



Alumni Club  
of the  
Sacramento Valley

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Silent Auction

Saturday, Nov, 21, 2015  
Our primary fund raiser, the Silent Auction, will be held in conjunction with the Michigan State gamewatch. Please get your donations ready soon!

### Holiday Party

Tuesday, Dec 8, 2015  
The Holiday Party will be held at the Rio City Cafe this year.

### Sacramento Kings vs Cleveland Cavaliers

Wednesday, Mar 9, 2016  
Come watch the Kings take on the team from OHIO.

### 'The Newsies'

Tuesday, Apr 16, 2016  
Join your fellow Buckeyes at this Broadway Musical at The Community Theater.

## Outstanding Alumni Club

At the closing luncheon of the recent OSU Leadership Symposium (see page 2 for more information), Sacramento Valley was recognized as one of 10 out of over 150 OSU alumni clubs as an Outstanding Alumni Club for 2015. Ramona accepted the ribbon and has had it attached to our banner. Look for it at the next game watch. We were extremely proud to be recognized for all the hard work our members and officers do to make our club successful. Thank you, everyone. Let's continue this tradition!



Ramona, Brutus, Peggy and Gary

football game convert the Game Watch location from the casino restaurant into a Buckeye venue which rivals any location in Columbus. Numerous Ohio State banners are proudly hung on virtually every bit of open wall space available, and he has even acquired flags from each of the Big 10 opponents to display as well! Countless hours are quietly spent in this labor of love which brings great enjoyment to all club members.

### 2015-2016 – Ralph and Patsy Cornwell

Ralph served for 5 years as Scholarship Chair and a member of the Board. Under his leadership, we awarded at least one scholarship annually. Ralph also maintained relationships with students and parents after the recipients enrolled at Ohio State, helping to ease the transition to college life 2500 miles away. Ralph and Patsy took a very active role in the Holiday Silent Auction fundraiser. They recently relocated to Colorado and will be greatly missed!

## Sacramento Valley Best Buckeye Awards

The Board of Directors has implemented an annual local "Best Buckeye" award. This is modeled on the national OSUAA award program, and recognizes Sacramento Valley Club members who have demonstrated tremendous spirit and contributions to members and fans. I am very pleased to have presented the first two awards to the following Sacramento Buckeyes:

### 2014-2015 - Howard Canfield

Howard's tireless efforts prior to every

# Silent Auction Rapidly Approaching

Our major fundraiser, the Silent Auction, will be held during the OSU - Michigan State game, November 21st. We will set up the items to be auctioned in the Casino Conference Room.

It is very important to the Club that YOU participate in two ways. First, by donating merchandise, whether small or significant, to the Silent Auction, and, secondly, by also participating in the Silent Auction buying process!

Please bring your items to Peggy Penwell at the games on October 24th (Rutgers), November 7th (Minnesota) and 14th (Illinois). Although we will also accept merchandise at the Michigan State game watch, it is MUCH MORE EFFICIENT to do it in advance, if at all possible.

When you bring your items, you will be asked to complete a bid sheet with the following information: name, value of the item donated, suggested beginning bid price (the price below which you would NOT sell the item), and minimum suggested price bid increments.

At the Michigan State Game, we will open the auction and auction room from one (1) hour before the game watch to kickoff. The auction and room will then be open during half time. THE AUCTION BIDDING WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF HALFTIME! At the conclusion of the game each auction winner will be asked to pick up the bid sheet(s) for which he/she is the final successful bidder and pay for

the item(s) to the Club Treasurers, Steve and Mary Yaussy. The Club will accept payment via cash, check, or PayPal (credit card). The winner may then collect their purchased item(s).

## Buckeye Game Watch: Weekly at The Lodge

Ohio State games are every Saturday except Halloween's "Bye" week. Are YOU joining your friends and Buckeyes at the Cordova Lodge and Casino to watch each Saturday? (Near US 50 and Zinfandel at 2801 Prospect Park Drive) Free parking, free soft drinks, good fun.

More than half our membership comes each Saturday for a fun time for our Buckeye games: with over 60 enjoying our "Pre-Season" buffet and party in August. We started with a huge crowd of 79 at the Virginia Tech game. Last week 72 watched our Bucks defeat Penn State. Smaller groups made each of those early "lesser" games, but close to half our Club membership made each game!

Not only are soft drinks STILL "on the house" at the Lodge, but we have a special (less expensive) Buckeye menu, have started "Tail Gate Games" one hour before kickoff and at Half Time, including

3 prizes a game for winners and winning teams at "Cornhole", Ring Toss, and Ladder Toss. Our raffle adds another 3-4 prizes to win each week.

We are in our 2nd season at The "Lodge", with great decorations every game by Howard and Club members. This year the Lodge added ceiling "sound bars" for a total of 6 sound systems to better hear our Buckeyes! Fun, Festive, and Following our Bucks!

Keep OSU winning, come out and join us! It's FREE!

## Buckeyes 'Three-peat' in NCAA Women's Rowing Final

Over 40 Club Buckeyes cheered OSU on to victory in the NCAA national Women's Rowing Championships held this spring at the Sacramento State Aquatic Center.

Shouts of "Three Peat" "Three Peat" greeted the champions as they celebrated a very close win over rival California. It was a thrilling finish to the weekend's competition, and was only the 2nd three-peat in NCAA history.

