

Message from Club President



Greetings Buckeyes, and welcome to the 2020 newsletter for The Ohio State Alumni Club of Phoenix (OSUPHX). Our annual newsletter is a chance for the Board to share our success over the past year. While these last twelve months have looked very different than expected, I am proud of the work our Club during the 2019-2020 year.

Just ten short months ago, The Buckeyes were Big Ten Champions headed to Arizona for the Fiesta Bowl. We greeted visitors from all over the country and held several events to bring Buckeyes together before the big game. Although the game didn't turnout the way we hoped, I received countless messages from Buckeyes all over the country thanking us for our hospitality and hard work to ensure Buckeye Nation had a great time while traveling to the Fiesta Bowl.

Our Zoo Lights event in December was once again a huge success and a chance for Club members and their families to come together. As we all know, there are Buckeye fans everywhere, including at the Zoo! One of our caterers, also a Buckeye,

knew we were coming and made us Buckeyes specifically for us. Thank you to Becca Salay for chairing this event.

While COVID-19 disrupted some of our plans, OSUPHX still had a remarkably successful year. Last Fall, we elected a full Board of Governors, and we continue to be one of the top alumni Club in the country. In 2019-2020, OSUPHX was once again qualified to be a Scarlet Club with Ohio State, the highest designation given the alumni groups. Our membership grew by about 20% this year, and we're up 55% financially year over year. Your support through membership dues, raffles, fundraisers, and donations is greatly appreciated and allowed us to distribute four scholarships to local Arizona students attending The Ohio State University this fall.

The Board of Governors and I have some big things planned for the future. One major change you'll see in 2021 involves our membership platform. In January, OSUPHX is moving to a membership platform maintained through Ohio State. More information will go out specifically

2020 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (REVISED)

Oct. 24
vs. Nebraska

Oct. 31
@ Penn State

Nov. 7
vs. Rutgers

Nov. 14
@ Maryland

Nov. 21
vs. Indiana

Nov. 28
@ Illinois

Dec. 5
@ Michigan State

Dec. 12
vs. TTUN

Dec. 18
BIG 10 Championship Game

about this change for the 2021 calendar year.

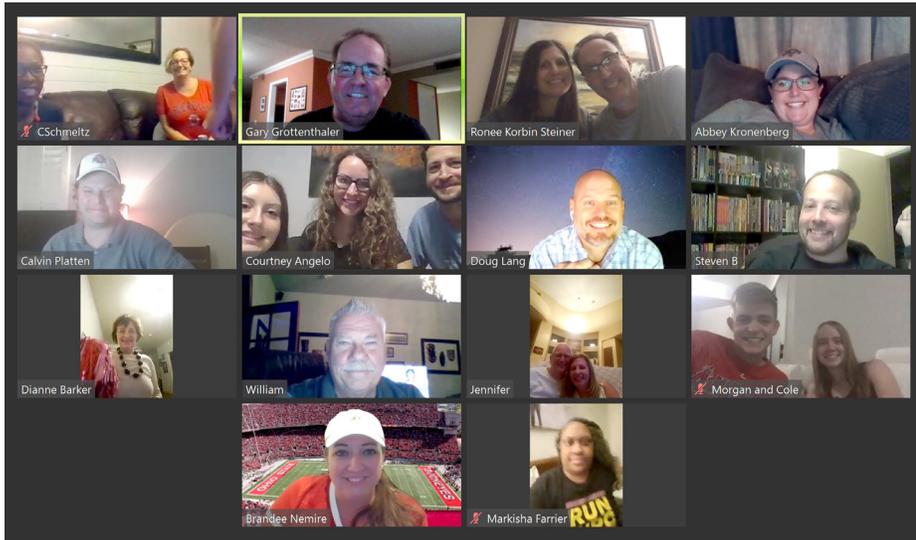
In closing, I want to thank you again for your support. While this fall may feel a lot different, the Ohio State community in the desert is strong, and we're just getting started. Time and change will surely show, How Firm Thy Friendship...O-HI-O!

-Courtney Angelo

President, The Ohio State Alumni Club of Phoenix

Virtual Trivia Night

In July 2020, the Club hosted a virtual trivia night for members using Zoom. With the help of a trivia host who helped plan a similar event for the Los Angeles Ohio State Alumni Club, over 20 attendees on five different teams answered questions in categories ranging from the state of Ohio, 1980s music, superhero movies, and more! Stay tuned for more virtual events in the fall to engage with fellow Buckeyes in a safe and fun environment.



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B1G Ten Golf Classic

The Big Ten Golf Classic was postponed this year, along with other events, due to COVID-19. The Big Ten Golf Classic Committee does plan to be back at Troon North Golf Club in May 2021, yet there is not a firm date at this time. When information become available it will be posted on the Club website and on www.BigTenGolfClassic.com. We thank all Ohio State alumni who have supported this event over the 37-year history.

