



Sarasota Manatee Ohio State Alumni Club

Buckeye News



"The Best Darn Fans in the Land"

ARCHIE SPIRIT AWARD WINNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 18th President Gee
- Golf Tournament March 21 8:30 a.m. Serenoa Country Club
- March 21st Diabetes walk Siesta Key www.jdr.org
- April—Beer tasting TBA
- June—LeBarge Sunset Cruise TBA
- August - 2nd annual tailgate TBA

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Jamie Tacy

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Young Buckeyes

Jamie Tacy

Fellow Buckeyes,

I am so proud of what we accomplished in 2008 as a club. We saw over 3,500 Buckeye fans at our famous game-watching parties at Captain Curt's and Tequila Beach this football season. Thanks to your support – in the midst of having plenty of fun – we raised approximately \$15,000 for our scholarship fund allowing us to support local students attending our great University. Be sure to read on for updates about the students we so proudly support at OSU.

A first for the club, we were granted a \$1,000 Diversity Programming Grant for Ohio State Alumni Clubs and Societies from the national Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. Thanks to this

grant, we were able to support the efforts of Latino Excellence of Sarasota which provides free English lessons to Hispanic adults and children in the Sarasota area. (Many of you may have heard about the great program from our very own Michael Patrick Fehily who is never too soft-spoken.) Sarasota and Manatee County Buckeyes are always sure to show their spirit and we are looking forward to showcasing our club's enthusiasm to a very special guest in just a few weeks. Be sure to mark your calendars for a reception with The Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Again, read on for details, and be sure to send in your reservation now. As we all know, President Gee is sure to draw

quite a crowd. As we enter the New Year it seems that personal demands on time and resources are ever increasing; however, it is now more than ever that we turn to the most trusted networks in our lives. Like the Buckeye network. Our Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Alumni Club renews old friendships, inspires new connections and allows all of us a chance to encourage and support students pursuing their educational dreams at Ohio State.

Thank you for your involvement and investment in our great club. We look forward to your continued friendship this year.

Go Bucks!!!!

Jamie Tacy
President



THE President Gee Visit Feb 18, 2009

Join the Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Alumni Club as we host The Ohio State University President Gordon E. Gee at an evening reception from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Palm Aire Golf and Country Club. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be offered for attendees as we mix and mingle with club members and our special guest, President Gee. Palm Aire Golf and Country Club is located at 5601 Country Club Way in Sarasota. Please RSVP with payment no later than February 11, 2009 as space is limited.

___ Number of Attendees @ \$20.00 each	\$ _____
___ Number of Attendees @ \$25.00 each/non members	\$ _____
2008-09 Family Club Dues \$ 25.00.....	\$ _____
Check enclosed.....	\$ _____

Make your check payable to
OSU Sarasota-Manatee Alumni Club and mail to:
OSU Club Treasurer Larry Cory
3038 Bay Oaks Dr., Sarasota, FL 34234
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2009 Golf Outing

Get your foursome together now for our 7th Annual Golf Outing scheduled for Saturday, March 21 with a 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Serenoa Country Club. The cost of event is \$75 per golfer and \$20 per person for the luncheon that follows the golf event. This tournament is a key event that supports the club's scholarship fund. To sign-up primary contact Larry Hedden (941-359-0477/lhedden@tampabay.rr.com), Dick Bechtel at 927-7722, dickbechtel@aol.com, or Jim McMahon (941-377-4474/buckeyejp@comcast.net).

Scholarship Information

We are constantly receiving communication from our students who absolutely love the true OSU experience. In December our club sent them final exam study care packages to wish them luck on their exams and hoping to send a little sunshine their way. This past January 2009 the Sarasota-Manatee OSU alumni club was able to make a \$1,000 donation to each of our 6 local students who are attending Ohio State as undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students. This generous donation could not be possible without the charitable contributions of our local membership in forms of participating in the football 50/50 raffle, attending the annual golf outing (which by the way is happening on March 21st 2009), and various other donating opportunities throughout the year.

The University informed us that we have 4 other local students who have been recently accepted to our prestigious University for the 2009-2010 school year from Sarasota, Bradenton, and Parrish and I will be in touch with them to answer any questions and see how we may be able to offer any assistance to help persuade them to become Buckeyes. We will be having them fill out applications for the Alumni Scholars Program money as well as our local Gerry Keyes Scholarship fund. If you know of any local students considering OSU or who are attending OSU please have them contact me at shanny_nole@hotmail.com or 941-371-9691 to hear about our scholarship opportunities!

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Shannon McMahon who has been chosen as **Teacher of the Year at Phillipi Shores Elementary** a International Baccalaureate School. Shannon graduated with a Masters Degree in 2002 from The Ohio State University and is a Speech Language Pathologist (Speech Therapist). She is our local club's 1st Vice President and also Our Scholarship Chair. **Congratulations Shannon**

Order Your Sarasota-Manatee Shirts and Auto Magnet

Order Now your custom 5" x 5" Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Auto Magnet for **only \$5!** Show everyone that you are Proud to be a Buckeye. Go to www.SarasotaBuckeye.org to order.



