

# The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Detroit

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# NEWSLETTER

Summer/Fall, 2012

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello fellow Buckeyes, it looks like another busy year for your club. You'll see all the upcoming events for the year elsewhere in the newsletter, and I hope you will be able to attend at least a few.

With the new coaching staff in place, we should be able to start a new winning streak against "that team up north". That's especially important to us Buckeyes in enemy territory.

I am looking forward to another stint as club president. It really is a pretty easy job, with the active board we have. If there is an event that you would like the club to do, like a diversity event or community service, please let us know and we will try to accommodate it. If you would like to be on the board, we would welcome your participation. There are always projects where we could use more help.

We are looking forward to a very busy fall, so visit our web site, motorcitybuckeyes.com, or our Facebook page: facebook.com/motorcitybuckeyes, for the latest update.

#### **GO BUCKS**

Paul A. Shapiro



Be sure to contact Michelle Lundquist with your RSVP for our annual "wolverine roast" - as we send our students back to Columbus. This is a FREE EVENT; all we ask is that you bring a dish to pass.

It will be held on SUNDAY, August 5 at

Beverly Hills Village Park-18001 Beverly Rd

- Beverly Hills, MI

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### News from Our Scholarship Recipients

Mr. Vanderbrink,

As requested, here is my report on how my first quarter went. I know you said just a couple of sentences for your newsletter, but I figure too much is better than too little.

I loved my first quarter at OSU. It was a lot more work than I was expecting, but I didn't shy away from it. Honors Engineering takes away from the college experience somewhat since by mid quarter I was working all day, every day during the week. It's kind of funny, actually. I can't remember at what event in particular this was, but I remember being told that the faculty at OSU recommend you treat college like a full time job - work 9 to 5 everyday - so you can relax and have fun in the evenings. This is funny to me because if I work 9 to 5, most days I still have 5 hours of work left. That's okay, though. I've accepted that I will have less free time in college than a lot of my friends in other majors.

I haven't received my official grades in the classes yet, but it looks like for my four classes I earned three A's and an A-. I'm pretty satisfied with that.

I've decided on a major. I know most people change their major once or twice, but, as of now, I intend on majoring in Computer Science and Engineering.

As hard as I worked, I did still have time for some usual college fun. I also attended the regular season football games. Even though the season was rough, I'm hopeful for next year. Let's see what Urban can do!

For all the experiences I had during my first quarter at OSU, I am very appreciative and grateful for the financial support with which The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Detroit provides me.

Charles Reitz
Ohio State University Engineering Student





# **Wine Tasting Event**

On Saturday, February 11th, Pete & Debbie Camarata hosted our clubs 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wine Tasting soiree. The event was followed by Ohio State vs Michigan State basketball viewing. Twenty plus club members and guests enjoyed a fun filled evening. We even allowed a few Spartan fans to participate!

Kent Low, Wine Master, provided the group with a phenomenal demonstration, along with thorough knowledge of all aspects of wine. His presentation provided us with information on the official process of tasting, sampling and purchasing wines. Our group enjoyed the delectable wines from Black Star Farms. A few of the tastings included: Rieslings, Sparkling Wines, Chardonnay's, and a delectable dessert wine.

Special thanks to Kent & Sue Low, along with all board members for helping make this a memorable experience.











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## Buckeye Students Pay Forward in Michigan by Jim Vanderbrink

On March 23rd, I visited the Fen Nature Preserve just outside Tecumseh, Michigan where a group of eight students (and their faculty representative, Pam Thomas) were spending their Spring Break, working at the preserve.

In lieu sunning on the beach in Ft. Lauderdale, they were working on a project, which included clearing out brush and invasive plants near the Raisin River, which are harmful to the natural environment and damaging to the river. This is hard, dirty work but is essential to preserving the quality of the river water which many of the small communities in the area rely on.

While the students were working on some other clean up, Pam Thomas showed where the students were working and how much they had accomplished. I learned from Pam that there are many of these teams who spend their break working around the country on similar projects. This is a great example of what Woody Hayes called "paying forward". At noon, we went into town and treated the group to lunch. In talking to the students I learned that only one of these students was majoring in Environmental Science.

I was very proud of this group of young people and the Buckeye Spirit they demonstrated, especially since it was done in "Enemy Territory".

Jim Vanderbrink

# From our Student Representative - Megan Ferriby -

Dear Mr. Vanderbrink.

