

Young Bucks Club of San Diego

Most of us Ohioans moved to San Diego for the same reason - so we didn't have to shovel another driveway EVER again. We never see snow, rain, sleet, icy roads or the changing of the foliage. Many of you miss the four seasons that Ohio has to offer, that you do not get to enjoy in San Diego. That is understandable. San Diego is well known for having

only one season, 75 degrees and sunny. Well folks, I'm here to tell you that San Diego actually has 2 seasons. That second season is OSU football season and it is right around the corner. And what better way to kick off the season than with a gathering of the OSU Young Bucks faithful. We will be planning a few fun-filled nights out to get to know our fellow

Young Bucks, so look for emails and e-vites. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact dave@osusandiego.com.

The first meeting for the Young Bucks club will be at Moondoggies before the Texas game on September 10 at 3:00 pm - see you there!

Student Recruitment Update

As the new chairperson for student recruitment I'd like to reach out to others who would like to get involved with the future of Ohio State, its prospective students. Please consider volunteering this small investment of time to go to a college fair at a local high school (see the schedule) or/and an hour during the day (especially if it's a school you have a

connection with) to go to a targeted H.S. to discuss OSU. All materials are provided and it's really fun! If you are interested in helping out please contact me via email kelly@osusandiego.com or by phone at 619-733-2006. Thank You, Kelly McKean.

Tentative Schedule (All dates will be

announced soon... see website for updates):

1. College Night at Point Loma High School (October)
2. Cal-Soap College Fair (October)
3. North County Conference of San Diego at Poway 3 Unified School District (October)



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Meet Your Club Officers 2005 - 2006

Most of you know me as I've been involved with the club since Gary Rectenwald re-started it in 1992. But, you may not know all of the other officers especially since the club just elected 2 new ones as secretary and treasurer. I am grateful to Don Zatyko who has stepped up and is now in his 3rd year as vice president (and website 'guru') and will be continuing next year as president. He has been amazing and the club owes him a great gratitude already. The other two, Kelly McKean, our new secretary, and David Gersz, our new treasurer, are beginning to make an impact as they learn their way and add a much-needed element of youth and new ideas to the mix. Look for David's 'mission' for a Young Bucks division of our club in his article and Kelly's passion of student recruitment as she is also chairing this most important function for us. Go Kelly, Dave, and Don! You are the best! Here are your officers:

Don Zatyko, Vice President 2003-06

A 1992 Buckeye Alumni of computer engineering, Don quickly fell in love with the San Diego lifestyle when he came here for his MBA from SDSU. As he plans his wedding in October with Jill, our resident graphic artist/designer and Buckeye Alumni herself, he finds the time to train for his 8th marathon in Vegas (last one was London) and do GeoCaching (see geocaching.com). New puppy, Zeke, also keeps Don from working too late as a Program Manager at Intuit. His favorite OSU memory is none other than the championship victory game, Fiesta Bowl 2003! (isn't it yours?!) He misses the Ohio winters and humid summers alot, but is most enthralled with trying to bring the cost of houses in Ohio to San Diego. Go, Don.

Kelly McKean, Secretary and Student Recruitment Chairperson 2005-06
Kelly was a zoology major at OSU

and is now teaching junior-high students science. She is currently working on her master's degree in teaching at National University. When she has a moment, Weimeraner, Lucy, a puppy of six months keeps her attention and love.

David Gersz, Treasurer and Young Bucks Chairperson 2005-06
A graduate with a double major of finance and real estate Dave relocated to San Diego because he didn't have to pack a snow shovel! Dave is busy working for a mortgage wholesale lending company, but finds time for the Buckeyes, of course, and scuba diving (can't do much of that in Ohio!). His favorite memory is also the National Championship season and game. But from his freshman year at OSU, he fondly remembers nightly visits to "Not Al's Toos". Maybe you could franchise it here, Dave!

2005 Football Tickets

The OSU San Diego Club received a nice block of football tickets for the SDSU vs. OSU game on September 17. All tickets were quickly purchased by San Diego's football faithful. When this article was written, the paper tickets were not received. We will contact ticket buyers when the paper tickets arrive.

Feel free to contact Don (don@osusandiego.com or 619-855-2886) with any questions.

If you bought alumni tickets and won't be able to attend the game, why not sell them to a San Diego club member. Just drop me an e-mail and we'll post your tickets on the website.

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Alumni Club of San Diego Volunteers to Help our Community

On October 23, 2004, the Crime Stoppers Light the Night Against Crime 5k Run/Walk took place in the area of Balboa Park. Crime Stoppers is a program where a person can communicate information about a crime and still remain anonymous. Each month, hundreds of calls come into the tip line (888-580-TIPS) and are forwarded to detectives all over the County for investigation. Crime Stoppers has helped solve over 2,800 felony cases, including homicides and robberies. More than 1600 suspects have been arrested and thousands of dollars of stolen property have been recovered from these tips. The run is Crime Stoppers largest fundraiser and all proceeds go to the Felony Reward Fund. Approximately 2,700 runners/walkers participated this year and our club was part of all the fun and excitement of the event.

