2013 was a banner year for the Club. We started the year with a renewed optimism for the football program under Urban Meyer and continued into the spring with another great showing by the Men’s Basketball program. We had a fantastic guest speaker in the summer and great student send off just before the 2013 Football Campaign got off to a hot start.

Attendance was up at our football game watch events. Through raffles, auctions and donations, our scholarship fund had a banner year. This is all due to your participation in events and your generous contributions. We finished this exceptional year with an excellent Holiday Party.

We want to continue this momentum into 2014, which we are going to call “the year of the student”. We want to focus on one of the most important aspects of the club, our scholarship fund and the opportunity to help provide young Orange County students with the opportunity to attend one of the greatest universities in the country.

We can’t do it without you, our club members, so a big THANK YOU to all of you and we look forward to sharing 2014 with you!

GO BUCKS!
a message from co-president
Susan Munthe

The singing of Carmen Ohio following our events has been one of the best traditions that our club has engaged in over the years. The part about “Time and Change” never ceases to make me think about the wonders of being part of the Buckeye family. The recent passing of our beloved Bill Fillmore has been especially thought provoking. A true gentleman, he was both brilliant and humble, willing to support and mentor whenever asked. I remember him talking individually to students interested in engineering to encourage them to dream big.

The cycle of Buckeye life has seen some wonderful things happen within our club. This spring we will hopefully welcome back home our newest graduates like Alex, Erik and Lauren... and support others like Darren in their advanced degree study. All of our students never cease to amaze in their willingness to get involved. We are excited to continue to watch the careers of Hillary, Rob and Nick as Julie is just beginning retirement. This year Willie & Alexis, and Raewyn and Iman are getting married. Dan is going back to school to work on his Masters. Christie and Dan both traveled abroad this year and, of course, ran into Buckeyes! Some of the newest babies are now toddlers... look out for Xavier and Wes this fall!

I make note of these wonderful individual accomplishments and would like to offer a big thank you to our Officers and Board members who devote so much of their time to making this club function at a very high level as recognized by the Alumni Association with Gold Star Outstanding Club Status. Alexis and Willie were recognized with the Best Buckeye Award following in the footsteps of Bob Schmahl and Guy DiPasqua recognized the year before. I would also like to thank our members who recognize that this is a volunteer effort and that we need help and support to make our events a success while working to keep the cost down. A very special thank you to those of you who come early for set up and to help greet and then stay late for clean up. We couldn’t do it without you! “How firm thy friendship”.....
Our OSU OC Alumni Events: PAST 2013 AND FUTURE 2014 by Christie Brockhage, 1st VP

2013 seems like SO LONG AGO already! Let's reflect back on some of our key OSU OC events in 2013 and get ready for our upcoming events in 2014! Make sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend and tell your Buckeye family, alumni and friends to join us in 2014!

June 14, 2014: Walk the Farm event at Tanaka Farms. 10AM to NOON (goes until 2PM). We did this event last year and it was great! Wear your Buckeye T-shirts and RSVP today and register as a walker (only $20 for early bird registration by May 31) at www.WalkTheFarm.com to walk the park to support the farmers and people of Japan that are still recovering from the devastation of the earthquake/tsunami on March 11, 2011 and to support farmers in central CA suffering from our current drought. We will plan to meet at 10AM at the registration area and walk the event together. Plan for a casual walk/loops around the farming areas with frequent stops for tasting of locally grown food. (Estimate 1 hour casual walk for the loop which ends at local farmer’s market shopping for fresh eats to bring home).

July 24, 2014: Evening event (location/time is TBD) with Dr. Steven Gabbe. Please plan to join us the evening of July 24th as Dr. Gabbe updates us on the remarkable things that are happening at the OSU Wexner Medical Center. On August 14, 2013, we had a beautiful dinner and speaker event with Andy Gurd, Chief Operating Officer for your Ohio State University Alumni Association, at Scott’s Restaurant. We filled the private room with over 50 in attendance and it was a wonderful speaker event!

Plan to join our team (TEAM BUCKEYE-ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI CLUB) as a virtual rider for the next Pelotonia race August 8-10, 2014 to help advance the fight against cancer! Details pending.

- Alexis Pacholski
PAST 2013 AND FUTURE 2014 continued.....

July/August, 2014: Student Summer Send Off event/August. Date/Time/Location TBD. Every year, we host a special student send off for local OC students and their families before they head off to Ohio State! If you are interested in helping on the committee for our student send off event, please let us know!

