



Sarasota Manatee Ohio State Alumni Club

Buckeye News



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We want to hear from you!

A quick survey is currently available on our web site at www.sarasotabuckeye.org. Please share your thoughts to help our club continue to be the best darn club in the land!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **7/9 6-9 p.m.** Young Bucks for a happy hour @ Captain Curt's Sneaky Tiki - Siesta
- **7/19 6:15-6:30 pm** LeBarge Cruise
- **8/1 4:10 pm** "Daughtry" concert Tampa Rays
- **8/9 4-8:00 pm** FREE to members Summer Picnic & pre-kickoff party @ Lakes Community Ctr
- **8/22 7:10 pm** "Big & Rich" concert Tampa Rays
- **9/5 Noon** OSU vs. Navy Captain Curt's & Tequila Beach

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Buckeyes,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and enjoying a great start to the summer season. There's been so much talk recently during these difficult economic times about a refocusing on what's truly important. In fact, at our special reception with the University President E. Gordon Gee in February, our alma mater's current president referred to a re-setting of values rather than the idea of a recession. What a great testimony his brief – and entertaining – address was to the idea that we must all continue to follow the



words of Woody Hayes and "pay it forward."

I invite you to join other club members as we support Habitat for Humanity as a Buckeye family on Saturday, June 27. Each year, we look to give back to our local community in meaningful ways and we are looking forward to working hard at Habitat as we pay it forward this month. If you are interested in helping to coordinate club volunteer opportunities and service efforts, I invite you to consider becoming Service Chair, a recently added volunteer position with the club. I hope that you'll also treat yourself to a sunset cruise with the Buckeye crew next month. Don't worry,

none of us will be steering the ship. We'll just be relaxing on beautiful Sarasota Bay aboard a LeBarge cruise. Also, be sure to order your chances to win football tickets early this year. You can even purchase chance drawings for individual games via PayPal online at www.sarasotabuckeye.org

I look forward to seeing you at our service and social events this summer and back at Captain Curt's and Tequila Beach this fall for another great Buckeye football season!

Go Bucks!!!!

Jamie Tacy, President

PRESIDENTS CLUB USC Football Tickets

Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Club has two ways for you to get two Presidents Club Tickets for the big USC game in Columbus.

1. Buy a chance ticket for \$10 (attached form)
2. Silent email Auction. Email bid to BuckeyeJohn@gmail.com

Two great ways to obtain 2 Presidents Club tickets to the biggest game of the season!

GO BUCKS BEAT USC!

Summer Social Events

- July 9** Join the Young Bucks for a happy hour this summer. Just 'cuz its been a while! 6-9 p.m. @ Captain Curt's Sneaky Tiki—1200 Old Stickney Point Rd. - Siesta Key (Call Jamie Tacy at 941-504-6162 (cell) with any questions about the happy hour, or to find out more about Young Buckeyes.)
- July 19** LeBarge cruise- Sunday July 19. Ship departs at 7pm for 2 hour cruise. It is recommended that everyone arrives at 6:15-6:30. Early birds get the best seats. Cost is \$18.00 if we have more than 26 people in attendance. Please send check to Mike Kennelly to confirm reservation.
- August 1** "Daughtry" concert after the Tampa Bay Rays game. Game time 4:10 pm and concert immediately after. Cost of ticket only \$10.00 (upper deck ticket for the game but you can move to any empty seats for the concert) but limited tickets are available so first come first served. RSVP Jim McMahon at buckeyejp@comcast.net for confirmation.
- August 9** FREE Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Members Picnic hours 4-8 pm at the Lakes Community Clubhouse on Cottonwood Trail (directly off of McIntosh and Bahia Vista roads). You can pay your \$25 dues at the picnic. Please call Jim McMahon at 377-4474 to let him know how many are in your party.
- August 22** "Big & Rich" concert after Tampa Bay Rays game starting at 7:10 pm. Again limited seats are being held so let Jim know if you would like to come and specific # of seats you would like. Ticket price again only \$10.00.

RSVP and make payments to:

Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Alumni Club
c/o Mike Kennelly, Interim Club Treasurer
4408 Sawyer Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233

For any specific questions please feel free to call Jim at 377-4474 or email buckeyejp@comcast.net. Leave a message and he will return your call.

Scholarship Information

We are so happy to report that recent high school graduate of Braden River High School, Kari Schultz, has chosen to attend OSU in the fall. She is a stellar academic student who is well rounded with volunteerism, campus leadership, and athletics. She is the recipient of the \$600 alumni scholars' program scholarship and will also be receiving a \$1,500 Gerry Keyes Scholarship from our local club! Kari will be joining our continuing students who will also be receiving \$1,500 scholarships. These students are Kyle Redding, Damien Bythrow and Chelsea Gillespie who will all be Juniors, David Fultz who is in the PhD program, and Jordan Hershberger who will be a Senior swimmer for the Buckeyes (Jordan is unfortunately unable to receive scholarship money from our club since he is a registered University athlete)! My most recent communication with the University also revealed that we have two additional upperclassmen from our area by the names of Caroline Majeed and Cory Reeves. We are so happy to welcome them to our Buckeye family and are hopeful to be able to provide them with our local scholarship money.

