A Letter from the President

Happy New Year! New beginnings, fresh starts, healthy resolutions and reaffirmations of promises for a brighter future all come to mind as we ring in 2017! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to kick off the new year with whatever it is that your heart desires.

As we reflect on the year that has passed us by, 2016, I want to again thank you for your membership in the Ohio University Women’s Club of Greater Cleveland! We are so lucky to have such wonderful members and friends, who support our alma mater, and have fun in the process! We’ve made lifelong friends and new friends, and all are welcome to join in our events and activities. We have had club members celebrate mega successes in 2016, and we have also had club members face difficult personal and family health challenges in 2016 – and I am so proud to see our members rally around each other – our friends – in both circumstances. Bobcats stick together!

As you know, our club was founded in 1939, with the purpose of providing service to the university through the establishment of scholarships funds, specifically the Freshmen Scholarship to women in the Cleveland, Ohio, area attending Ohio University. We also offer the Ruth Fowler Brown Endowed Scholarship to upper class women. To date, we have awarded approximately 290 freshmen and upperclassmen scholarships, totaling more than $400,000!

We also promote social engagement, networking and fun among our members. The OUWC offers a number of events each year for all members. Our annual events include the Fall Brunch and Auction and the Spring Scholarship Luncheon. In addition to the Fall Auction, another major fundraiser is chartering buses to transport siblings to campus for Sibs’ Weekend. In this edition of our newsletter, you will see a detailed review of our annual Fall Auction held in November, for which I am SO grateful to each and every one of you who helped in any way, large or small, to make this event another rousing success! You will also hear how you can help us promote our next fundraiser, the Sibs Weekend Bus Trip, coming up on February 2nd - 4th by spreading the word to those you know! Please also consider attending a section event near you, as a way to get to know someone new this year.

Our Club has a deep rooted history, but also a strong vision for the future. I am honored to serve as your Chapter President for these two years and excited for our group to continue our award-winning traditions, while also trying new things to grow and engage new members. Feel free to reach out to me at my phone number or email address below, with any questions or ideas... Again, a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Valerie Hillow Gates, BSJ ’03
President
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The OUWC hosted 71 attendees at this year’s Fall Luncheon and Auction, held at the 100th Bomb Group on Saturday, November 5. A total of 136 items were sold in the Live Auction, Silent Auction and Chinese Raffle for a total of $4,690.

“Thanks to everyone who attended, donated, worked, purchased, bid, and helped in any way to make this event a success this year. The cooperation was outstanding. This is what makes us an award winning chapter.”

—Gail Jordan, Auction Chair

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Upcoming Events

Sibs Weekend Bus Trip to OU!

DETAILS: Each bus is chaperoned by two adult alumnae. Buses travel NON-STOP to and from Athens. Pack snacks! There is a lavatory on the bus.

COST: The round-trip ticket is $80, due by Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

REFUND POLICY: There will be absolutely NO refunds, unless the trip is canceled due to weather. Please remember that all profit made from this trip goes directly to our club’s Ohio University scholarship fund.

REGISTRATION: You will be able to choose your boarding location when you register (locations listed below). If your first choice happens to be full, please go with your next choice. The sooner you register, the more likely you will be to get your first choice! You will receive a confirmation once you register – this is your child’s boarding pass. Please bring this with you on February 3; it will ensure a smooth boarding experience.

BUS DEPARTURES FROM CLEVELAND: Friday, February 3

EASTSIDE BUS BOARDING LOCATIONS & TIMES (Bus will not wait if you are late!):
- Stop #1: Great Lakes Mall – off of Mentor Ave in Mentor
  Boarding in parking lot behind the mall, near OfficeMax
  Board at 3:30pm, depart promptly at 3:45pm
- Stop #2: Marriott East – Harvard & I-271 in Warrensville Hts.
  Boarding in main parking lot
  Board at 4:15pm, depart promptly at 4:30pm

WESTSIDE BUS BOARDING LOCATIONS & TIMES (Bus will not wait if you are late!):
- Great Northern Mall – I-480 and Country Club Blvd in North Olmsted
  Boarding in parking lot next to the Home Depot
  Board at 3:30pm, depart promptly at 3:45pm
- SouthPark Mall – I-71 & Rt 82 in Strongsville
  Boarding in parking lot between Dick’s Sporting Goods & Dillard’s
  Board at 4:15pm, depart promptly at 4:30pm

BUS ARRIVAL IN ATHENS: Friday, February 3
Ohio Students should meet with sibs at the buses at the Convocation Center, who are then responsible for their sibs
All buses should arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m.

BUS DEPARTURE FROM ATHENS: Sunday, February 5
Boarding time at the Convocation Center: 12:00 p.m.
Bus leaves promptly at 12:30 p.m. Bus will not wait if you are late!

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The OUWC will again chaperone buses from various locations in Cleveland to Athens for Sibs Weekend, February 3rd – 5th, 2017 as another signature fundraising activity for our scholarship fund! Not only is this a great fundraiser, it’s a way to engage and connect younger siblings from Cleveland with their collegiate sibs and friends! Or take the bus yourself if you want to visit your alma mater without the hassle of driving!

For questions, please contact Benita Bennett at benitarbennett@yahoo.com or by phone at (216) 390-4547.
The West Side Section had a Winter Holiday Party and Green and White Ornament Exchange in the home of Carol Hacker in early December. We enjoyed laughter, delicious food and drinks, and found very creative green and white ornaments to add to our own holiday décor through our exchange!

Southwest Section Ears to You!

This week, the Southwest section gathered to make a variety of earrings to donate to breast cancer patients in treatment through an organization called Ears To You. The Cleveland Chapter has been participating in this program for years and is happy to give back to those in need (while having fun doing so)!

Thanks to everyone who came to support this worthy and creative project.

Southwest Section Halloween Party and Craft Night
Upcoming Events

Spring Luncheon
Join us Saturday, May 6th at Dino’s Catering at Acacia Reservation - 26899 Cedar Rd., Lyndhurst, OH 44124 - in the Buckeye Room from 11:30am-2pm. Guest Speaker TBD.

Southeast Chapter
Paint Your Pet On Canvas Night
The Southeast Chapter will be hosting a “Paint Your Pet On Canvas Night” on Friday, March 3rd at 7pm. The location of this event will be at the Wild Lily Design Studio in Twinsburg and the cost is $30 per person. The fee covers 2 hours of instruction, supplies and your animal traced onto a 12”x16” canvas; you will be asked to email a picture of your pet to the studio prior to the date of the event for your pet’s image to be traced onto the canvas. You will also need to bring a picture of your pet to the class where you will then get individual instructions on how to paint your pet. Desserts will be provided and you are welcome to bring a beverage of choice to help your creative juices flow! If you are interested in attending, please send along your RSVP to Jennifer at: jtoth1979@yahoo.com

More Ohio University Events:
- Ebony Bobcat Network:
  Theater Scholarship Fundraiser - Sunday, Feb 12th
- Ohio Men’s Basketball vs. Kent State:
  Saturday, Feb 25th at Kent
- St. Pat’s in the Flats Party:
  Saturday, March 11th
- Alumni Leaders’ Conference and On the Green Weekend:
  May 17 – 21st

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Membership Directory Updates
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The OUWC Scholarship Application deadline for incoming freshmen is Friday, February 3rd.

www.ohio.edu/alumni/newsletter-images/OHIOwomen/OUWC_Scholarship_Application_2017.pdf