



West Michigan Buckeye Newsletter

Summer 2012



A Message from the President — Donna Waters



Great News for all OSU Alumni **AND** our local OSU Alumni Club of West Michigan

Beginning July 1, 2012, **ALL** graduates of Ohio State will be members of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. (OSUAA), the national Alumni Association in Columbus. More than 80 percent of voting members voted to adopt constitutional changes that will change the Association's membership model. Beginning July 1, the Association turned its focus from selling memberships to engaging Ohio State's entire alumni base of nearly half a million graduates.

All Ohio State degree holders, including medical resident graduates, will be considered members of the Association and receive some level of benefit. This includes associate, bachelor, graduate, or honorary degrees. The basic level of

membership will receive benefits including e-publications, online library access, affinity discounts, and use of the NEW Association's [Alumni Career Management](#) program.

To enjoy more premium benefits, alumni can join the organization annually as a Sustaining Member. Among the premium benefits available are the annual football ticket lottery, a print version of *Ohio State Alumni Magazine*, and more. To earn this level of membership, [a graduate must make a gift or gifts either equal to or more than \\$75 to the Ohio State fund of his or her choice each year](#). These gifts are tax-deductible **AND** the benefit to our local Club is: **you may choose our Club's Endowed Scholarship Fund as the recipient of your Sustaining Membership Contribution of \$75.00 or more.** On the link above, please search for West Michigan Alumni 607657 to locate [our Club's endowment fund](#). (Continued on Page 4)

OSUWM Nominee Wins Alumni Award

On September 14, [David Pilgrim](#), will receive the Robert M. Duncan Citizenship Award from the OSU Alumni Association.

Dr. Pilgrim, who lives in Rockford, is founder and curator of the [Jim Crow Museum](#) — a 5,000 piece collection of racist artifacts located at Ferris State University. He received a master's degree and doctorate in sociology from Ohio State. In 2011, our Club sponsored a Grand Rapids showing of the traveling exhibit THEM: Images of Separation. More than 1,100 people visited the exhibit and listened to Dr. Pilgrim describe the collection. [In a press release](#), Dr. Pilgrim stated, "I was surprised and humbled to hear that I would receive the Robert M. Duncan Citizenship Award from my alma mater." Pilgrim also noted, "It is gratifying to know that others appreciate your work."



David Pilgrim, PhD, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, Ferris State University, Big Rapids MI

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Golf Outing 2012



RECIPE for some Scarlet and Gray Fun

Mix the following together at Thornapple Point Golf Course on June 24, 2012:

82 Golfers (a record number in attendance)
9 Volunteers
5 Sponsors
5 Hole Sponsors
4 V.I.B.'s (Very Important Buckeyes)

Terry White — Defensive back for Buckeyes from 1984 — 1985.
Sonny Gordon — Defensive back for Buckeyes from 1983 — 1986.
Dick Wakefield — Wide receiver and tight end for the Buckeyes from 1968 — 1971.

Vaughn Broadnax — Buckeye fullback from 1980 — 1983.
19 Prize Donors — 80 terrific prizes

Some great golf shots and some not-so-great shots
4 chances each for each golfer to win Hole-in-One Prizes (including a brand new 2012 Chevy Cruze)!!

Join the fun. Plan to join the 10th Annual OSUWM Golf Outing next year. For more pictures, [click here](#).

Remembering Tom Sanford

Sadly, Tom Sanford passed away July 21, 2012. Tom was an important part of our early club history (1982-95). Having worked at Westinghouse in advertising, Tom was always coming up with something creative whenever we would have an event. He made the table miniature scarlet Buckeye flags that he brought to our dinners.

A few years ago, Tom wrote to Coach Tressel, suggesting that the end zones in Ohio Stadium be red with white letters - and lo and behold, that change happened in Ohio Stadium.

Tom's humor and dedication meant a lot to our club. He will be dearly missed.

Our Club donated a brick to be installed outside the OSU stadium for him and his wife Sue. Thankfully, we were able to let him know about this honor before he passed away. He was very appreciative and happy to hear that news.

