

THE VALLEY BUCKEYE

The Newsletter of the OSU Alumni Club of Sacramento Valley

Sac Valley Scholarships

Club gives OSU scholarships to three students

The Sacramento Valley Alumni Club has awarded three scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year. The three students receiving awards are Emily Cheng from Rio Americano High, Anastasia Rocniak from Davis Senior High, and Jillian Seidel from Oakdale High. They all will start school this fall at Ohio State.

Due to a communication error from OSUAA, the club was unable to award the scholarships at the annual

banquet. Typically, the students attend the banquet and have a chance to meet the membership. While we didn't have the chance to invite and congratulate them at the banquet this year, we were still able to award them a total of \$2,500.

Keep an eye out for the scholarship recipients at one of the early football game watches this season. Maybe they will be able to attend before they head off to school!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2008 has been a fun first year as President of the club. The Buckeye supporters in the area have made me proud as we have increased our level of activity and membership. However, we are aiming for much loftier goals. I hope to end the year continuing the success we are enjoying and to start planning for 2009 and beyond.

If you have an event you think other club members would enjoy, let us know. If you want to volunteer for the board, let

us know. Elections are coming in December so think about whether you'd like to commit to the fun and excitement of making this club grow! We will have more information on that in the near future. We are already planning events for 2009 so think about what you may be able to add to the club.

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Holiday Reception & Silent Auction Dec. 11

The Club has scheduled a wonderful event for December - the Holiday Reception and Silent Auction.

We've raised over \$4,000 for our scholarship fund the last three years with the Silent Auction. This year looks to blow away what we have done in the past.

The auction items are on a grand scale, so prepare to bid on some fantastic items!

If you have items for the auction, contact Holiday Reception chairperson Cyndie Klingensmith (ontv@sbcglobal.net).

Items already on the auction list:

- ✓ 4 tickets to see Jimmy Kimmel Live with a private studio tour
- ✓ 2 nights at MontBleu Resort & Casino in Tahoe
- ✓ 2 nights at a cabin (sleeps 18) on the shore of Lake Tahoe
- ✓ signed copy 'Winner's Manual', by Jim Tressell
- ✓ 4 tickets to a taping of DIY network's Yard Crashers
- ✓ Buckeye Corner gift certificate
- ✓ framed Woody Hayes memorial ceremony program
- ✓ Sacramento Kings merchandise
- ✓ OSUAA merchandise

There's more to come. Check the website for updates!

SACRAMENTO VALLEY BUCKEYES EXTEND A HELPING HAND

As we start another great Buckeye football season, we can't forget that there are many people in our community suffering in these tough economic times. To help those in need, The OSU Alumni Club of the Sacramento Valley again selected STEAC as our charity this year.

STEAC is a non-profit, volunteer organization based in Davis, CA. Its purpose is to provide immediate, short-term emergency assistance with basic necessities to families and individuals whose incomes are at or below the federal poverty level. Services include an emergency shelter program, free food assistance, "Suit Up for Success Program", and utility assistance. In addition, STEAC sponsors an Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program which provides food, clothes, and gifts to over 450 families each year.

Last year, Board member Beverly Nicholson spearheaded an effort to sponsor a family. This included bringing canned-goods to the OSU-UM gamewatch, and providing food and gifts to a family of six. 2007 donations included about \$300 in gifts and the food donated by the club.

For 2008 we are asking club members to help us in two ways:

- Share the Buckeye spirit by bringing non-perishable food items to each game watching party. Remember, expired, damaged (dented cans, etc.) or open food items cannot be accepted.
- Help fulfill the wishes of the family we adopt at Christmas time. Food and gifts for the family will be needed.

Beverly Nicholson will again coordinate this effort. Beverly will send out an e-mail at the beginning of December when we receive our adopted family's wish list. If you are interested in helping, Beverly can be reached at beverlynicholson@comcast.net or 916 300-4025.

STEAC is in need of more volunteers. If you want to get more involved in their work, you can call them directly at 530-758-8435 or E-mail: steac@steac.org.

Buckeyes, let's make the world a little brighter for families in need in the Sacramento Valley.

Thanks for your support!

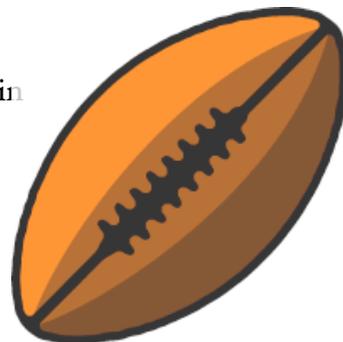
2008 Ohio State Football Season Upon Us

The Ohio State Buckeyes football squad started playing August 30. We have big expectations for the Buckeyes - this season they are favorites to win the Big Ten and a serious contender for a BCS title.