Below is an excerpt of Make-A-Wish Arizona® naming The Big Ten Golf Classic the June 2020 “Donor of the Month” and recognizing our own Club leader David Hocevar for his continued leadership:

The Big Ten Golf Classic has been working with Make-A-Wish Arizona for nearly 30 years. David Hocevar, chairman since 1993, is responsible for coordinating the event, working with schools and alumni, and donating money raised to their scholarship fund and to Make-A-Wish Arizona.

“Our original founder was a Make-A-Wish volunteer and we thought, ‘why not donate the extra money we raised?’” said David. “We raised \$2,500 for Make-A-Wish that first year and, as our event has grown over the years, we’ve contributed enough to grant 25 wishes. David’s favorite part is hearing the impact of a wish from the kids and families they have helped, and he is proud to see many golfers wanting to get involved, too.



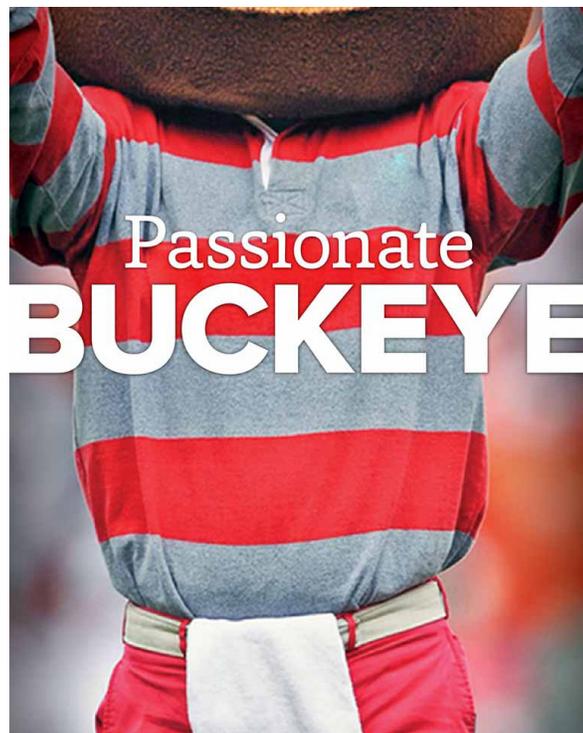
New Membership Platform

The Club membership system is changing in January 2021. The Ohio State University Alumni Association is activating a new membership platform to make it easier for Buckeyes to engage with both the Alumni Club of Phoenix and the Ohio State Alumni Association as a whole. Previously the Club managed membership dues separately from donations made directly to Ohio State.

By utilizing this new membership system, you can pay your annual membership dues to be a Club member and make additional contributions to the OSU Alumni Club of Phoenix Scholarship Fund, all while also contributing to your Alumni Association membership status. It's a win-win! Unless you are an emeritus lifetime member of the Alumni Association, a yearly \$75 donation is required to be a sustaining member of the Ohio State Alumni Association. Sustaining members receive the Ohio State Alumni Magazine, access to purchasing early alumni football tickets, and other benefits.

Now, when you're "Paying it Forward" and being a "Buckeye for Life", all of your engagement will be in one convenient location! This also allows you to easily track your overall annual giving to Ohio State for tax purposes as well.

More information will be sent out with details and instructions when we launch the new membership system. We will now be aligning our membership on a calendar year basis. If you're used to renewing your Club membership in the fall, sit tight and we look forward to renewing for you come January 2021!



Endowed Scholarship Fund Update

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Phoenix endowed scholarship fund started in February 2000 with a \$5,000 contribution by the Club from earnings to provide funds for Phoenix area high school students the opportunity to attend The Ohio State University. **This past March the Club sent \$25,000 to The Ohio State University Foundation putting our endowed fund to over \$177,000!**

Thank you for ALL your generosity and to our Board of Governors for their leadership to grow this fund over the past two decades.

	Alumni Club of Phoenix	#2020
	DATE: <u>March 16, 2020</u>	
PAY TO THE ORDER OF:	The Ohio State University	\$25,000.00
	Twenty-Five Thousand and $\frac{00}{100}$	DOLLARS
FOR: <u>Donation— Endowment Fund</u>	<i>Courtney Angelo</i> Courtney Angelo President	<i>Dave Hocevar</i> Dave Hocevar Treasurer

3rd Annual Zoo Lights

On December 18, 2019, over 120 Buckeyes and their family members gathered for the 3rd Annual Zoo Lights event at the Phoenix Zoo. Attendees enjoyed a delicious catered dinner and even a special Buckeye dessert provided specially by our Ohio-born catering manager on-site. Afterwards attendees wandered through the festive grounds enjoying the new animal lanterns the zoo introduced in 2019.

The opportunity to purchase tickets for this family-friendly event is just one benefit of your Club membership. We look forward to hosting more family events in the future!



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