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Buckeye Bulletin

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Two Seasons

There are two seasons each year. They are **FOOTBALL SEASON** and the rest of the year. Each summer about this time the anticipation begins to grow as we football fans look towards Columbus and the "Shoe" where The Ohio State Buckeyes will once again take the field striving for another Big Ten title and of course a National Championship.

Last year was a crazy year. With a loss to Illinois we still ended up number one at the end of the regular season only to lose to LSU 38-24 in the BCS National Championship game. We ended the season with an 11-2 record. The highlights from last season were that Chris Wells and James Laurinaitis were First Team Big Ten and First Team All American. Todd Boechman, Brian Robiskie, Marcus Freeman and Anderson Russel were First Team Big Ten. We finished last season the number one defense in the Big Ten and the NCAA. Chris Wells rushed for 1,609 yards, 15 touchdowns and was the Team MVP.

This year many are picking The Ohio State Buckeyes to win it all. It won't be easy but we can do it. Must see games are USC September 13th (do you have your tickets?), Wisconsin October 5th, Penn State October 25th and of course Michigan November 22nd.

Are you ready? Is your calendar cleared to spend those four hours each Saturday at Dave & Busters cheering on the Scarlet and Grey? Are you ready cheer on the beloved Buckeyes to another Big Ten Win and National Championship? Are you ready to sing Hang On Sloopy? I'm ready. I'll see you in August for the first kickoff. GO BUCKS!

– Richard McIntosh



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About Our Club

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Orange County/Inland Empire...

is one of over 200 geographically-based OSU alumni clubs
located all over the world.

We have 280 family memberships with graduates and friends of the university, ranging from 20 years old to 92 years old, plus future Buckeyes as young as 1 year old. There are over 6,000 alumni living in the Orange County, Inland Empire area.

Club Mission

OSU OC/IE exists to promote The Ohio State University through communications and community relations, student recruitment, fellowship, and networking. Its goals are to accurately represent Ohio State in our local community, mobilize alumni to meet special needs of the university, recruit the best and brightest students, contribute new ideas about existing and/or possible university programs, and support university development and scholarship efforts.

Club History

Prior to 1959, Orange County was part of the OSU Alumni Club of Southern California Club. In 1959, Orange County became part of the OSU Alumni Club of Long Beach and remained so until 1974. To meet the growing needs of Orange County, the club was granted its charter by the Alumni Association, becoming the Ohio State University Alumni Club of Orange County, Long Beach.

In 1996 the club became what it is currently known as "The Orange County and Inland Empire Club." The club now serves only Orange County and The Inland Empire. The Long Beach Club is now part of the Greater Los Angeles Club.



The Orange County/Inland Empire
website has been updated and improved.

Check It Out
at www.osuocie.org

Drum Roll Please...



Our next Buckeye Event Speaker will be **Jon Woods**, Ph.D. Director, The Ohio State University Marching Band, TBDBITL!!! Woods has served as director of the marching band for more than 20 years, the longest of anyone to hold this position. A nationally known clinician on marching band techniques and show design, he frequently travels around the country serving as an adjudicator for band competitions. During his tenure as director, the band has been awarded the Sudler Trophy, was featured in USA Today and “Hang On Sloopy” was named the official rock song of Ohio. In addition to his position as director, he is a full professor in the Music Education Department and also conducts the Concert Repertoire Band.

This must-see event is Wednesday, August 6, 2008 from 6:00-8:00pm at Dave and Busters in the Irvine Spectrum. The address is 71 Fortune Drive, Suite 960, Irvine, CA 92618. There will be a dinner buffet with a no host bar. The cost is \$25 for members and their families and \$35 for non-members. Reservations are due by July 28, 2008. For more information call Christie Brockhage at (949) 650-5510.

– Christie Brockhage

DAVE AND BUSTERS

71 Fortune Drive, Irvine, CA 92618 • (949) 727-0555

Save This Date

Pep Rally with Ohio State University President Gordon Gee

Wednesday, September 10th 5:00-7:30pm

Dave and Busters in the Irvine Spectrum

Watch osuocie.org and your email for more information!





