



## Alumni Club of Detroit

# NEWSLETTER

Winter - Early Spring 2016

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Larry Emerling, President

As the current Alumni Club of Detroit President, I am proud to represent the over 4,000 graduates living in the metro-Detroit area. As an OSU alumni, I am part of a family that stays connected to one another, and the University, through our gatherings and community outreach. Our local and national alumni organizations provide programs and services that help bind us together and create opportunities for you to partner with us to advance the university's mission. If you're already a member, we are thankful for your support and welcome your feedback on how we can make your membership more valuable to you.

An organization's members define the organization so you play a crucial role in helping us translate our incredible alumni loyalty into thriving community. Our organization exists to unite alumni and magnify their impact in our community. What can you do?

- Join the Alumni Association, if you are not already a member. Please use the 'Membership' tab provided on our website ([motorcitybuckeyes.com](http://motorcitybuckeyes.com)).
- If you have friends or relatives also OSU alumni, urge them to join the Association.
- Become engaged in our OSU community; meet new people! Buckeye-wear is always acceptable with us. On average we host a function once per month including game watch parties, tailgates, networking gathering, hosting student groups, High School college fairs, supporting Detroit area OSU students, community service projects and the great debate just before the big game.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our many events over this year!

Larry Emerling '84 BS ISE  
President, OSU Alumni Club of Detroit

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We post events and photos from our gatherings.  
We sure would love to have you join us!  
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## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We are happy to announce and welcome the latest additions to our club:

We hope to see you at our upcoming events!

We also thank those many who renewed their dues!

Be sure to check this newsletter, our website

and our Facebook page for upcoming event info!

- ✓ Kalis, David (Spouse: Patricia)
- ✓ Williams, Barry (Spouse: Beverly)
- ✓ Everhart, Erika
- ✓ Muller, Bradford (Spouse: Carrie)
- ✓ Muller, Carrie (Spouse: Bradord)
- ✓ Sheng, Grace
- ✓ Geraldts, Andrea
- ✓ Wing, Philip
- ✓ Lim, Dandrich
- ✓ Stone, Barbara L.
- ✓ Hoffman, Jane
- ✓ Vanderlaar, Henry
- ✓ Eley, Joshua
- ✓ Lu, Janny
- ✓ Dandino, Kayla
- ✓ Luke, Taylor
- ✓ Caveney, Margaret
- ✓ Schumaker, Patricia
- ✓ Wolf, Ora
- ✓ McIntosh, Philip



## **“Ramblings” from the Newsletter / Social Media Editor:**

At the time of “press”, we are finalizing our full slate for the year. I have published a bit later in this newsletter of what we have so far but some dates could change and there could be events that are added!!!

Please “like” our Facebook page (“The Ohio State Alumni Club of Detroit”) as this page is updated very often with new items and tidbits of Ohio State news. Also, visit our website, [www.motorcitybuckeyes.com](http://www.motorcitybuckeyes.com), for the latest as well.

I welcome any suggestions, photos and articles you would like me to include in our newsletter. Please just send me an email! Thank you again for your time and patience!

**Go Bucks!**

*Jill*

### **Celebration of Life – Jim Vanderbrink**

On February 6, 2016, the Motor City Buckeyes hosted a "Celebration of Jim Vanderbrink's Life". Club president, Larry Emerling and his wife Laurie was gracious to host this event at their Troy home so it would be close to Sue Vanderbrink, Jim's wife. Jim was in charge of our club's student recruitment effort, and was responsible for many Michigan high school students attending The Ohio State University.

The event was well attended by family, friends, neighbors and club members. The highlight of the event was the wonderful slide show of Jim's life over the years plus the unbelievable Brutus cake that was brought by Sheila Ronis (the cake was a gift from Tigi Habtemariam - our regional representative from the Ohio State Alumni Association). To everyone's amazement, the Brutus cake was made here in Michigan!! Jim will be greatly missed and this event was a fantastic event to share stories, view pictures and spend the afternoon talking about a wonderful man that just loved everything about Ohio State.



Brutus Cake-Gift from Tigi Habtemariam



Family, Friends and fellow Ohio State Alumni Club members of Jim Vanderbrink



Brutus cake gets cut by Jim' Grandson and his wife Sue



The Jim Vanderbrink family in attendance



O H I O - 2 Vanderbrink Family members and 2 board members



As many of you know, a long time OSU Alumni Club of Detroit member, three time past president and the latest leader in student recruiting. Jim Vanderbrink passed away very peacefully in his sleep on November 8, 2015.

Jim was the one that had the foresight to create the OSU Alumni Club of Detroit Endowment fund in 1998 to help assist student from the Detroit area attend Ohio State. The family has asked that donations in Jim's memory should go into that endowment. If your donation is \$15 or more, it will pay for this year's dues. Jim has left some great big shoes to fill and he will be dearly missed!! I know he his watching so to him I say O.....H...