Sarasota-Manatee custom shirts available via check or credit card from our website www.SarasotaBuckeye.org. All shirts come with a custom embroidered Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Logo. Photos are available on the website. Please make sure to specify size and gender when ordering. You can also purchase these shirts and auto magnets at our football watching events.

Sarasota-Manatee OSU Logo Item	Price
Polo Sport Shirt (White)	\$26.00
Athletic Sport Shirt (White w/Red)	\$26.00
Oxford Shirt - button down (White)	\$26.00
Pinpoint Dress Shirt - button down	\$30.00
Bill Blass Long Sleeve	\$42.00
Micro Pull-over Jacket - Lined (RED)	\$43.00
UVF 30+ T-Shirt (White)	\$18.00
Sandwich Cap (Red)	\$13.00
Fruit of Loom T-Shirt(White w/Red)	\$13.00
Plus Shipping charge of \$4/item	

Buckeye Beacon - Barb Cook

by Bill Lawyer

Most of you can recall seeing Barb Cook racing around Captain Curt's waving her OSU banner after each Buckeye score. For the past few seasons you will most likely find her at Tequila Beach Sport Grill, our Manatee County game-watching headquarters.

One of the reasons she can run around like that is because she was one of the top runners in Cleveland. Barb competed in ten marathons, won a gold medal and competed in the amateur Olympics. She also ran the Columbus Marathon plus two triathlons and one biathlon. In case you are thinking she is a fair weather runner she told me she also was a member of the Polar Bear Club.

Ms. Cook grew up in Springfield, Ohio and went to Springfield High School. She later attended Lorain Community College to become a dental assistant at Ohio State for dental x-ray training. Barb said she has been a football fan all her life.

Since moving to Florida in 1993, Barb has worked as a medical assistant for a doctor whose specialty is gastroenterology (jokingly called "guts and butts").

When she isn't working she does volunteer work for the Salvation Army where she most recently organized a food and clothing drive. She is a golfer and won a set of clubs at last year's golf outing at Heritage Oaks. Barb proudly told me that she has a hole in one under her belt. She also was a Water Safety Instructor, teaching that course for 30 years.

Barb Cook is one of a kind and is one of the reasons that the club has been so successful with our game watch location in Bradenton. She is always ready to help sell raffle tickets, lead a cheer or sign up new members. You won't find a more loyal Buckeye fan in Sarasota or Manatee County than Barb Cook.

2009 Dues

Please remember that our local chapter membership dues of \$25 a household are due on a calendar year basis. Have you realized that thanks to our restaurant partners Captain Curt's and Tequila Beach who each provide all dues-paying members with \$10 gift certificates to their establishments, our membership is truly only \$5 out of pocket! Please simply complete the form below, or renew your membership dues online via PayPal at www.sarasotabuckeye.org.

Young Buckeyes by Jamie Tacy

The club's Young Buckeyes group has been venturing further into the virtual world over the last year. We launched a MySpace page (www.myspace.com/sarasotabuckeye) over the summer, and are excited to find more "friends" in our new Facebook group (<http://tinyurl.com/dhn77y>). Be sure to look us up and join our networks!

The Young Buckeyes group welcomes all Ohio State University alumni, friends and fans. Our membership is composed of individuals ages 21-50 and includes recent graduates, working professionals and families. The Young Buckeyes group is dedicated to facilitating camaraderie between alumni and welcoming new residents to the club. (There are no additional dues - the Young Buckeyes are simply a social group within the local club!)



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The Buckeye Sportsmanship Creed - On game days, we come down with scarlet fever. We sing the fight song loud and proud.—We believe every O-H deserves an I-O. We support all of our athletes and teams.—We follow the "scarlet rules." We treat our guests as we wish to be treated.—We cheer for a good play and respect the other team. We're gracious in victory and defeat.—Athletics brings out the best in all of us.



When the dust has cleared...And the final whistle has blown, The spirit is maintained...The pride is there...With or without the victory bell, **Ohio State has the...Best Fans in the Land.**

Thank you for being the best fans in the land – and all your participation and contributions making our club the best club in the land!

Thank You Buckeyes—Beat Hunger Bowl

This year, the national Ohio State University Alumni Association has orchestrated a Beat Hunger Bowl Challenge in conjunction with the Buckeye's bowl game and the Sarasota-Manatee Club was pleased to be a part of the food drive. We collected pounds of food items to donate to All Faiths Food Bank during the Jan. 5 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

PAYMENT

Make check out to:

Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Alumni Club

Send to: Larry Cory 3038 Bay Oaks Dr.

Sarasota, FL 34234

OR Go to:

SarasotaBuckeye.org

Then click on Credit Card Payment

2008-09 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent*	Time
Feb. 3, 2009	Purdue	7:00 pm ET
Feb. 7, 2009	Minnesota	8:00 pm ET
Feb. 14, 2009	at Wisconsin	9:00 pm ET
Feb. 18, 2009	at Northwestern	9:00 pm ET
Feb. 21, 2009	Illinois	TBA
Feb. 24, 2009	Penn State	7:00 pm ET
Mar. 1, 2009	at Purdue	TBA
Mar. 3, 2009	at Iowa	TBA
Mar. 8, 2009	Northwestern	4:00 pm ET

Basketball watching @ Buffalo Wild Wings & Tequila Beach