye next fall, and your scholarship will definitely help me do so. I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Spring Dinner, although I was disappointed to hear that the library will be closed to me for my last three years at Ohio State. I have been infinitely impressed with the University thus far, and your club has definitely been a part of that. I intend to make the most of my 4 years at THE BEST DAMN SCHOOL IN THE LAND in each and every way.

I would like to thank the club once again for the scholarship and to thank all of the individual members who have contributed to the fund.

Sincerely,

Megan Conroy

P.S. - "O-H!"



Spring Dinner Recap

On Thursday, June 2 we held our annual Spring Dinner at Tivoli's Restaurant in Rosslyn, VA. Our guest speaker for the evening was Joseph J. Branin, Director of the OSU Library system. Mr. Branin highlighted the massive renovation plans of the William Oxley Thompson Library, the main library located on the Oval.

The new Oxley Thompson Library will include several new reading lounges, a cyber café and outdoor patio, a state-of-the-art computer lab, a total restructuring of the renowned Stacks book tower, and a sophisticated electronic communications infrastructure, among many other exciting amenities. The project costs a total of \$99 million, and construction will take place from late 2005-2008. For more information on the new and improved main library, please visit the official Ohio State Library Website at <http://library.osu.edu/sites/renovation/>.

Later that evening Board members for 2005-2006 were elected. We also held a fun-filled raffle for football tickets for the 2005 season. Raffle winners include Mary Palmer – Northwestern game (Nov. 12); Jackie Ostrom – Illinois (Nov. 5); Thomas Johnson – Miami of Ohio (Sept. 3); Gordon MacKay – San Diego State (Sept. 17); and Phil Gbur – Iowa (Sept. 24). We also held an auction for the right to buy tickets to select football games: winners were Michael Dionne – Texas (Sept. 10) and Brian Ihlenfeld – Michigan



State (Oct. 15). The raffle and auction combined raised a total of \$890 for our scholarship fund! We ended the evening with the singing of Carmen Ohio.



OSU ALUMS GO BOWLING WITH LOCAL CHILDREN

On Saturday, July 30, members of the Ohio State University alumni club of DC went bowling with children from St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home which provides residential care and services to

abused and neglected children, ages newborn to 12 years old. As our "adopted" service organization this year we thought it would be nice to spend time with some of the older kids so we took 15 children ranging in age from 4 to 12 bowling. We had over 30 people for the duck pin bowling festivities including the children and OSU alums. The children were by far the better bowlers! It was very rewarding – especially being able to spend much needed time with the older children of St. Ann's.

The day was great fun and many laughs and hugs were shared with the children! A special thanks goes out to the staff of White Oak Bowling Lanes of Silver Spring Maryland (www.whiteoaklanes.com) who helped make this day possible, not to mention all of the extra kitchen work when we kept buying more and more pizzas. Who knew that having so much fun could make you so hungry? All the strikes, spares, hugs, laughs, jokes, etc. sure did work up our appetite. We went through 13 pizzas!!

Thank you to the alums in attendance for your time and sponsorship of the children! For those of you were unable to attend, you can still sponsor a child. We ended up with a few unsponsored children and we'd love it if you would consider sponsoring a child. You can send a check for \$10 made out to OSUDC to Marjorie Morgan at 6141 Edsall Rd. Unit M, Alexandria, VA 22304. Just be sure to put in the memo line that it is to sponsor a St. Ann's child. For more information on St. Ann's, please visit www.saint-anns.com. We look forward to other visits with the children of St. Ann's. If you have any ideas for Community Service or would like to get involved, please contact kfox2@umd.edu.





“Young” Alumni Happy Hour

If you are a young alumni or just young-at-heart, come on out for an evening of socialization with the club. All are welcome!

When: 1st Wednesday of each month

Where: Buffalo Billiards (on 19th Street NW, across from the Dupont Metro station)

Time: 6pm

For questions or more information, please contact Katie Smith at ksmith015@verizon.net. Also, check your email for reminders each month.



OSUDC Scholarship Update July/August 2005

Our club has once again awarded scholarships to outstanding high school seniors in the area who will be attending Ohio State this fall. The club's scholarship committee decided to award two new scholarships and renew two others.

Megan Conroy attended Gaithersburg High School and plans on studying biology at OSU. She is hoping to later work as a physical therapist or biology teacher. Megan was an honor student and also a member of her high school cross country, track, and swim teams.

Michael Williams attended Evangel Christian School in Woodbridge, VA and is hoping to study computer engineering at Ohio State. He would also like to earn a Master's and Ph.D. in this field. Michael was an honor student and is an active Eagle Scout.

We also renewed Dylan Erwin and Rachael Smith's awards from last year. Both excelled during their first year at OSU.

All of the recipients will be invited to our Student Sendoff Picnic later this summer. I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming them to the Buckeye family.

OSU Adopt-A-Highway Update

It's back – Adopt-A-Highway pick-up!! Kudos to Phil Gbur who has once again scheduled and coordinated this season's Adopt-A-Highway pick-ups. The remaining dates where we could use your help are as follows:

October 8, and November 12.

Bring friends and family along with your work gloves. Bags, vests, and instruction will be provided. As usual, volunteers will meet at the McDonald's at the intersection of Lee Chapel and Old Keene Mill in Springfield, VA at 9:00 am the Saturday of the pick-up.



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