I was so sad to hear that the date of the meeting was moved to tonight meaning I am unable to attend. Below is my quarter update.

Its summer! I have had a busy quarter this spring so I was quite excited once finals rolled around. I only had one final during finals week which was a nice surprise. Two of my classes (Intensive Russian and Writing a Thesis classes) didn't have official finals. I have completed my language requirements for my Russian minor and will be exploring the culture this upcoming fall. I have official started writing my thesis and have received approval to graduate with research distinction in addition to my honors distinction. This is contingent upon me finishing my thesis and successfully defending it. I plan on defending in fall if all goes according to plan. I got two chances to go through some dry run this quarter. I presented a poster at the Midwestern Psychological Association annual conference in Chicago in May and a few days later participated in the Denmen Undergraduate Research Forum here on campus. I have been receiving positive reactions to my research and am excited to present my full study at the Nation Council for Family Research Conference this October in Phoenix.

This summer, I will be staying in Columbus. I was awarded the Honors Summer Research Fellowship that will allow me to focus on the completion of my thesis. I'm hoping to also be part of the Couples and Family Therapy Clinic this summer as part of my fellowship. Only a short summer to get everything in; school starts on August 22nd! Semesters have been a huge transition for the entire university so this first Fall Semester will be an interesting experience.

I hope this update finds you in good spirits.

Go Bucks! Megan

# Honoring Our Hometown Buckeye Heroes 10th Annual April 22, 2012

Honoring our Hometown Buckeye Heroes – Spring 2012
On Sunday, April 22, we honored students from Michigan who are attending The Ohio State University and have earned academic excellence.

Our speakers this year were **Dr. David B. Williams**, Dean of the College of Engineering and **Giorgio Rizzoni**, Director of the Ohio State University Center for Automotive Research (CAR). This year's event was held at the a Museum-Bronze, which is an incredible venue. There were hundreds and hundreds of models on display at this museum which is owned by an OSU alumni, Glenn Reid's Foundation.

The event was a huge success with close to 90 people in attendance which included 11 students, and their families. The OSU Alumni Club of Detroit and the Reid foundation scholarship presentation was another highlight along with very informative presentations given by our guest speakers.

A special thanks goes out to the Reid family for being such a gracious host and generous with awarding a student scholarship. I would also like to thank the entire OSU Alumni Club of Detroit Board for their hard work in making this event a total success.















#### **Student Recruiting Report (2011-2012)**

We have completed another successful recruiting year with participation in 27 college fairs in Southeast Michigan. I would like to recognize all of the persons who helped recruiting, Carla Bell, Jim Brozovich, Marty Drozdowicz, David Emerling, Larry Emerling, Art Humpert, Barry Kaplan, Stever Klepchak, Kent Low, Michelle Lundquist, Paul Shapiro and Jim Vanderbrink. We appreciate their efforts. We are currently working on the schedule for this fall and we would love to have more people participate. If you are interested, please contact Jim Vanderbrink or Barry Kaplan

#### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Don't forget we need to build our Endowed Scholarship fund. Your contributions are completely tax deductible.

Please mail your contributions to the Ohio State Foundation and indicate that you would like to make a gift to the OSU Alumni Club of Detroit Endowed Fund, Account #641727

Mail your gift to: University Development 1480 W. Lane Avenue Room 125 Columbus, Ohio 43221-3939 Student Recruiting & Scholarship Committee





Jim Vanderbrink

Barry Kaplan

#### Visit Holocaust Memorial Center - Spring 2012

On May 20, 2012, some of our fellow members came together to go through a museum that showed a part of history that affected the whole world.

The tour started in a circular room that showed the history of the Jewish people and then a room about their customs.

Then we continued on where we learned about Hitler's rise to power and of the Nazis and about how he thought people should look like (blond haired, blue eyed). Ironically, it was at this time that Ohio State's own Jesse Owens won 4 Gold Medals at the Berlin Olympics right in front of Hitler.

We learned about the conditions on the passenger trains that transported the Jews to the concentration camps and about what happened at the concentration camps.

During the tour we learned about the Righteous Christians who helped the Jews hide or escape even though they were risking their own lives.

Lastly, a Holocaust survivor from Poland talked about what went on during that time and how he escaped to London before the Nazis came to Poland. However, we were told about how his father did not leave Poland and did not survive.

Everyone seemed to come away with a better understanding of what happened during that time.



