



Alumni Club of  
Southwest Florida

## THE LONGWALK

2010 EDITION

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

[WWW.SWFLBUCKEYES.COM](http://WWW.SWFLBUCKEYES.COM)

By Jeff Fuscardo

Question: If I wear the exact same shirt and hat that I did to the Rose Bowl will the Buckeyes play like that every week?

Things certainly aren't exactly the same at the club. However, we have an exciting season planned and a trip to Glendale, AZ on our minds. And a Heisman candidate to go with it.

The first change you may notice is the venue for the game watch parties. Although the location remains the same, the name has changed. The Board has recently met with the new owners of Ale Mary's and they are excited to have us back. We have a new batch of prizes for the raffle and will be holding special raffles for an autographed copy of Coach Tressel's book, *The Winners Manual*, an autographed Archie Griffin football, as well as a pair of tickets to the last regular season home game (some team from up north).

After several years of holding a book drive to benefit Ft. Myers Children's Hospital, the club has decided on a new project benefitting a different generation. We are going to shift towards our more mature fans with our new Buck-eyes program in which we will collect and donate used eye glasses to the local charities. Drop your used glasses in the box at the game watch parties in exchange for raffle tickets for the weekly prize raffle.

We have awarded the Southwest Florida Scholarship and this year's recipient is Chelsea Torres of Cape Coral. With this year's award, The Ohio State Alumni Club of SW Florida has awarded scholarships totaling more than \$25,000 over the past 3 years. The reason our club raises money is for this award. The students thank you for their support and affording them the opportunity to attend such a fine University.

Many members have expressed a desire to hold events outside of football watch parties. We found the best way to do this is to team up with other Big 10 alumni clubs in SW Florida and form a Big 10 Council. Events are announced on the club website as well as the Big 10 Council site ([www.swflbig10.com](http://www.swflbig10.com)). Currently we are planning a kick-off cookout for next weekend, August 22, from 4-6p at the Lodge at Lakes Park. Details are on our club website, as well as future events. Please email asap me if you plan to attend. We are also in the planning stage of a welcome cookout for the OSU men's soccer team on Sept. 17. Check the website for details as they become available.

The club is a football season ticket holder and we currently have tickets for sale. If you are interested in attending the Marshall (Sept. 2) or E. Michigan (Sept. 25) game let me know. I have also been getting many inquiries for tickets to the Miami game on September 11 and the Penn State game on November 13. If you have tickets you won't be using drop me a note and I will have them sold for you.

For those weekends you won't be spending in the Shoe, plan to be with The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Southwest Florida and many other Buckeyes as we march our way to the National Championship. After first stopping in New York for the Heisman hardware.

Go Bucks!  
(and yes Darryll, I have washed my shirt)



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**TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN THE OHIO STATE ALUMNI CLUB OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA [VERSION 2.0]**

*BY JILL KLAUSING*

Welcome back buckeye fans! In past years we highlighted the top ten reasons to be an OSU Alumni Club Member of Southwest Florida. Well this year we have ten more enticing reasons to sport your scarlet and gray during football season!

So once again, with our regards to David Letterman, the top ten reasons to be a Floridian-style buckeye nut!

**TEN:** Hanging out with hundreds of other buckeyes during pigskin season sure as heck beats sitting at home by your lonesome and complaining about the Big Ten Network.

**NINE:** It is ALWAYS sweater vest season in southwest Florida.

**EIGHT:** Sure, PEOPLE magazine paid the Brangelina twins \$14 million for their first photo op, but you could have your cute face plastered all over the new OSU Alumni Club website for nothing. The honor and prestige of being seen by thousands of other buckeyes in cyberspace beats a paltry \$14 mil any day.

**SEVEN:** Two words—Italian Beef. Ale Marys now offers a bountiful new menu and special Italian Beef Sandwich on game days to prepare, energize, and fortify your body for a day long of cheering on Ohio State.

**SIX:** Half-time prize raffles—winning tickets sold every week! And you can bet your bottom dollar that we'll "mix 'em up" this year!

**FIVE:** The chance of holding the exclusive title of "2010 Cornhole Champion" during the OSU versus Michigan tailgate party. Definitely something you would want to place on your resume.

**FOUR:** An annual membership to the club makes the perfect wedding, anniversary, birthday, or Columbus Day gift! Available in \$20 couple or \$15 single amounts!

**THREE:** Times are tough, and your membership card gets you 10% off of your bill! A true buckeye bargain!

**TWO:** Giving back to your community is always in style! This year the club will be doing a variety of community service projects benefiting southwest Florida. The game watch parties will be the perfect time to enjoy a football Saturday AND be a buckeye angel to someone in need!

**MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

*BY JAMI ATLEY*

It's almost here...can you feel it? **FOOTBALL SEASON!!** This is what we wait all year for, and look forward to September again as soon as the season is over. I know I am not alone in saying that I can't wait for that first game to begin!