The Aquatic Center was a great venue, and afforded the opportunity to get an exciting "up close and personal" view of a sport we knew little about prior to the event. The NCAA championships will return to Sacramento in 2016, and we are already planning an



event with the team parents next year as they go for a four-peat!!



## Scarlet and Grapes

Our inaugural Scarlet and Grapes event was held on Saturday, July 18th at the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg. The Old Sugar Mill was just that back in the 1930's, but today is being renovated and is the home of several wineries' tasting rooms and retail stores. We had 23 attendees and we all had a great time.

Our member, Helen Crump, who staffs the booth at Carvalho winery, scheduled an exclusive tour for us with John Carvalho, owner of Carvalho winery and also owner and developer of the Old Sugar Mill itself. We had a sit-down tasting of several red, white, and dessert wines at the Carvalho tasting area and an extensive entertaining and educational walking tour of the vineyard, facilities, and old buildings by John Carvalho himself.

Helen, and her husband Dan, also saved some Buckeye tables for us outside and we all got together with friends, wine, and snacks in the shade...Buckeye tablecloths, decor, and all.

There was then plenty of time

to visit the other wineries, buy more wine and do more shopping for other goodies, too. We hope to make this an annual event and encourage you to join us next year, too!

## High School Student Recruitment for Ohio State

A number of spirited Sac Valley Buckeyes volunteered to participate in college career night. We attended six high school district events. Over 100 universities and the military academies send representatives to these events. Up to three thousand high school students take part in each event.

The three volunteer hours fly by due to the interest and enthusiasm of the students. It is a pleasure to meet and greet the best and brightest young people from the Sacramento region.

Please contact one of the club board members if you would like to join the fun next fall. We can attend more school districts events if we have enough volunteers. It is a fun evening and most school districts offer snacks, beverages, or a light meal.

## Leadership Symposium

On September 24 and 25, Ramona Moenter, and Gary and Peggy Penwell attended the OSU Club and Society Leadership Symposium in Columbus. The sessions were held at Fawcett Center. Andy Gurd, Interim President of OSUAA, welcomed the members. The alumni clubs and societies have been divided into six regions based on

population data for each region. A new financial incentive program, restructured awards program, and tiered level of recognition was introduced.

Our club is now part of the new western region division which includes Arizona, California, Colorado, Texas, and Washington, which have the largest numbers of alumni. The new Regional Engagement Advancement office will help inform and coordinate clubs outside of Ohio with communications, alumni relations, IT, and fundraising. The Alumni Association wants all clubs to have the same look on their websites, newsletters, and nametags, all using the Block O.



Fawcett Center

They have hired two tech reps to help clubs convert existing logos, websites, etc. to the new "branded" look. Erin Howell is our Support Specialist. A reception followed at the Longaberger Alumni House with Brutus attending.

The second day was a session on creating engagement strategies and learning what other clubs do or have done successfully. We broke into our regional groups and had

an interesting discussion trying to see if we could have joint activities if the occasion arises. Ashley Pryor is our new Regional Engagement Officer for the west coast.

A luncheon followed by the award ceremony was held. OSU President, Michael V. Drake, MD, spoke to the group, praising the volunteers for the time, effort, and expense involved in leading an alumni club. It was a great and motivating event for all of us. OSUAA is doing great things for the clubs by providing significant increases in financial and technical support!

## Club Scholarship Recipient Graduates a Year Early

Hannah Bensman graduated from The Ohio State University in August, 2015, with a degree in Economics. She is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

She will return to California to seek employment in the field of finance. Hannah completed an internship in commercial real estate. Her experience includes

creating bidding processes and overseeing projects up to \$25,000.00. She designed new materials for the web site, evaluated market conditions and property comparables to determine new investments for clients. She also managed accounting for properties totaling 200,000 square feet.

Hannah was active in campus organizations including the International Host Program, Newman Center Hospital Ministry, and Dunn Sport and Wellness Scholars. She was certified through the Multicultural Center as a Diversity and Inter-Cultural Community Engagement Ally.

There was time for playfulness in her busy schedule. Plunging into the icy cold Mirror Lake is a fond memory of her campus experience.

Hannah expresses gratitude for the large network of OSU alumni and she appreciates the financial assistance provided by the Sac Valley Alumni Club.

## Board Appoints New Treasurers

Many thanks to Steve and Mary Yaussy who volunteered to take over the Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer positions. Gary is very happy as he has 'filled in' for a series of early departing Treasurers over several years. Thank you again for stepping up your level of volunteerism!

## Volunteerism

- is the principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community as a social responsibility rather than for any financial reward.
- is the use of or reliance on volunteers, especially to perform social or educational work in communities.

Your Club would not exist without volunteers because we have no paid positions.

We do it because it means others will benefit in some way. It may be just enjoying decorations, meeting with friends, watching a game, working at a service project to help others or generating funds to pay for scholarships.

We are always looking for others to help carry the ongoing obligations we have as an organization. That may be as an officer, committee chairman, project leader or another smaller task. Please consider getting more involved with the OSU Alumni Club of the Sacramento Valley. Talk to one of our Board members about it! Start small if you desire. Take a lead immediately if you feel so inclined.

GO BUCKS!

## Newsletter Format Changed

You probably noticed a major change in the format of our newsletter. It is the result of ongoing changes resulting from the implementation of OSU branding guides. We hope you like it!