No Excuses

TO: Susan Long and Kathy Bickel

My name is Chris Irving. I'm a 4th grade teacher at Good Hope Elementary School in Perris, California. You recently sent me a box of Ohio State merchandise and I wanted to thank you so much for that. As you know, my school has adopted a "No Excuses" philosophy in every single classroom. This is our first year doing this and it's still a growing trend at our school. I have personally selected my classroom to represent Ohio State for a variety of reasons, primarily because I had two cousins attend Ohio State and they loved it and had so many positive things to say about it. I also wanted my students to understand that there's more to this world than Southern California and Mexico. My students now refer to themselves as mini-Buckeyes and I have been told from many of my students that when they get older, they want to go to Ohio State University.

Thank you so much for your donations to our class. The students love the flags and especially the pom poms. Attached is a picture of my students taken last week. I hope to keep in touch with the two of you. Next year I will be transforming my entire classroom to fully fit the philosophy of "No Excuses" University. It will be decked out in white, gray and red. I'm also getting each kid Ohio State T-Shirts and teaching them the fight songs.

Anyway, please keep in touch as we move forward and finish out this school year.

Thank you both so much!

*Chris Irving
Perris Elementary School District*

Scholarship Update

The Orange County/Inland Empire Club has one of the largest endowed scholarship funds outside the state of Ohio. We should take pride in our efforts to raise money for this worthy cause and in the students who represent us on campus: two sophomores – Robert Munoz and Dominic Ferrey, and three freshmen – Raewyn Smith, Katherine Pfeifer and Allen Goddard. This is possible thanks to each and every one of you who participated in 50/50 raffles, made donations to our scholarship fund through personal donations and participated in our club events.

The period of processing scholarship applications for this fall's entering freshmen class ended March 3rd and we hope we will have another Buckeye to introduce at one of the first football games. Our Alumni Scholars Program winner is from Fort Irwin. He will be a wonderful addition to the Buckeye Family. The volunteer interview committee for this year included Chair Susan Munthe, past interview member Casey Golovko and past Scholarship winner and recent graduate Hillary LeBail.

Please take a minute to introduce yourself to our students who visit us when home on break. They are all amazing and will be happy to share their on-campus experiences with you. **If you wish to make a donation to our scholarship fund, please make your check payable to The Ohio State University Foundation and specify that it be used for account #605513 and mail it to: University Development, The Ohio State University Foundation, 1480 West Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43221. These donations are tax-deductible.**

– Susan Munthe

Ohio State Blood Drive

During football season last year our Alumni Club participated in a blood drive challenge against alumni from that school up north. The bad news is that Michigan beat us with donations of blood made through the Red Cross. The score was Michigan 526 and Ohio State 477. We'll get them in 2008.

– Aaron Freidman

Buckeye Holiday Brunch

We had a wonderful Sunday brunch event at Dave and Busters at the Irvine Spectrum to celebrate the holidays on December 16, 2007 with over 80 Buckeyes of all ages in attendance.

Arnie Fontes was a fantastic speaker! Arnie played football at OSU for Coach Woody Hayes. He shared some of his favorite memories including game highlight moments. He talked about the life lessons he learned from playing football at Ohio State. One of the fun stories was how Coach Hayes recruited him to go to OSU. Coach Hayes was a smart man by recruiting Arnie's mom on the advantages of her son playing at Ohio State by making the point that "he'll be close to home, in Ohio!" Coach Hayes knew Arnie's mom would help him in recruiting Arnie to join The Ohio State Buckeyes. It worked!

Our Buckeye club members participated again this year in our annual holiday toy drive to benefit Motel Kids. We gathered a large collection of wonderful toys and gift card donations during our holiday event. Bill, a representative from Serenity Village, came by to pick up our donations and thank us for our ongoing support. He also shared more about this local charity and how our donations brightened the holidays for the motel kids and their families from our toy and gift card donations. For more information on this organization, please visit www.serenityvillage.org.