Here are the ways to donate to Jim's memory and to renew your dues for 2016:

Detroit Alumni Scholars Fund | Fund Number: 641727 Established May 1, 1998, by the Alumni Club members and friends through The Foundation. Income provides merit scholarships to graduates of Detroit area high schools, with preference given to students who meet the Alumni Scholars Program criteria.

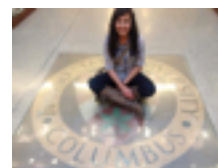
Contribute to the Detroit Alumni Scholars Fund at this link: <http://give.osu.edu/vanderbrink>.





## **Letter From One of Our Scholarship Winners: from 2015**

This is my sixth semester at Ohio State University, and time is flying by. I have had some amazing experiences during my time here. My first two years, I worked as an office assistant for the Office of Student Life. I was a research assistant for three semesters working on a project that looked into depression. I also traveled to Australia last May for a study abroad trip through OSU! We learned about the sustainable practices that are being implemented in Australia, and stayed in several environmentally efficient places throughout Queensland. We went snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, camped out in the outback for a few nights, fed kangaroos, stayed with a family in the Atherton Tablelands, and hiked through the Daintree rainforest. It was easily the best month of my life. This university has given me countless opportunities to enhance not only my education, but to better myself as a person. I am incredibly grateful to the Detroit Alumni Club for choosing me as a scholarship recipient; I wouldn't have been able to do this without you! - Gabrielle Azmy



## **Student Recruiting Report**

We completed the fall student recruiting season for 2015. We participated in 11 college fairs in the area.

Student Recruiting is one of the most important volunteer activities we do for Ohio State and is a lot of fun. If you want to “pay forward” for your university, volunteer for a night of recruiting. Below are the college fair for the Spring, so sign up and join us.

We would like to thank the following Buckeyes for volunteering this fall: Cathy Azmy, Kent Low, David Emerling, Larry Emerling, Brian Gebby, Betsy Boullion, Tracy Finazzo, Beth Humpert, Barry Kaplan, David and Debbie Wagner, Janny Lu, Taylor Luke, Steve Klepachak and Jim Vanderbrink.

To volunteer contact Barry Kaplan [bandmkl@yahoo.com](mailto:bandmkl@yahoo.com).

### College Fair Schedule:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>College Fair</u>  | <u>Time</u>          |
|-------------|--|----------------------|
| 2/27/2016   | Second Ebenezer  | 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. |
| 3/8/2016    | Birmingham Marion  | 6:30-8:00 p.m.       |
| 3/9/2016    | Romeo High School  | 6:30-8:00 p.m.       |
| 3/21/2016   | Lake Orion High School   | 6:00-8:00 p.m.       |
| 3/22/2016   | Notre Dame Preparatory   | 9:00-11:00 a.m.      |
| 3/22/2016   | Ann Arbor Public Schools at Pioneer High School                | 6:30-8:00 p.m.       |
| 3/23/2016   | Lakeshore High School  | 6:30-8:00 p.m.       |
| 4/7/2016    | Wayne Western College  | 8:30-11:30 a.m.      |
| 4/13/2016   | Henry Ford II High School, Utica                               | 6:30-8:00 p.m.       |
| 4/19/2016   | Gross Pointe North   | 6:00-8:00 p.m.       |
| 4/20/2016   | Waterford Mott High School                                     | 6:00-7:30 p.m.       |
| 4/27/2016   | L'Anse Cruse at Frederick V. Pankow Center<br>Clinton Township | 6:30-8:00 p.m.       |



### **Annual Tailgate - Ohio State vs. Hawaii**

In keeping with the Aloha spirit, the Club hosted a Luau (tailgate) before the OSU-Hawaii football game. Over 55 people attended. A special invite went out to the OSU Hawaii Alumni Club & several members also joined in. An assortment of Hawaiian themed decorations, food & beverages complemented the traditional tailgate atmosphere. And Art & Beth Humpert's Kalua Pork was absolutely delicious. Special thanks goes to Steve Klepachak, Art & Beth Humpert for putting on a great event.







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# Membership Form

## LIFE MEMBERS

The lifetime membership will be awarded each year at our spring banquet. Past-awarded members will continue their lifetime benefit without any more requirements. Lifetime members get full access to all the sustaining members benefits.

## SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Graduates, Alumni and Buckeye Backers can now become Sustaining Members through annual gifts of at least \$15 to the Alumni Club of Detroit scholarship endowment fund. If you would like to make your gift online, please visit our website at [www.motorcitybuckeyes.com](http://www.motorcitybuckeyes.com).

The gift to join the OSU Alumni Club of Detroit can be the same gift given to become a member of the OSUAA club, which requires donations of \$75 per year to any fund, as long as \$15 or more of your OSUAA gift goes to the funds above.

