Cammy is now called "Buckeye" in school. This is a name given to her by her softball coach due to her avid support of the Buckeyes.

While the family makes every effort to see the OSU football games (they have them streamed in through DirecTV online), they miss being a part of the club and sharing the up close and lively experience. In the meantime, they do all they can do to support the Bucks while overseas.

On the final note coming from Amara, Kevin plans to run in the original marathon coming up in Athens, Greece. Do what you can while you can! We miss the Camaratats and wish them a speedy return to the states!

Many of you remember that wonderful, fun filled, lively Camarata family from our football game watches. Our members today still talk about them and have asked concerning their whereabouts.

They were transferred a couple of years ago to Italy as Kevin got a new US Army assignment. In catching up with the Camaratats I inquired as to what they have been doing since they moved overseas. Amara, Kevin’s wife, was happy to share many of their experiences. Believe me when I say that there is never a dull moment in their lives as their family continues to grow.

Caden, the newest addition, was born a little over a year ago. Amara states that the family is trying to increase their chances of having one as a player for the OSU sports program.

Caden, the youngest, was born in Italy.

While overseas, the entire family is taking advantage of touring and participating in many events. They have seen 12 countries and over 120 cities. They had the once in a lifetime privilege of seeing two Popes on the same Alter as Papal Inauguration took place.

All family members have participated in running races in near and distant towns. Many races have involved wearing costumes. The most memorable one is when Kevin "Ran with the Bulls" in his Ohio State gear. Nothing keeps "Mr. Buckeye" from showing his OSU spirit.

Talk about showing spirit,
Member of the Year…Keith Junk

Keith Junk has received this year’s award for the Club’s Member of the Year. While he is usually seen entering the game watches with his bullhorn in hand, he has managed to help raise over $4,000 by conducting the half time auctions for the Urban and Shelley Meyer Cancer Fund. His antics and persuasive methods of challenging fellow buckeyes to dig just a little deeper is uncanny.

Keith has been a member of the club since it started. He has served as the Membership Chair and has been very instrumental in helping with many of the activities and events held by the club. While a comedian at heart, the seriousness in his soul to help others in our community enhances our club and its reputation.

He and his wife, Penny, have opened their doors to house the OSU Women’s Golf Team, not once but twice. He has helped with the Special Olympics, BackPack Buddies, the Moore County Coalition Program, and more. Our club thanks him for all he does for the entire community!

Scholarship Students for 2014-15

Talk about Buckeye Pride, it does not get any better than honoring these four individuals. Megan Middleton and Garrett Gollehon have been our club’s scholarship winners since they graduated from Pinecrest High School. They are both honor student at OSU and have maintained their GPA at the highest level since they entered the university.

Garrett serves as our student representative and has made the pathway for other students entering OSU from our area much easier. Casie Jingle, a sophomore this year was happy to have fellow students show her the ins and outs of campus. Casie is following the example set by Megan and Garrett in keeping her GPA very high too.

This year’s entering freshman, Nicoe Pless, is please to have all these upper classmen to help him along. He has already stated, “I will not let you down. I will make your club very proud too.”

Editor’s Note: There is no doubt, Nicoe! See you all this fall on campus!

Diana Sanders, Awarded Superior Performance

A special award was handed out at the General Membership Meeting held this past June. For five years, Diana Sanders has been handling the game watches in Fayetteville almost single handedly.

This past year, the group moved to the Carolina Ale House and the membership grew over 100%. This was largely due its new location and Diana’s capability to make it fun and exciting for the new Buckeyes.

It is without question that due to her solid performance and capability to lead that there is now a need for additional assistance during game watches. She is lauded for her superior performance and our hat is off to her for her continued support of the club. As one of our members said, “Not bad for a Purdue grad!” Thanks, Diana, this award is well deserved and our club congratulates you for your superior performance.
Club Calendar, August—December 2014

August
23—Make the Call seminar with Roger Parramore, Replay Referee
30—OSU vs. Navy 12:00

September
6—OSU vs. Virginia Tech 8:00
13—OSU vs. Kent State 12:00
20—BYE, no game
25—Scholarship Students
26—OSU Symposium

October
4—OSU at Maryland TBD
11—BYE
18—OSU vs. Rutgers 3:30
24—OSU Women’s Golf at Wilmington
25—OSU at Penn State 8:00

November
1—OSU vs. Illinois 8:00
8—OSU at Michigan State 8:00

December
6—Big Ten Championship Play-off 8:00 FOX

Other events planned after this printing will be sent to you via email. Do not hesitate to call for additional information.

Introducing Harper Grace Donovan, our newest Buckeye.

Recent Club Events

Club members are always anxious to come and listen to Roger Parramore give his talk about the new football rules for the season. After his speech, he places club members in the shoes of the refs. Roger’s wife, Barbara, puts actual football footage on the big screen and stops the play before the final instant replay review ruling is announced on the field.

The calls made by the referees on the field makes one cry out, “Are you kidding me! That was the worse call made in football history! That play was GOOD!”

Then you review the play just as the replay referees do. You look at the play from several angles. You begin to see things that you did not see happen on the field that the TV camera caught. You smile and say, “Well, I did not see that happen!” You then realize that the refs on the field do a pretty good job in making the calls they do.

