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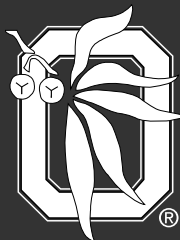
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## The President's Corner

As I begin to write this, autumn has drawn to an end, the holidays are upon us, and the football season is wrapping up. It's a **great time of year to be a Buckeye**, and one thing is certain: every game was be exciting!

The fall is always a busy season for the club and, as usual, we've had a full agenda! We kicked off the season with over **60 DC Buckeyes making the trip back to Columbus for the Texas game**. Although we didn't get the outcome we'd have liked, everyone would agree that it was a great match-up.

Area Buckeyes continued to gather at our **Official Gamewatch location, Willie and Reed's in Bethesda**. We hope that you all enjoyed the Gamewatches as we cheered on the Buckeyes to a climactic final game with a win over Michigan, **GO BUCKS!!** We continued with our annual service project by collecting items at each of the games to support our adopted charity, St. Ann's. Check out our website [www.osudc.org](http://www.osudc.org) for details about how you might assist with this worthy cause in the future.

We coordinated a successful **3rd Annual Happy Hour with the Michigan Club the week of THE GAME**. All in attendance felt it was a great way to experience some of the "Michigan week" fever we all remember back in our days in Columbus.

Our **annual holiday party has been planned for December 7th**, and we look forward to rounding out the year in true Buckeye style with friends, fun and holiday spirit!

Happy Holidays and Go Bucks!

Wendy Butler Mafuz, '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:**

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

**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...



## DC Bucks Here and There

Hurricane Katrina touched the lives of many on the Gulf Coast. One of OSUDC's very own, Geoff Basye, was attending military training at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS during one of the worst hurricane's this country has ever seen. He was sheltered on base for six days without power before being released to help establish communication and order in the Biloxi/Gulfport area. Geoff has returned home to Washington safely and OSUDC would like to thank him for his service.

## 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](mailto:wendy.butler@cox.net).

To participate in our various community service projects contact Kirsten Freeman Fox at [kfox2@umd.edu](mailto:kfox2@umd.edu).

## Membership Message

If you haven't done so already, don't delay—renew your membership dues today!!



# Student Send Off 2005

The OSUDC Alumni club held its annual student send off and summer picnic on a blazing Sunday afternoon on August 15. Around a dozen students and 60 guests look for shade under the trees at the residence of Bill and Janet Halsey in Mt. Airy Maryland.

Bill and Janet kept the burgers grilling and the water cold as the incoming freshman from the Washington area and their parents had a chance to meet each other as well as returning students and alumni. It was interesting to hear about college life at Ohio State from the returning students and about the study plans of the incoming freshman. Everyone had a good time.



## Barking Buckeyes!

Several OSUDC members came out to Ben Brenmann Park in Alexandria VA on Saturday, December 3 to mingle and allow their dogs to romp around in the park. This was the very first outing with our beloved canines, and turned out to be a very popular event. The dogs certainly agreed!

We've received several requests to organize another doggie play date, so stay tuned for future outings!

## Admissions Office in DC for Volunteer Student Recruiters

The Ohio State Admissions Office held a great student recruitment workshop at the John Glenn Institute on Thursday, Nov. 3. Current, past and interested future volunteer student recruiters attended.

It was a great opportunity to get involved to help the university bring qualified students to campus from this area. The workshop included a condensed version of the Alumni/Admissions Recruitment Seminar held every year in Columbus and a delicious catered dinner.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer student recruiter for our Spring 2006 college fairs, or for more information on student recruitment please call Hongor J. Oulanoff at (703) 351-6509.

## Lasting Impressions

We are always happy to hear success stories from our scholarship recipients. The scholarships we award help students from our area attending OSU defray some of the costs. Below is a letter that we received from the parents of one of our former recipients, who has recently graduated and started his professional career:

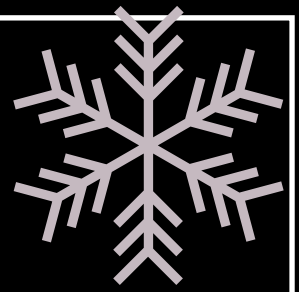
*To OSU Alumni Club of Washington, DC:*

*We wanted to let you know that our son, Brian, who received a scholarship from the club five years ago graduated from OSU in Hospitality Management this past June. He has been hired as banquet manager at the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg.*

*Thanks very much to the DC Alumni Club for helping to make this possible.*

*Sincerely,  
Ted & Barb Gstalder  
Gaithersburg, MD*





*Happy Holidays  
to all our fellow DC Buckeyes!*

We look forward to seeing you  
at our upcoming events in 2006.  
Visit [www.osudc.org](http://www.osudc.org) for details

GO BUCKS!!!!



## Alumni Leaders Conference and Awards for OSUDC

The Alumni Leadership Conference (ALC) was held at the Fawcett Center in Columbus the weekend of September 15. Many of our club leaders, including President Wendy Butler Mafuz, Past President Harlene Palkuti, and Student Recruitment chair Hongor Oulanoff, attended.

Our club has traditionally been a strong leader in promoting the interests of our alma mater. This year was no exception! We were awarded the distinguished Gold Star award, which means that we are in the top ten percent of all outstanding alumni clubs from around the world! We also won the Newsletter Award for our graphic creativity; and our longtime leader, Hongor Oulanoff, was awarded the exclusive Archie Griffin Spirit Award for his tireless, dedicated service to the club. Way to go, Hongor!





# “Young” Alumni Happy Hour

The "Young" Alumni Special Interest Group (SIG) was started in Spring 2005 to encourage recent graduates to get more involved in the club, and the monthly happy hours hosted by this group have been wildly successful. 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:** First Wednesday of each month  
**Where:** Buffalo Billiards (19th Street NW, across from the Dupont South Metro)  
**Time:** 6pm

For questions or more information, please contact Katie Smith ('03 grad) at [KSmith015@verizon.net](mailto:KSmith015@verizon.net). Also, check your email for monthly reminders!

## Successful Gamewatch Season

Our weekly gamewatches wrapped up its very successful season with a packed house and an exciting win over Michigan. (GO BUCKS!!) What a great way to close out the regular football season. Thanks to our fellow local Buckeye Alums for coming out and supporting the event, as well as, the donations you made to our club's adopted service project, St. Annes. We had a great time while helping a worthy cause. See you all next year!



## OSU Adopt-A-Highway Fall Drive Wrapup

Saturday, November 12 was the final day for our Fall Adopt-A-Highway Drive, which took place at the intersection of Lee Chapel and Old Keene Mill in Springfield, VA. Thanks to all who attended and helped with the clean ups this fall, and many thanks to Phil Gbur for coordinating the drive!



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