Summer Send-Off Picnic

Wow - what a fantastic day at Sunday's Picnic. A very special THANK YOU to Tom and Patricia Highley for opening up their lovely Lakeshore home to all of us.

Thank you to all for the great array of food that was enjoyed by all - Donna has a square container from the terrific pasta salad - let me know how I can return it's owner!

Thank you to Don Williams and David Young for the very interesting presentation on the beginning of the OSU - U of M Rivalry.

It was wonderful getting to know more of our Buckeye students from West Michigan and their families. Please look for "soon-to-be-released" details on a program in which we hope to connect students to local alums who enjoy a common bond of majors or areas of interest / occupation etc....

Coming Events —

August 22: The start of semesters at Ohio State. Classes begin.

September 1: OSU vs. Miami — 12:00 noon. **Game Watch at JT's Pizza AND Clover Bar, Grand Haven.**

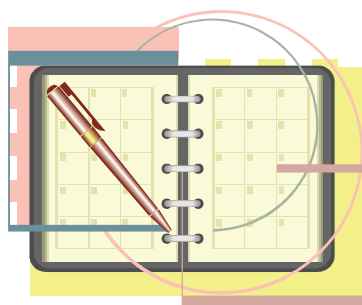
September 8: OSU vs. Central Florida. 12:00 noon. Game Watch BWW.

September 15: OSU vs.

California at 12:00 noon. Game watch at BWW.

September 29 (Saturday): Michigan State Bash prior to the football game in East Lansing. 70 West Michigan Buckeyes will head to East Lansing and participate in the pre-game Buckeye Bash.

October 5-7: Reunion-Homecoming Weekend at Ohio State. [Click here](#) for details.



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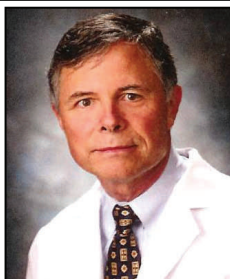
GAME WATCHES

ALWAYS check [Club Website](#) for updates including game times and new **Regional Game Watch locations** as they become available!!



West MI Doctor Writes History of Big Ten Football

A physician who practices medicine in Holland has written a history of Big Ten Football. Dr. David J. Young always had an interest in history. Although a physician, he followed his boyhood passion to write the book *ARROGANCE AND SCHEMING IN THE BIG TEN: Michigan State's Quest for Membership and Michigan's Powerful Opposition*.



Dr. David Young, MD

Dr. Young shared part of that book with our OSUWUM Alumni Club at our student send-off picnic July 22. He emphasized the background of the rivalry between OSU and U of M (which began with a baseball game in 1895!). After the picnic, he stayed to autograph copies of the book and chat informally with members, students and their parents.

Dr. Young took off many weekends during the past four years to visit various university archives and to interview key personnel still living who recalled the serious politics that arose when the University of Chicago vacated the Big Ten and college football. Maybe it's because he's a physician that the book has the thoroughness of a scholarly work. It has extensive footnotes, references, and some photographs. The book begins with a charming chat he had with his neighbor, Jack Breslin, a next door neighbor when Young lived in E. Lansing. Dr. Young attended Notre Dame during the time it was being courted as a Big Ten participant in order to keep MSU out.

[Click here](#) for more information about the book.

Everybody Wins

On July 1, the Alumni Association moved from being a dues-based organization to one that is inclusive of ALL alumni. Membership levels:

- Alumni: Anyone who has earned a degree at OSU.
- Sustaining members: Alumni who renew their commitment by making an annual \$75 tax-deductible gift to the university program(s) of their choice. To donate your gift to the OSU West Michigan endowed scholarship fund, select #607657. Be a Sustaining Member and receive a discount on your OSUWUM Club dues.
- Life members: Alumni and friends who joined the Association before it was discontinued June 30, 2012.

LEARN MORE: <http://go.osu.edu/NBW>

OSU 2012 Scholarship Winners

We congratulate the 2012-2013 OSU Alumni Club Scholars Program winners from West Michigan:

Brian Dregne

Brian excelled in soccer, cross country and track during his high school years at Pennfield High School. For three years, Brian attended the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center. He also volunteered as a tutor, mentor and a club soccer coach. His mother, Nora, is also a grad of OSU.