Ladies “tying one on” at the ladies ONLY scarf tying event held at Tesoro in downtown Pinehurst.

Cristin Bennett, the club’s Social Chair and store owner, held a seminar on “Many Ways to Tie a Scarf”. Several club members gathered and watched as Cristin demonstrated multiple ways to tie a scarf. Several other ladies also exhibited their favorite look.

Needless to say, laughter was a key part of this fun event as everyone was trying to duplicate the look! Most managed.

Refreshments were served and everyone went home much wiser than when they arrived on how to make your clothing look a little more dressy, or fun!

Our club received word that Ohio State golfer, Jessica Porvasnik, had made the LPGA Women’s Open to be played in Pinehurst this past June. Coach Hession was immediately contacted to learn what we, as a club, could do to support her stay. With the NCAA rules being very strict, we learned that there wasn’t too much we could do except to follow her and cheer for her on the golf course.

We were, however, capable of housing Coach Hession and Assistant Coach, Lisa Strom, Jessica’s caddy. They stayed at a member’s home near the Pinehurst golf course.

Even though Jessica did not make the final cut, she was strongly supported by her family, friends, and our club members. It was an honor to have been a part of her grand appearance.

Left to Right: Coach Hession, Jessica Porvasnik, and Asst. Coach, Lisa Strom.

COL (Ret) Richard (Dick) Thomas gave this year’s address to the our club members at the General Membership Meeting in June.

While at Ohio State, he played football for Coaches Fesler and Woody Hayes. He was known as “Rough and Ready” despite his 6-1 frame at 190 pounds. He is proud that he has earned his pair of Gold Pants and played in the Snow Bowl too. Some of the players Dick was with on the field were: Jawnowicz, Hopalong Cassidy, Bruney as well as other noted players.

Dick is honored to have been a part of the Ohio State football team and school traditions. Our club is proud that he and his wife, Jan, are a part of our club!
The Buckeye Cruise for Cancer

Buckeyes, it is NOT TOO LATE to sign up for the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer in 2015. Proceeds from the cruise benefit the Urban and Shelley Meyer Fund for Cancer Research and The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center—Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute. In 2015, the cruise will leave Tampa on Thursday, February 19, and arrive in Cozumel on Saturday, the 21st. The return will be on Monday, the 23rd. On Friday and Sunday, the days at sea, there is plenty to do. All football players on board sign autographs on those days too. This is a TOTAL BUCKEYE ADVENTURE, 2,200+! To name a few of the players: Brewster, Carpenter, Galloway, E. George, Griffin, Cassidy, Hawk, Herbstreit, Kronzel, Laurinaitis, and more! So far, our club has 7 members signed up and hoping for more! Last year, we presented a check for $4,105 to Coach Meyer and Shelley. We are hoping for more this year. Support our October auctions and bid BIG on the special Buckeye items!

For club information on the cruise, contact Nancy Phelps at gphelps2@nc.rr.com, or phone 910-692-8126.

To contact the Dublin Travel Agency for booking information, call 614-792-6204. Many cabins are already sold out!

To visit the website to learn more about the cruise, go to www.buckeyecruise.com.

The Pelotonia

Dr. Michael Caligiuri, Director of the OSUCCC and CEO of the James, attends the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer annually. He started the extraordinary cycling experience in Columbus in 2008. This bike tour has one goal in mind: to end cancer. The Pelotonia directs 100% of every dollar raised to cancer research. For more information on Pelotonia, visit www.pelotonia.org. If you have questions, email questions@pelotonia.org. You can also join the Pelotonia Facebook page to receive news and updates surrounding the events. Join the team and do a virtual ride!

Sandhills Buckeye Club Fundraisers

September ..........A Board designated amount of money raised during the month of September will go to our Scholarship Students at Ohio State. Each year we treat our students to "extra" cash for them to use as they wish. Most use the money for book costs. However, if they need extra for supplies, food, or whatever, they are not questioned on the usage. They have earned their way to one of the best educations at Ohio State and this is a small reward for being part of the BEST!

October ..........All monies raised during this month goes to the Urban and Shelley Meyer Cancer Fund at Ohio State. The amount raised is presented to Coach Meyer and his wife, Shelley, during the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer. Lisa Cisco, owner of Dublin Travel Agency, helps to support our club in this activity. Auctions for Buckeye items are conducted weekly at halftime.

November ..........a collection of special requested food items is made in November to go to the Back Pack Pals program in our community. These items are packaged to go home to children on the weekend to help with their nutritional needs. A list of such items will be provided to you before November. They must be individually wrapped and non-perishable.
Our Club’s Vision
Our Sandhills Buckeye Club will strive to make our club stronger by supporting The Ohio State University, the Ohio State Alumni Association, and the Sandhills Alumni Club in all its social, scholarship, recruitment, and community activities.

Our Club’s Mission
Our Sandhills Buckeye Club is dedicated to connecting alumni, friends, fellow Buckeyes and possible future Ohio State students in a lifelong, positive support of Ohio State and each others as individuals.