We continue to have an impressive number of students from our area who are choosing The Ohio State University as their collegiate home. With this being said it goes without saying that raising scholarship money for our local students always has been and will continue to be a priority for our club. With continued support from your participation in outings such as our annual golf tournament, 50/50 chance drawings, football ticket raffles, Tervis tumbler sales, and other fundraising events we continue to raise money for our local students to provide the Gerry Keyes Scholarship. **To date the Sarasota-Manatee OSU Alumni club has given \$24,000 to individual students from our area just in the last 7 years alone!** For scholarship questions, donations, or opportunities please call Shannon McMahon at 941-539-1704 or via email at shanny_nole@hotmail.com.

Buckeye Beacon

Bill & Lenore Pursch by Bill Lawyer

Occasionally we find people who become Buckeyes later in life. Bill was a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force stationed at Wright Patterson AFB when he decided to get his PHD at Ohio State. He put on 84,000 miles driving between Dayton and Columbus. It was 64.5 each way. Over the next six years he became friends with the head of the Adult Education Department, Professor Dowling. After many years in the program, Prof. Dowling told Bill that he couldn't get student tickets any longer. He would have to finish his dissertation and start paying "adult" prices. So with his PHD in hand, one of Bill's first acts was to join the President's Club. Prof. Dowling was an inspiration to Bill so he decided to honor the good professor by providing monies for a scholarship in his name. Bill said "I didn't want anyone to think I bought the PHD" so he waited for awhile before springing on Dr. Dowling. At a luncheon at the Jai Lai, he did "spring" it on Prof. Dowling. It was the only time he was ever speechless!

Lenore and Bill grew up in Camden NJ. Bill graduated from Gettysburg College in 1960 and was commissioned a 2LT in the US Army. Later he earned a master's degree from Southern California. He served two tours in Vietnam.

Bill recalled their days at OSU and said "we felt like two college kids". Lenore earned her PHT (pushing hubby through) while Bill was working his PHD! The Pursch's had two daughters who were taken while they were in their mid twenties. Bill and Lenore set up a foundation in their memory and a trust fund both of which OSU is the beneficiary.

Sadly Bill and Lenore will be moving to Springfield, Ohio in the near future. But they have generously donated loads of Buckeye items and memorabilia for our club to use in the raffles at the game watch events. Bill told me that Mike Kennelly had to make four trips to get it all. Best wishes to Bill and Lenore as they head back to Ohio. I am sorry that I did not get to meet them in person.

Volunteer with Your Buckeye Buds

Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County

Saturday, June 27, 2009 @ 7:45 a.m. – noon

The club will be volunteering at the South Sarasota County Habitat for Humanity Chapter's first ever multi-story, multi-family neighborhood. The project is using a construction technique called Structural Insulated Panels (SIP) for the building exterior, which – for lack of a better description – is like putting Legos together! Our projects that day could also include moving and unloading scaffolding for the new project area.

No experience is necessary and all ability levels are welcome. Be sure to wear an old OSU shirt you don't mind getting dirty – possibly ruined for a good cause – that morning for a group photo. All participants must be over age 15. Please RSVP if you can make it to Jamie Tacy (srqyoungbuckeye@yahoo.com / 941-504-6162) by Tuesday, June 23. We hope you can join your Buckeye Club for this service project!

Directions to the site:

From Sarasota (local) – South on US 41 to Roberts Rd. (This is the first stoplight after the 681 connector overpass). Turn right onto Roberts Rd (There is a Hess Station on the corner). Then take an immediate right onto Old Tamiami Trail. Garden Park will be down Old Tamiami Trail on the left.

From Sarasota (highway)– South on I-75. Take Exit 200 or SR681 to Venice/Nokomis. This is a couple miles. Stay left toward Venice Nokomis. 681 drops you onto US41 South. First light is Roberts Rd. Right on Roberts, immediate right onto Old Tamiami Trail.



DUES DUE FOR 2009

Family Membership \$25/Year or
 Life Time Membership \$250/one time

OHIO STATE 2009 FOOTBALL PRESIDENTS CLUB TICKET CHANCES (\$10/Chance for 2 Tickets)

Date	Opponent	#Chances	\$
Sept. 5	Navy		
Sept. 12	USC		
Sept. 26	Illinois		
Oct. 10	Wisconsin		
Oct. 24	Minnesota		
Oct. 31	New Mexico St.		
Nov. 14	Iowa		
TOTAL AMOUNT			

* Chance drawing will occur two week before the actual game. Navy game and USC will occur on August 9th at the Members Free Picnic! Only one set of two USC tickets will be in the chance drawing the other set will be determined via silent email auction!

LOCAL DUES DUE FOR 2009

Family Membership \$25/Year
 Life Time Membership \$250/one time

JOIN OSUAA

Whether or not you graduated from Ohio State, you're eligible for membership in the Ohio State Alumni Association. There are four ways to learn about benefits and apply for membership.

<http://www.ohiostatealumni.org>

OHIO STATE 2009

Date	Opponent	Time
Sep. 5	Navy	Noon
Sep. 12	USC	8:00pm
Sep. 19	Toledo at Cleveland	Noon
Sep. 26	Illinois	TBA
Oct. 3	at Indiana	7:00pm
Oct. 10	Wisconsin	TBA
Oct. 17	at Purdue	TBA
Oct. 24	Minnesota	12:00pm
Oct. 31	New Mexico St.	TBA
Nov. 7	at Penn State	TBA
Nov. 14	Iowa	TBA
Nov. 21	at Michigan	TBA

PAYMENT

Make check out to:

Sarasota-Manatee Ohio State Alumni Club

Send to: Mike Kennelly 4408 Sawyer Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34233

OR Go to:

SarasotaBuckeye.org

Then click on Credit Card Payment