Friday evening, July 22, was a very special evening for the Orange County/Inland Empire Club. Dr. Karen Holbrook, President of The Ohio State University, spoke at a reception held at the home of Mike and Kitty Kourie. Approximately 75 of our club members were present for the event. It was a lovely, although warm, evening out by the pool where everyone enjoyed a fantastic buffet dinner prepared by Mike’s sister Sue and an opportunity to visit with our very special guests.

Accompanying Dr. Holbrook from Columbus was her husband, Jim Holbrook, as well as Sheila Smith – Associate Vice President for University Development and Ginny Trethewey – Senior Vice President, The Ohio State University Alumni Association. Ginny gave a brief talk on the goals of the Alumni Association which include being the biggest and the best dues-supported alumni association in the world as well as utilizing alumni volunteers in a variety of ways.

The highlight of the evening was Dr. Holbrook’s PowerPoint presentation on the various 250 building projects underway at Ohio State and how they will impact the future of the university. Dr. Holbrook has a medical background as a dermatologist and it showed as she highlighted the Ross Heart Hospital and the James Cancer Hospital. Ohio State University will be the first in the nation to offer particle treatment for cancer. This advanced method of treatment will destroy the cancer cells without extensive damage to surrounding tissue. She spoke also about how these various projects are being funded. She concluded with comments on the fact that it isn’t just the physical buildings that make Ohio State special but the increasingly impressive faculty on staff and the students who attend the university and go on to become active alumni volunteers thus joining may others who are of service to the university.

– Susan Munthe
## About Our Club

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Orange County/Inland Empire...

is one of over 200 geographically-based OSU alumni clubs
located all over the world.

We have 220 family memberships with graduates and friends of the university, ranging from 20 years old to 90 years old, plus future Buckeyes as young as 1 year old. There are over 6,000 alumni living in the Orange County, Inland Empire area.

Our club has been awarded the prestigious **Gold Star** award as one of the Top 10 clubs in the country by the National Alumni Association, along with being acknowledged as one of the Top 5 newsletters in the country.

### Club Mission

OSU OC/IE exists to promote The Ohio State University through communications and community relations, student recruitment, fellowship, and networking. Its goals are to accurately represent Ohio State in our local community, mobilize alumni to meet special needs of the university, recruit the best and brightest students, contribute new ideas about existing and/or possible university programs, and support university development and scholarship efforts.

### Club History

Prior to 1959, Orange County was part of the OSU Alumni Club of Southern California Club. In 1959, Orange County became part of the OSU Alumni Club of Long Beach and remained so until 1974. To meet the growing needs of Orange County, the club was granted its charter by the Alumni Association, becoming the Ohio State University Alumni Club of Orange County, Long Beach.

In 1996 the club became what it is currently known as “The Orange County and Inland Empire Club.” The club now serves only Orange County and The Inland Empire. The Long Beach Club is now part of the Greater Los Angeles Club.

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We Are Moving...

After several years of calling the National Sports Grill our home for watching the Ohio State University football games, we are moving. The National Sports Grill is no longer open for business. Our new home is the Corner Office Sports Bar and Grill. The Corner Office Sports Bar and Grill features nine 42" Plasma Screens, eight 100" screens, six 27" televisions, seating for 250 people and of course Ohio State University football games all season long.

Check out our website www.osuocie.org for more detailed pictures and information on the Corner Office Sports Bar and Grill.

See you at the Corner Office Sports Bar and Grill!

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The Orange County/Inland Empire website has been updated and improved. Check it out at www.osuocie.org.

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A Wonderful Night of Buckeye Cheer!

Our wine tasting mix and mingle event was a lovely night indeed! On May 14th, we had an excellent turnout of over 60 Buckeyes and friends attend our festive wine tasting event.

Our Southern California weather couldn’t have been better…sunny and clear with perfect views kicking off our event at 6pm in San Juan Capistrano at the beautiful home of Mike & Kitty Kourie. Mike, as president of our club, and his wife Kitty, are so generous to give so much of their time to our club, and in addition, to open their magnificent home to our Buckeye family to have such a perfect outdoor setting for our wine tasting event!

Upon arrival, each guest was given a special complimentary wine glass engraved with our club logo for the tasting event (these were donated to our club by a wonderful Buckeye who wishes to remain anonymous)! These custom wine glasses were so beautiful and a very big hit indeed! Additional glasses were sold and all the money raised from the sale of the wine glasses went directly to our scholarship fund!

We had three representatives of PRP wine at our event to describe in detail, each wine to us, and then to pour everyone a taste! The wines were delicious! The tough decision was which wine to buy! There were a variety to choose from. Our club also had ordered custom “private reserve” wine bottles with labels reflecting our local club logo. The custom Buckeye bottles were a California Cab…2002! And, as we know, 2002 was a FABULOUS year for our Buckeyes!!! Everyone brought an appetizer to share so there was a great spread of delicious food to enjoy along with our wine!