Ashley Sherman

Ashley, a graduate of Cedar Springs High School, is a talented musician who plans to major in music. She plays oboe, flute and saxophone and earned many awards during her high school years. In addition to her excellent academics, Ashley served as a volunteer tutor. The first time Ashley watched Script Ohio, she was intrigued. After a visit to the campus, Ashley knew she found her home for the next four years.

Lydia Hoogerhyde

Lydia participated in swimming and water polo at Grand Haven High School. She works as a lifeguard and also teaches swimming lessons. Lydia enjoyed her experiences at Fellowship of Christian Athletes as well as her mission trips to Honduras and Haiti. She plans to major in the Social and Behavioral Science field. Lydia's father, George, was a member of the swim team during his years at Ohio State.

Mentoring Program to Take Root

Most people love to talk about what they do. How wonderful would it be to be able to do this and help a next generation Buckeye in the process?!

Well, take a breath, because what we are going to ask of you soon is to just share with us what you do for a living, perhaps where you work, and what paths you chose in your educational pursuits.

Who amongst us would not have benefited greatly if someone would have just spent a small amount of even one day answering some questions to help us redirect or refocus our efforts when we were younger? More so, who amongst us wishes we had sought this kind of guidance?

Many young people do not know where to begin to get answers to career and educational questions. When we find that your experience matches one of our young Buckeye's interests, you will not have another item on your "plate" but rather something rewarding to look forward to!

Please watch for an upcoming announcement. Plan to participate and contact [Becky Matlak](#) or [Mark Bratlie](#) for more details.



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Authentic Ohio Stadium Club Seat being raffled to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Three ways to get raffle tickets into the drawing that takes place at the Beat Michigan Bash in November. Ticket details on the [Club website](#).

President's Letter (Continued)

Thus, the principal balance of our Club's Endowed Scholarship Fund will grow with each OSUAA Sustaining Membership Contribution that is earmarked for our Fund.

As a Thank You to each local family who designates that your National OSU Alumni Association Annual Sustaining Membership Dues of \$75.00 or more be contributed to **The Endowed Scholarship Fund # 607657 of The OSU Alumni Club of West Michigan**, we will extend a 20% discount to you on your local Annual Dues of our OSU Alumni Club of West Michigan.

At this time we are not sure of reporting procedures of these contributions – so we ask that you please notify Membership Chair, President Donna Waters (OSUWestMI@aol.com) when you have chosen our Scholarship Fund as the recipient of your Sustaining Membership Contribution, so that we may process your Discount of local Alumni Club Dues.

Information about the NEW Alumni Career Management Program, which is available to ALL OSU Alumni, can be accessed at: <http://go.osu.edu/AlumniCareerManagement>.

Questions can be directed to Donna Waters, OSU-WestMI@aol.com

It is always wonderful to meet and engage with so many of our West Michigan Buckeyes – especially at The Spring Dinner, Golf Outing and the Scarlet and Gray Summer/Student Picnic on Lake Michigan. Now the grass is finally green and the leaves will soon be changing colors – get ready for the “Urban” Renewal season of Buckeye Football. Check out all the new and exciting things we have planned for Fall 2012!

Go Bucks!! *Donna*

The Club membership year extends from July 1 to June 30 to align with the fiscal year. [Click here](#) to access the OSUWMM membership application form. **New Member benefit:** 10% Discount on ALL in-store or online purchases at [CONRAD'S College Gifts](#), [Across The Field](#), and [The Buckeye Room](#). Discount Cards will be sent to all current paid members of The OSU Alumni Club of West Michigan along with the Club's new Brochure. Contact [Donna Waters](#) for your Promotion Code to use immediately.

More on the 9th Annual Golf Outing

Eighty-two golfers enjoyed a great afternoon of fun and golf at the Thornapple Pointe Golf Course in Grand Rapids. This was by far the largest turnout of golfers in the nine year history of the golf event. Thank you to the 39 people who played in the Golf Outing for the first time and also to the 43 repeat attendees. Your participation is very much appreciated. Thanks to you, our sponsors and our VIPs, we raised almost \$3,700 for the Club's Scholarship Fund.