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#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please make your checks payable to **OSU Alumni Glub of Detroit** and mail your application with payment to:

Debbie Camarata 23700 Shinnecock Drive South Lyon, MI 48178

Email: membership@motorcitybuckeyes.com

The following rates are good through March 31, 2014! Buckeye Backer membership gives access to all Detroit Area OSU Alumni Club events that are **not** limited enrollment.

You must be a member to take advantage of this year's exciting activities, including: Alumni priority for football tickets, tailgate parties, TV parties, Picnics, OSU sports events in the area, pro sports events, student recruitment and so much more!

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Please be sure we have your email address, if you have one, so that we are able to keep you posted on the many events we have. Also, please email Debbie Camarata any changes to your information or when you sign up online. To join the Ohio State University Alumni Association visit:

http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/membership/Join/Pages/default.aspx

#### **WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

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

Brenda Allen

Robert Biggs

Mark Hirka

Ari Richman - Young Bucks

We hope to see you at our upcoming events!

# We also thank those many who renewed their dues for (2) years!

Be sure to check this newsletter, our website and our Facebook page for upcoming event info!

FIND US ON

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Please check out our Facebook page and "Like" us. We post events and photos from our gatherings. We sure would love to have you join us!

www.facebook.com/motorcitybuckeyes



We would like to welcome our newest Buckeye!

Katelyn Elizabeth Born May 21

Congrats to Rob & Jill!!

I see a future Buckeye Cheerleader!!

#### "Ramblings" from the Editor:

I <u>truly</u> encourage all to let me know if you have any suggestions for this - **your newsletter**. I would like to make it as informative as possible for Buckeyes in our area. I would like to feature our club members with pictures and stories. Please, if you have something you'd like to be in our newsletter and on our website, drop me or our Webmaster a note and we will get back to you!

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!



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# 2012 Football Season Tailgate, OSU-MSU Bash TV Watch Parties

#### Tailgate Game

The Club will be getting a limited amount of tickets for the California game on September 15, 2012. Look for an upcoming club-wide email regarding this event.

Keep these items in mind regarding eligibility:

- you cannot get these football tickets if you are a season ticket holder (but can buy the tailgate only)
- you cannot get these football tickets (but can buy the tailgate only) if you receive the California game as your single game Alumni purchase
- to get game tickets, you must be a current member of both the OSUAA as well as the Detroit Alumni Club

#### OSU-MSU Bash

The limited number of packages provided to the Club by the OSU Alumni Association have sold out.

Anyone still interested can check with the OSUAA at: <a href="https://eweb.ohiostatealumni.org/eWeb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=aime&Webcode=OEES">https://eweb.ohiostatealumni.org/eWeb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=aime&Webcode=OEES</a>.

#### Ticket Exchange

If you have football tickets you won't be able to use, or if you are looking for home game tickets, you're in luck! Every football season the OSU Alumni Club of Detroit provides a ticket exchange service to our members. For assistance please e-mail **Steve Klepchak** at <a href="mailto:bux72@yahoo.com">bux72@yahoo.com</a>. You can reach Steve by phone at (248) 628-4656, but please leave your email address/phone number with him so you can be put in touch with a fellow exchanger.

Also, if you are interested in donating a pair of tickets for a significant game (for example, against Michigan or Nebraska) that the club can use in conjunction with an auction package or raffle for the scholarship program, the club will gladly accept and recognize your donation. Ideally, the ticket donation should occur early enough in the season to allow ample time to announce the auction package to our membership and to post on the club's web site.

Be sure to join us at **Hi-Tops 10 1/2 on Woodward Avenue** (across from the Detroit Zoo) for our TV watch parties! We would love to have you all in attendance!! Keep watch on our Facebook page for announcements for our TV watch parties.

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

#### ✓ Events

- Sunday, August 5 "Wolverine Roast" this is our annual picnic that sends our students back to Columbus. This is a FREE EVENT! WE ASK THAT YOU BRING A DISH TO SHARE.
- Saturday, September 15 Annual Tailgate in Columbus Ohio State vs. California Noon game
- Saturday, September 29 Ohio State vs. michigan state East Lansing details to follow

<u>FOR 2013 FOOTBALL SEASON</u> WE ARE LOOKING INTO AN AWAY FOOTBALL TRIP! We are investigating train trip to watch Ohio State vs Northwestern. More information to follow as we finalize and have further information. This will be an AWESOME trip! You will want to be sure to get in on this!