By 9pm, we all were happy with a fill of wonderful food and a variety of tastes of exquisite wines! We were busy buying our custom wine glasses, our special private reserve Buckeye label wine bottles and other wines we had discovered that evening. What we also discovered, and most importantly, were the new and established friends we had made. Every time our club gets together, we grow closer and yet get bigger as a group…meeting new friends and rekindling old friendships we have made along the way in our Buckeye family.

We are truly blessed to have such a strong Orange County/Inland Empire alumni club family. We have such an active group that loves to get together, have fun, raise money for our scholarship fund and grow closer...how firm thy friendship...OHIO!

We look forward to seeing you soon at our next Buckeye event. Cheers!

– Christie Brockhage
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Hi Heather –

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. Please pass along my thanks to the rest of the alumni group.

As far as spring quarter goes, it's going well. I have so much going on and so many new things I'm trying that I'm getting a little overwhelmed, but it's worth it. My most exciting news is that I was accepted to a study abroad program. I'll be spending 6 weeks this summer in France studying business, economics, and marketing from an international perspective. I'm really excited because, in addition to classes, we get to travel all over Europe. I'm already planning on going to London, Brussels, Spain, Switzerland and Italy. It's going to be an amazing experience. Also, I'm working as a student assistant at the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy. It's an amazing job and I'm really enjoying it. Not only do I get to see Senator Glenn on a daily basis, but I get paid for having fun. (It) can't get better than that.

In addition to my current job, I'll be starting an internship next year working for the OSU Athletic Department. I'm going to be working in marketing for our men's ice hockey team. Since coming to OSU, I've been going to a lot of our hockey games and I fell in love with the sport. So now I get a chance to be even more involved and help attendance at games increase. Just in case you weren't aware, we have an amazing team. (They are) probably one of the best in OSU history. I even started ice skating and playing a little hockey and now I'm on an intramural team. I'm not very good, but my friends and I have a lot of fun. Living in sunny Southern California, ice skating and hockey wasn't anything I ever thought about doing. Now that I'm out here I've discovered I love skating. Just one more thing to thank OSU for.

I'm also really involved in horseback riding. Did you know that OSU offers it as a class? I swear I love this school more all the time. I took it autumn quarter and I've taken it every quarter since. In fact, in two weeks, I'll be competing in my very first horse show.

As you can see, I'm doing everything possible to get the most out of my college experience. All of that, in addition to some pretty hard classes is exhausting, but I know all my hard work and the experiences I've had will be worth it in the end.

Thanks again for everything and I look forward to seeing you all this summer while I'm home. Take care and GO BUCKS!!!

Hillary
The Basics for Boosters

There is no lack of enthusiasm from Ohio State boosters when it comes to supporting Buckeye athletics. The Alumni Association and the University’s Athletic Compliance Office want to ensure that this passion stays within the boundaries established by the NCAA. While the rules are complex, there are guidelines that all Buckeye boosters should take to heart.

Once an individual is identified as a booster, he/she retains that identity indefinitely.

You are considered a booster if you:

- have ever been a member of a booster organization that supports Ohio State Athletics;
- have made any financial contributions to any area of The Ohio State University;
- have made any membership commitment to a booster organization (this includes the Alumni Association);
- are or ever have been involved with the recruitment of a prospect;
- have provided or are providing benefits to an enrolled student-athlete or their relatives or friends;
- have otherwise been involved in promoting The Ohio State University’s athletic program (e.g., alumni and friends);
- provide or have helped to arrange employment for student-athletes;
- are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of an enrolled student-athlete; or
- are or ever have been a season ticket holder.

Boosters are allowed to:

- provide an occasional home meal on infrequent and special occasions to a student-athlete or team.
- arrange academic year or summer employment for current student-athletes. All student-athletes must be paid the going rate for work actually performed.
- arrange summer employment for prospects provided they do not begin work until after graduation. Treat ALL high schoolers as prospects!
- notify OSU coaches of prospects whom you think would be a strong addition to the athletic program.

Boosters are NOT allowed to:

- call, write or email a prospective student-athlete or the prospect’s parents, legal guardians, relatives, coaches or counselors for purposes of athletic recruitment.
- have any on or off-campus contact with the prospect for the purpose of athletic recruitment.
- attend a prospect’s competition for evaluation purposes as request by OSU coaching staff members.
- provide the prospect or the prospect’s relatives or friends with “extra benefits.”

What is an “extra benefit”? Extra benefits are special arrangements by an Ohio State employee or booster to provide a prospect or enrolled student-athlete or the individuals’ relatives or friends benefits not expressly authorized by the NCAA. Examples include:

- cash or any type gifts.
- vehicle or the use of a vehicle.
- concert or sporting event tickets.
- free or reduced cost goods or services (clothing, electronics, dry cleaning, cell phones...).
- free or reduced cost housing.
- loans or cosigned loans.
- payment for or arrangement of transportation costs for student-athletes’ relatives or friends.

The basic information presented in this article is just a starting point. Not every possible situation or example has been covered. Specific questions regarding involvement with prospects, contact with student-athletes or other NCAA rules should be directed to The Ohio State University Athletic Compliance Office. Heather Lyke, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance, can be reached by phone (614) 292-2681 or email lyke.2@osu.edu. Information provided by Heather Lyke and the Athletic Compliance Office.