We also had our usual great Buckeye raffle prize giveaways... including custom made table top Buckeye holiday trees that were a big hit at the event. Everyone had a wonderful time. We look forward to our annual holiday event...and to think...the next one is only a few months away...which means football season will be here even sooner!!!

– Christie Brockhage



Buckeye Football 2008

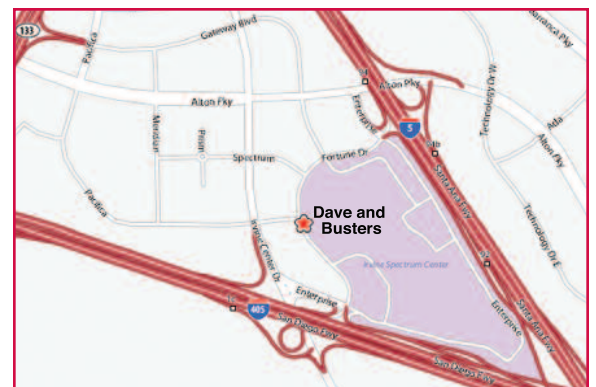
Watch the Ohio State Buckeye football games this season with fellow Buckeyes at Dave and Busters in the Irvine Spectrum. The Spectrum is where the 5 and 405 Freeways meet in Irvine. See you there and GO BUCKS!



Fall 2008 Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time (Pacific)</u>
Aug. 30	Youngstown	9:00am
Sept. 6	Ohio	9:00am
Sept. 13	@ USC	5:00pm
Sept. 20	Troy	9:00am
Sept. 27	Minnesota	TBD
Oct. 4	@ Wisconsin	5:00pm
Oct. 11	Purdue	TBD
Oct. 18	@ Michigan State	TBD
Oct. 25	Penn State	5:00pm
Nov. 8	@ Northwestern	TBD
Nov. 15	@ Illinois	TBD
Nov. 22	#\$?%&)#\$	TBD

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Paying Forward

When I came to the Alumni Association four years ago, one of the motivating factors for me in taking this job was the fact that it would give me a chance to pay forward for future generations of Buckeyes.

As many of you may know, the concept of paying forward has been one of the bedrock principles that I've used in my life. My college football coach Woody Hayes was a firm believer in this idea and it was something I heard him preach and watched him practice. Coach Hayes got the idea of paying forward from Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay on Compensation. Emerson wrote, *"You can pay back only seldom... You can always pay forward and you must pay line for line, deed for deed, and cent for cent."*

These words have always been impactful for me, particularly because I can look back at my life and recognize that any accomplishment I achieved came in part because of the efforts of others. I consider myself an example of how paying forward can help advance a life.

This is why so many of our efforts at the Alumni Association are devoted to paying forward. It is why we decided to support the Recovery School District in New Orleans, an effort that to date has raised nearly \$70,000 for kids in need. It is why we decided to make our Alumni Cup golf outing benefit our scholarship endowment, an idea that has led to more than \$50,000 in scholarship funds being raised. And it is why I take tremendous pride in the fact that our clubs and societies raise more than \$400,000 in scholarship funds each year.

Everywhere you look, you can find ways that the Association, our members, and our constituent groups are paying forward. You probably don't have to think very hard to come up with ways that your group is helping to do the same. That makes me extraordinarily proud.

The idea of paying forward is also one that is clearly on the mind of Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee. I had to smile when I saw his list of six strategic goals and got to goal No. 5, which is "Commit to our Communities." President Gee recognizes that Ohio State and its alumni do not exist in a vacuum. We are all part of a broader community and being active in these communities is so very important.

This is the type of work that you and your group are doing on a regular basis. You've taken a leadership role, which is something that we take note of here at Longaberger Alumni House. So keep the faith, keep up the good work, and let's keep paying forward to ensure that others will enjoy a bright future.

– Archie Griffin