August 30, 2014: KICKOFF FOR OUR FIRST FOOTBALL GAME WATCH. Our main game watch location is Dave & Busters, at the Irvine Spectrum! Our alumni, family, friends and fans are welcome to join us to watch our games and participate in our 50/50 raffles and prize giveaways each week to benefit and support our OSU OC scholarship students! Plan to join us in the main showroom, and beautifully renovated bar and sports viewing areas! GO BUCKEYES!

Every year, we form a team to participate in a 5K run/walk at Fashion Island. Here is a link to an article written in 2013 about Team Brutus:
http://komenoc.wordpress.com/2013/09/13/team-brutus-brave-and-bold-for-a-cure
Our vision: A World Without Breast Cancer
Warriors for the Cure! Brave and Bold!

December 2014: Buckeye Holiday Party and Toy Drive to support our local charity, Bring a Smile.
https://www.facebook.com/bringasmile99
Our 2014 Date/location and time TBD/Tentative date and time: Sunday, December 14th from 1PM to 3PM.
Holiday cookie/desert exchange (please read the article about our 2013 holiday event written by Dave Tax, who generously hosted our fabulous event location at his clubhouse in Crystal Cove for our amazing 2013 Holiday Brunch and toy drive event!).

Cheers to our alumni, family and friends for our amazing events! I look forward to seeing you at our 2014 events coming up! For more event information or to help with our upcoming events, feel free to contact me: Christie.brockhage@yahoo.com or C:949-872-3068 or visit our site: www.osuocie.org.

GO BUCKEYES!!
Gift Basket/Silent Auction donations bring in new revenues

We all know that Buckeyes have generous hearts and, of course, ahuge passion for the Buckeyes, especially when we are winning! Never was this generous spirit more apparent than this past year when about halfway through the 2013 Game Watch season, one of our loyal club members, Sandy Munoz, gave our club several gift baskets and silent auction items to raffle off. We were thrilled and grateful for her generosity and we immediately went to work on making bidding available to all of our game watch attendees for the balance of the season.

Strategically locating our new additions near the entrance to the main viewing room at Dave & Busters, we started getting good basket traffic and new silent auction items. More loyal club members, Jack Arnold and Ron Swart donated additional items for us to raffle off.

Thanks to these generous donors and your participation in the bidding, we generated $635 towards our scholarship goal. This was a huge help because we had a sizable revenue overlap to achieve given the success of last year's raffle of the Michigan football tickets. This new revenue stream made us ponder making a gift basket raffle/silent auction part of our annual Game Watch 2014 season. Stay tuned for more on this as we kick off activities in the Fall. In the meantime, put on your thinking cap as to what you might be able to donate this coming season - all for our Orange County Buckeye students!

Many thanks to Sandy, Jack, and Ron, and all of you for your tremendous Buckeye support!...... and of course, Go Bucks!!!

- Connie Elliott

Letter from a Scholarship Student

My name is Olivia Vega and I am currently a sophomore at Ohio State studying Human Development and Family Science for Pre Occupational Therapy. I am originally from Orange County but I now live in Ohio full time. However, being from California there is one question I get every time I meet someone new in Ohio: "California... why in the world did you come to Ohio?!". When I first decided to come to Ohio State, I had a hard time answering that question. It wasn't until I experienced the everlasting love and commitment of the Buckeye family that I was able to have a confident answer.

Being at Ohio State, I have met people that I will have with me for the rest of my life. Whether it be professors, alumni or friends, they have stuck by my side and made me a better and stronger person. I have discovered many opportunities through the people that I have met as well and they have been a very good resource to help me in my future. Just one example would be my previous professor who has given me the opportunity to work on her research project next semester. Even joining a sorority had broadened my community as I have met girls who have similar interests and values as me. In fact, I will be studying abroad with one of them in Florence, Italy this summer. We all share one very important thing in common and that is our love for Ohio State. This brings and bonds us together as one big Buckeye family and I would not trade that for anything. How firm thy friendship...O-H
2013 Financial Recap... Up across the board! by Connie Elliott, Treasurer

A huge thanks to all for your financial contributions throughout 2013! Club revenues were up across the board – and as a result we were able to give $6,500 ($2000 more than last year) to the club’s endowment fund for scholarships. This was made possible by achieving 168% of our scholarship money goal ($6,305 against a goal of $3,750). Tremendous effort OC Buckeyes!

Scholarship monies are generated from the 50/50 raffles, football ticket raffles, and all the other miscellaneous raffles conducted throughout the year. To help offset the huge amount we made last year from raffling off the Michigan ticket raffle ($1,216), some club members generously donated items for gift baskets and a silent action this year which helped to raise $635 for scholarship. Many thanks to Sandy Munoz, Jack Arnold, and Ron Swart for your donations!