Come support the Buckeyes with other club members at MVPs Sports Grille at 17th & Capitol, in downtown Sacramento.

We will hold raffles for our new prizes to help our scholarship fund. We will also be collecting canned-goods for the STEAC project at all games. Damaged or expired goods cannot be accepted.

For directions to MVPs as well as game times, see our website.



COLLEGE TRADITIONS PURCHASES BENEFIT OUR CLUB

Buying Buckeye gear this fall? Or any other time?

If you purchase items from College Traditions in Columbus, the club receives 10% of all sales. You need to use our club code: **AL9563**

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2008 BANQUET A LITERARY SUCCESS!



Branin, front right, was popular with the guests

The 2008 annual banquet took a bookish theme as the club welcomed OSU Libraries President Joe Branin. Held at Frasinetti's

Winery in Sacramento, the club celebrated another year together and had a great speaker to book...I mean to boot!

Branin covered the \$110 million renovation of the Ohio State Main Library and what it will mean to the future of studying and research at OSU. The speech was a hit with a photographic timeline of the library from its beginning through today, including when past additions and renovations took place. He also covered what he thought about the future of libraries in the internet age.

Time seemed to fly as Branin didn't have time to answer nearly all questions from the crowd. If you missed him at the banquet, you missed an OSU gem!

A BUSY SUMMER FOR THE CLUB

Summers are usually slow for the club, but this summer happened to be full with events. Area Big Ten alumni clubs started the fun by enjoying a beautiful day at William Pond park in Carmichael. Of the 150 picnic-goers, most of the 11 alumni clubs were represented, except Purdue and Minnesota. Ohio State had a great turn-out with 25 people and everyone brought wonderful foods to share. It was fun playing Frisbee, attempting a balloon toss competition, playing softball, chatting with old friends, and meeting new ones from other local clubs.

Mark Zablotsky continued the fun by running an ongoing photography workshop including meeting club members at his office to cover technique, going to the fair to demonstrate how to take photos in different light and with various subjects, and then following that with a photo critique. Those that attended learned some valuable lessons. Disa Johnson then organized an outing to a Sacramento Rivercats game to support the Pancreatic Cancer Network. This was successful as a first year philanthropy effort.

Then came the Big 10 Bowl Game. This bowling tournament, with several other Big Ten clubs, was fun and we had 8 Buckeyes participate. We weren't the best team there but were proud of our effort. Lastly, club member David Bryant held a Kickoff party which was a success with over 50 people in attendance. It was a great chance to see each other and get back in the Buckeye spirit just in time for football season. Thanks to Mark, Disa, David, and the Big Ten alumni clubs for helping to bring fun, educational, philanthropical, and exciting events to our club members.

Club elections to be held at Holiday Reception

While months away, it is not too early to think about club elections. The club is always looking for enthusiastic board members and this year will be no different. If you have an interest in running for an officer or board position, then contact club Secretary Disa Johnson to discuss the role and add your name to the ballot. All officer and board positions may be contested. Names should be submitted by early November. We sincerely hope you consider joining us in making this club stronger. More information will follow.

NOTES ON MEMBERSHIP

Membership period - Membership is being kept for the calendar year. During the football season, we start our membership drive for the following year, in this case 2009. Dues remain \$25 per individual or family. Membership forms are located at gamewatches, on the club website, or often included with the newsletter itself.

Did I pay my dues? - Many people ask if they have paid their dues for a given year. There are currently two ways to find out. They can contact club treasurer Jennifer Still to ask if they have paid for the year, or they can look at the address label on the newsletter. The address label will indicate through what year they are paid. In the future, the club hopes to provide a list of paid memberships online.

🍇 Club Vital Signs 🍇

Membership

The club has 82 paid memberships for 2008, up from 45 in 2007. That's growth of 80% in one year! We'd love to be over 100 by the end of 2008 so encourage others to join!

Operating Fund

The treasury is in fairly good shape but we'd always like to be doing better. The general fund fluctuates much more than scholarship fund and we currently have \$1,500 in the account. We would like to have \$10,000 in the general fund so that we have more flexibility. We will be looking at ways to raise more money for the general fund.

Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund has \$3,000 after the 2008 scholarships were awarded. The goal is to raise \$25,000 in the next several years in order to start an endowed scholarship through OSUAA. Every bit helps and we thank you for all of your donations the past several years.



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