We look forward to seeing you this year at our regular watch parties. We will be at the same location, but newly christened watering hole – Ale Mary's. The procedure will be the same as with years past. Once you fill out and return your 2010 SWFL Alumni Membership Renewal Card and pay your membership fee, I will have your name tag printed for your lanyard. These name tags will serve double duty this year as they will also be used as your discount card. Please remember that you may also download the membership form from the club website via the membership page. Always include your OSUAA number when filling out the information.

Again, we look forward to enjoying the games with you!

**GO BUCKEYES!**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*BY CATHY HAMILTON*

Our new Community Service Project, "BUCK-EYES" Around the World was introduced on our website a few weeks ago. While working with a Jamaican Outreach Program recently, it was obvious that eye-glasses are in high demand for the needy in our area and around the world.

As we researched ideas for a Community Service Project that would make a big impact, someone suggested "BUCK-EYES". Knowing that Ohio State Alumni (Buckeyes) are found all around the world, it was decided that we name our project: "BUCK-EYES" around the world.

Our goal is to spread the "BUCKEYE" spirit by teaming up with several organizations in our area, to provide as many recycled eye-glasses as we can to Make A Difference and let the world know that members of The Ohio State Alumni Club of Southwest Florida care. We need your help.

Please contact your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and other acquaintances and collect as many pieces of eyewear that you can, so that we can make our first annual collection a huge success. We have lots of special surprises to make your hard work fun.

Make sure you check out our "specially" decorated box at the gamewatch parties for the "BUCK-EYES" that you collect.

Everyone who donates eyewear at our home gamewatch parties at Ale Mary's, will receive special incentives that will be announced each week, so don't forget to bring those "BUCK-EYES" every week so that you don't miss out.

Please contact me at 239-272-2897 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thanks in advance for your huge support. Go Bucks!

**ONE:** Your mama called. She said you should become a member of the OSU Alumni Club of Southwest Florida. You should ALWAYS listen to your mama.

**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI CLUB OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

**SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

*BY CHAD GILLEN*

Greetings! The start of another academic year is upon us and I am pleased to announce that your alumni club has awarded scholarships to another outstanding student from Lee County. This year, Chelsea Torres from Cape Coral High School is the recipient of a \$4,400 scholarship from our Club and the \$600 Alumni Scholars Program awarded by the university at our direction. Chelsea and her family have expressed much gratitude to the entire club for its generosity; noting that these awards play a big factor in helping Chelsea attend Ohio State.

Chelsea graduated 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class of 326 seniors at Cape Coral High School and completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. While in high school she was involved in every honor society there was to offer including those for French and Art. In addition she held the office of secretary in both the National Honor Society and the Student Government Association. Despite the demands of the IB program and maintaining exceptional grades, Chelsea also participated in varsity swimming and soccer throughout her four years of high school. She volunteered at Cape Coral Hospital, received honors for her work with Girl Scouts of America and has given of her time and talents as a tutor.

Chelsea plans to major in the field a Biology as she has a strong interest in becoming a Doctor. We wish her much success!

Members of our alumni club will serve as representatives for the University at two upcoming local college fairs. The fairs give high school students and their parents the opportunity to gather information on a number of colleges and universities. The Bishop Verot College Day will be on Wednesday, September 22nd from 9:00 to 10:30 am at Bishop Verot High School. Lee County Schools will also hold its College Night on Wednesday, September 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Harborside Event Center.

If you know anyone considering undergraduate studies at Ohio State University please contact me at 810-4231 for scholarship information. Thank you to our members who support the scholarship program that allows local students become Buckeyes. Remember you can go on-line to check out information about the Southwest Florida Scholarship Fund and see your contribution dollars at work. Please take a moment to visit the scholarship page at [www.swflbuckeyes.com](http://www.swflbuckeyes.com).

***FOR SALE***

Look sharp, sport the colors & support your club!  
 We have knit polo shirts in white, red or black with our club's logo [S, M, L, XL \$35; XXL \$38]  
 We also have the must read *BUCKEYE MADNESS* for only \$5.

*Find Bob Shope at the game watch parties to get yours!*

**2010 BUCKEYE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

SEPT 2	MARSHALL	7:30 PM
SEPT 11	MIAMI HURRICANES	3:40 PM
SEPT 18	OHIO	NOON
SEPT 25	E. MICHIGAN	TBA
OCT 2	@ ILLINOIS	TBA
OCT 9	INDIANA	TBA
OCT 16	@ WISCONSIN	7:15 PM
OCT 23	PURDUE	NOON
OCT 30	@ MINNESOTA	8:00 PM
NOV 13	PENN STATE	TBA
NOV 20	@ IOWA	TBA
NOV 27	MICHIGAN	TBA

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**Check out the new Facebook FanPage for The Ohio State Alumni Club of SW Florida!**

We hope you enjoy our work in progress. Please feel free to post comments and link up with us. This is your opportunity to help Share the Spirit! If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to send us an email:

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## 2010 CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY  
ALL MEMBERSHIPS RUN ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS

PLEASE COMPLETE  
THIS FORM & RETURN  
WITH PAYMENT TO:

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***ALL BUCKEYES WELCOME!***

The only requirement for club membership is a love for the Buckeyes. Ohio State degree and membership in the national alumni association are not required.



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