Sustaining Members will be eligible for all club events, including our electronic newsletter and a snail mail version if requested. Also included but not limited to are; football tailgate and game tickets in Columbus, potential for Michigan football tickets when the game is in Ann Arbor, Diversity events, Tigers game, young Bucks events, Wolverine Roast, Spring Banquet "Honoring Our Home Town Buckeye Heroes" and the wine tasting event.

## BASIC-MEMBERS

Graduates who do not choose to make an annual gift of \$15 or more will become basic members and will receive an online email version of the newsletter, access to TV parties, access to [www.motorcitybuckeyes.com](http://www.motorcitybuckeyes.com) and other benefits. They will not be eligible to participate in any club events or football ticket lotteries.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to become a board member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our club?

Alumni Association \_\_\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Chance Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to: OSU Alumni Club of Detroit**

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For more information, contact us at [detroitclub@osu.edu](mailto:detroitclub@osu.edu).

### **Annual Student Send-Off - AKA "wolverine" Roast**

The annual Wolverine Roast was held on August 2, at the Beverly Hills Park. Over 70 people came out to support our local students as they prepared for the new academic year at The Ohio State University. New students were greeted by seasoned students who provided tips and tricks to making the most of their college experience. Games, prizes, good conversation and great food were shared by all who attended. The free event is sponsored by The Ohio State Alumni Club of Detroit and usually takes place the first Sunday in August. If you've never attended the event before mark your calendars for this year's picnic, we'd love to see you there! \*\*No wolverines were actually harmed during this event...darn!



### **Detroit Young Bucks**

For the Young Bucks (photo credit to Josh Eley):

On December 16, the first ever "Buckeyes After Work" event was hosted by the OSU Alumni Club of Detroit's Young Bucks chapter. This event featured an evening of casual professional networking at O'Toole's in Royal Oak. Over a dozen alumni in the metro Detroit area who graduated within the past ten years cheered on our favorite Buckeyes to the fifth victory of the Men's Basketball season while creating new friendships and snacking on delicious food. The night ended with everyone's favorite O-H-I-O pose, reminiscent of our college memories from not too long ago.

Stay tuned for more Young Bucks events this year! Join our group on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/youngbuckeyesindetroit/>







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## **2016 Events - MotorCity Buckeyes**

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| March 8  | Yield event for graduating high school seniors-prospective Buckeyes<br>6:00-9:00pm Townsend Hotel 100 Townsend St Birmingham, MI |
| March 9  | Student Recruiting Training Seminar<br>7:00pm Fanuc America Corp., 3900 W Hamlin Rd Rochester Hills, MI                          |
| April 30 | "Detroit Double Play"<br>Lunch at Maccabees and Community Service at Gleaners Detroit  |
| June 12  | Spring Banquet-Special Guest Speaker Cornelius Greene<br>Location is T B D   |
| August 7 | "Wolverine Roast" - Student Sendoff<br>Beverly Village Park Beverly Hills, MI  |
| Sept 10  | Annual Tailgate - Tulsa game<br>"The Shoe"   |
| Sept 24  | Networking Wine Tasting Party  |
| Nov 19   | Tailgate MSU game  |
| Nov 22   | The Great Debate<br>Polish Century Club Sterling Heights, MI   |

## **Volunteer Opportunity**

### **Motor City Buckeyes Detroit Double Play**

The Motor City Buckeyes are proud to announce a Detroit Double Play of Events on Saturday, April 30. The **first event** is lunch at Maccabees At Midtown which is conveniently located about a 10 minute car ride away from our second event of the day. Our **second event** of the day is a community service activity at the downtown Detroit Gleaners location where we will spend the afternoon helping those less fortunate in our community.

Volunteer activities would include sorting and packing nonperishable food and fresh produce, folding plastic food drive bags, picking partner orders, and more.

For the Detroit Double Play, the schedule would tentatively look like this 11:00 am Lunch at Maccabees at Midtown and 12:45 pm Gleaners Community Service Activity. The Gleaners Community activity should conclude between 3:30 pm and 4 pm.

And the best part about this series of events is that you can participate in 1 event or the other or both. So, come on down and participate in a community service event and/or have lunch with some of your fellow Buckeyes!

We hope to see you there. Go Bucks!

For more information and to sign up for the Community Service event or lunch kindly contact Lewis Fulcher ([lewisfulcher@comcast.net](mailto:lewisfulcher@comcast.net)).

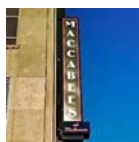
Here are some web links that you might useful as well.

#### **Gleaners**

<http://www.gcfb.org/>

#### **Maccabees at Midtown**

<https://www.facebook.com/MaccabeesAtMidtown>





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## **MOTOR CITY BUCKEYES UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **✓ Events**

- **SEE PAGE 9 FOR UPCOMING EVENTS! WE HAVE SOME EXCITING THINGS COMING UP! WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US FOR SOME OR ALL OF THEM!!**

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE NEW MEMBERSHIP POLICY THAT IS BEING ADOPTED! DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US FOR ANY CLARIFICATIONS THAT YOU MAY NEED.**



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