On March 5, 2005, The San Diego Police Department's Multi-Cultural Relations Office in conjunction with the East African Youth Organization sponsored a basketball clinic for females between the ages of 13-18 years. The San Diego East African Youth Organization (EAYO) is a non-profit organization that supports the East African youth community in San Diego between the ages of 13-18. The organization is open to teenagers of all ethnicities. The majority of the youth members are from the Somali, Ethiopian,

Eritrean and Sudanese ethnic groups. EAYO was conceived when the Multi-Cultural Relations Office noticed an increase in juvenile crime involving East African youth. Through crime trends research and San Diego Police Department Special Unity feedback, it was determined that the East African youth community needed a mentorship program. The East African Youth Organization was formed to address complicated issues and needs of the East African youth. EAYO's mission is to provide a safe environment for East African youth to come together to work on cultural and civic events. EAYO provides positive interaction between East African youth and the San Diego Police Department in order to develop leadership and decision-making skills. EAYO endeavors to overcome cultural, language and generational barriers in order to reduce crime and violence among East African youth. A member of our club was on hand to teach new basketball skills and the art of teamwork to all the participants. The day was extremely rewarding to all. Another clinic and tournament is planned for this summer.

On March 18, 2005, members of our club helped chaperone a youth dance sponsored by the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego Asian Youth Organization (SDAYO). The SDAYO was formed to provide an opportunity for Asian teenagers between

the ages of 13-18 to come together in a safe environment to work on civic and cultural events. These youths come from all parts of San Diego. The youth participate in sports, such as basketball, volleyball, bowling, and many other similar activities. The youth also participate in community related events such as serving food to the homeless, graffiti paintouts, and tree plantings. To support themselves they hold numerous fund-raising events such as dances. More than 300 youth participated in the dance on March 18th. After looking at all the new dance moves, our members realized we have gotten old. One member was heard to comment "If I tried that, my back would break and I would be in traction for the next month." The evening was very entertaining and educational.

Another excellent program, which is always in need of volunteers, is the STAR/PAL United For Youth program. The STAR/PAL, San Diego's Police Athletic League Chapter is dedicated to providing thousands of underserved youth in San Diego with the opportunities they deserve. STAR/PAL offers free youth programs and positive interaction with committed volunteers that include law enforcement officers, firefighters and community business leaders. You can find out more about the programs/events STAR/PAL offers and how to volunteer at www.starpal.org.

Event Calendar

Date	Time	Event
September 3	9:00 a.m.	MIAMI
September 10	5:00 p.m.	TEXAS
September 17	12:30 p.m.	SAN DIEGO STATE
September 24	TBA	IOWA
October 5	TBA	Carlsbad College Fair
October 8	4:00/4:45 p.m.	@ Penn State
October 15	TBA	MICHIGAN STATE
October 22	TBA	@ Indiana
October 29	TBA	@ Minnesota
November 5	TBA	ILLINOIS
November 12	TBA	NORTHWESTERN
November 18	5:30 p.m.	Annual Beat Michigan Beach Bonfire/Pep Rally
November 19	10:00 a.m.	@ Michigan/Scholarship Raffle/Breakfast
December	TBA	Holiday Event

Annual Meeting a Summertime Success

Good times were had by all at this summer's annual meeting and picnic. Club members met on a beautiful day Balboa Park. Buckeyes enjoyed barbequed hot dogs and hamburgers along with delicious side dishes and desserts.

What could make the blue skies and seventy five degree weather and but a heated chili cook off. Ed took first prize as expected. If you've attended some of the past OSUSD events, you would recognize the great taste of his beer chili.

After some food, former OSU quarterback, Greg Frey, took center stage. Frey shared his views on what it means to be a Buckeye as they relate to his life experiences. It's been 15 years since we watched Frey play for the Buckeyes. Remember when OSU overcame a huge point deficit in Minnesota to come back and beat the Golden Gophers. Who would have guessed that many years later, 2500 miles from Columbus, we'd have a chance to catch a pass from Frey? Thanks Greg!



DON ZATYKO & GREG FREY

Sometimes when I think about the benefits of being member of the OSUSD club, I think of ways people can save money to justify the small annual fee. But, fun afternoons like this remind me that the best part of the club is meeting with and making new friends. Thanks to all who attended.

President's Address

As I begin my third (and final) term at the helm of this fine club, I am both excited and hopeful. I am excited to have such a fine group of officers in place (see 'Meet Your Officers') to take this club to the next level. I am excited to have back, Mr. Gary Rectenwald, to help us with the scholarship that bears his name. Did you know that we awarded our very first Club-sponsored scholarship this year? Now that the club has its Endowment Fund (25K) in place in Columbus we will add to it and will be able to increase our awards to more students each year. I am excited that we are returning home to Moondoggies for

football Saturdays for the Tenth year but am hopeful that when we beat Texas on September 10th that a new North county locale will be identified so that more Buckeyes can enjoy the games comfortably each week (see contact info for Vickie Stone).

Last year was a great year for our club. We did more community outreach, we set our Endowment Fund in motion, we recruited new 'blood' into the club and have identified ongoing goals to keep this club alive and well in San Diego. Won't you join us by making this our best year ever?! Renew your dues (see

form), get involved any way you can, support our scholarship fund, order items that rebate to our club, and network and enjoy the camaraderie that makes this tradition the best in the land. Go, Bucks!

Jera



Football Game Watch at Moondoggies in Pacific Beach

Are you ready for some football? 2005 could line up to be huge!

Club members will continue to meet at Moondoggies in Pacific Beach. Moondoggies is a fun location with great food. Moondoggies offers free parking passes to paid members of the OSU San Diego Club. Ask a club representative about obtaining a parking pass. And,

they make generous donations to the club's scholarship fund in appreciation for having a restaurant full of Buckeyes every game day.

But, since it is a popular place for Buckeyes, the 200+ seats can sometimes fill up. So, get there early to secure a good parking spot and good table. Moondoggies is located at 832

Garnet Ave., San Diego, CA 92109.

Hey North County San Diegans: Is there a good place to watch football up north? Let us know and we'll make it an official north county watch location. E-mail to Vicki vicki@osusandiego.com and let us know.