Club expenses were 7% ($806) of total revenues ($10,857). The expenses included administration costs, a donation to the OSU Foundation in recognition of Andy Gurd as our guest speaker, and travel expenses to send a club representative to the Leadership Symposium in Columbus.

Here are key year-over-year compares and % changes:

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Your contributions and club support are helping pave the way for Orange County students to become part of ‘The Ohio State University’ family! Let’s keep this great Buckeye momentum going in 2014!
College Fairs

We visited 11 district fairs averaging 3 high schools per district with a thousand students and parents in attendance. Thank you to all of our alumni volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to represent Ohio State at fairs in Fullerton, La Habra, Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Mission Viejo, Ranch Santa Margarita, Newport-Costa Mesa, Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Tustin. Thanks to their recruitment efforts we had exposure to thousands of Orange County high school students.

Regional Recruitment Manager

A new Regional Recruitment Manager was recently hired and will be based in San Diego. Our club will work with Joseph Davidson to represent Ohio State at college fairs, student receptions and yield receptions in the fall and spring.

If you would like to get involved in the student recruitment process please do not hesitate to contact Keri Hellinga who has taken over Student Recruiting from Daniel Katz who is heading back to school to work on his Masters. Thank you to the following who recruited for us in 2013: Connie and Todd Elliott, Daniel Katz, Bob Schmahl, Jim Hoshstrasser, Courtney Massaro, Andy Moes, Keri Hellinga, Mery Dee Foft, Susan Munthe, Willie Ito, Alexis Pacholski, Megan Daggett, Barbara Hahn and Christie Brocklage.

Student Recruitment Activities 2013

Student Retention Incentive Program

Last March we welcomed future Buckeyes to the Ohio State family and converted admitted students to enrolled students through personal contact. We did so by contacting the 2012 admitted freshmen, congratulating them on their admission and encouraging them to pay their acceptance fee. We sent a personalized postcard to students in our area as a cheerful reminder to pay their acceptance fees. 25 Orange County students are in the 2012-2013 freshmen class at Ohio State.

Student Sent Off Event

In late summer, board members hosted a Student Send-Off BBQ for incoming and returning students. This Buckeye BBQ was held to congratulate students on their admission to Ohio State, provide a means for them and their parents to meet current students and alumni, and to connect with other new freshmen and parents who will be part of the Ohio State family in the fall. With close to 80 people in attendance, the students make instant friendships, exchange phone numbers and make plans to meet up on campus.

Spring Yield Events

Our recruitment efforts continue this spring with our first yield event in March 11. Alumni volunteers, current students and parents assist Admission representatives at a reception for newly admitted autumn 2013 freshmen and their parents. Yield events are designed to give students all the information needed to determine if Ohio State is the right fit for them.
2013 Annual Holiday Party by Dave Tax

This annual event with over 75 faithful Buckeye supporters were in attendance was a huge success. It was held in Newport Beach at The Crystal Cove Community Clubhouse courtesy of Dave & Brenda Tax. It was a beautiful day outside and inside with everyone enjoying fine wine, great sandwiches and a wonderful assortment of holiday desserts brought by those in attendance.

Todd Elliott was our Master of Ceremonies spokesperson for the event. Both Todd and Connie Elliott who read a letter from one of the students – Olivia Vega - did a fantastic job as usual. Two of our scholarship student spoke of their experiences on campus, Freshman Sarah McKinnell and Senior Darren Spensiero.

We were so fortunate to have John Brockington as our guest speaker for the event. John was an outstanding football player in the late 1960’s right before the Archie Griffin era and was part of both a Rose Bowl & a National Championship team for Ohio State. He said that it was an honor playing for Coach Woody Hayes back then. He later went on to play in the NFL for the Green Bay Packers for 7 years before being beset with the need for a Kidney transplant.

He spoke passionately and at length about his love for Ohio State and he shared many memories of his playing days there. It seemed like he could have spoken for hours about it and everyone in attendance listened intently to his stories as well as his views on the current state of the Ohio State football program. Established to helps families of Kidney Transplant patients. He holds an annual fund-raising event there every year which has been quite successful. It sparked some interest for us to possibly be able to attend or support one of his events in the future.

Will Gronke conducted the drawing in which there were many winners of some really nice Ohio State gift items. It was a very special event & a great day to be together with so many Ohio State alumni and old friends and some new ones for some good holiday cheer!

Special thanks to Christie Brockhage and Susan Munthe for helping to organize this wonderful event and to Julio Buathier for bringing the microphone system. Thanks as well to all of our wonderful friend who helped with set up and clean up. It was a memorable event!