



# Spartan Sentinel

MSU Varsity Alumni 'S' Club

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## 2009 VARSITY ALUMNI 'S' CLUB GOLF OUTING

Join the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club for our annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at the Forest Akers West Golf Course. There will be a morning registration and continental breakfast at the course, and a 10:00 am shotgun start for each foursome followed by cocktails, an awards banquet, and our annual meeting starting at 4:00 p.m. in the University Club Ballroom.

The golf Outing is the Club's annual fundraising event, and the entry fee is \$95 per golfer (\$40 for the dinner only). Proceeds and additional donations are used to fund our annual commitments. Sign up today using the form on the Club's webpage ([http://www.msuvarsityclub.org/A\\_Golf\\_Outting\\_Registration.html](http://www.msuvarsityclub.org/A_Golf_Outting_Registration.html)), or contact (517) 355-8523 to make your reservation.

### Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorships offer you and your business an additional opportunity to support the activities of the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club—including support for the Clara Bell Smith Center and the maintenance of our Clubroom in Spartan Stadium.

Sign up for:

#### **Memory Lane \$100**

Memorial sign posted along cart path to the first hole

#### **Go Green \$250**

Listed on sponsor board, company sign posted at a tee box or green, and announced at dinner

#### **Go White \$500**

All of "Go Green" plus tent cards on tables at dinner

#### **Captain \$1,000**

All of "Go White" plus individual banner at registration and dinner

#### **Coach \$2,500** - Lunch or Dinner Sponsor

All of "Captain" plus banner at registration, lunch & dinner, special recognition at dinner banquet, and opportunity to play golf with one of the celebrity golfers to be determined

For questions about each sponsorship level or to make a donation please contact the Varsity 'S' Club Office at (517) 355-8523 or [staff@msuvarsityclub.org](mailto:staff@msuvarsityclub.org). We will customize a program to fit your interests and donation level.

## 2009 Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Award Winners to be Announced

The 2009 Varsity Alumni 'S' Club award winners will be announced at the Golf Outing on June 3. This year's recipients of the Breslin, Jackson, Bullough and Retired Coaches awards will be introduced at the concluding banquet, as well as six new Honorary Members. This year also will see the inauguration of two new awards, the Biggie Munn "Extra Effort" Award for an individual whose contributions to Spartan athletics goes above and beyond the normal; and the Joey M. Spano Graduate Endowed Fellowship. The first Spano Fellowship winner was recently announced, and it is Kurt Kivisto (BS 2008), who played Ice Hockey for the Spartans. The names of all the award winners, and pictures from the golf outing and banquet, will be presented in the next issue of this newsletter.



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☆☆☆☆ We value your opinion and want to know what you think about the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Newsletter. Send us an e-mail, call or fax with items or topics you would like to see included in future newsletters. If you have suggestions on how to improve the publication, let us know.

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Elections for the Board of Directors of the Varsity Alumni 'S' Club are held each Spring. If you would like to serve on the Board, simply visit our website, click on the application tab, print the form, complete and mail to the office.



The first Sparty mascot was designed for the 1954 Rose Bowl in Pasadena. One of the members of the cheer squad selected to wear the "Big Head" was "Ernie" Dear (BS 1955). The new display of photos and newspaper articles now located in the Varsity Club Room provides background about the development and impact of this beloved mascot, and honors Dr. R. Ernest "Ernie" Dear for his devotion to MSU and his contributions to education and public service. Pictured are Eldon VanSpybrook, Varsity Alumni 'S' Club president, and RoseAnn Swartz, display designer.



# 'WHERE ARE THEY NOW?'



## 1930s

**Joseph Barrie**, Football 1933-35 - Joe is retired and living in Altadena, CA.

## 1940s

**William Burk**, Basketball 1940-42 - Bill is retired and enjoying life in Rockledge, FL.

**Frank Collins**, Track & Field 1947-48 - Frank is retired and living in Lewiston, NY. He travels all over the world, and stays healthy playing racquetball, golf and tennis.

**Em Ghianni**, Boxing 1946, Football 1946-47, Track & Field 1946 - Em's football career at MSU was interrupted by military service in WWII, but he finished up after the war. He spent seven years as a coach in Pontiac, then 35 years as the CEO of a manufacturing business, and now lives in Nashville, TN.

**Joseph Sell**, Football Manager 1941 - Joseph is retired and living in Bethlehem, PA.

**John West**, Basketball 1940-41 - John says he still lives in the same house he was born in, on his centennial farm in

Lennon, MI, that has been in the West family since 1883.

## 1950s

**Al Dorow**, Football 1949-51 - Al is retired and living in Haslett, MI.

**David Lean**, Cross Country 1955-58, Track & Field 1955-58 - David says he's living "up north" (Honor, MI) and is retired.

**Phyllis Nix**, Women's Basketball 1964-65 - Phyllis lives in Lansing, MI, and says she's loving her retirement.

**Donald Stroud**, Wrestling 1956-58 - Donald is retired after 28 years active duty in the US Air Force, and now flies replicas of original Wright brothers' aircraft for Wright 'B' Flyer Inc. out of Dayton, OH.

## 1960s

**Solomon ("Sunny") Akpata**, Track & Field 1958-61 - Sunny is retired from the United Nations Development Programme, where he was a Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator. He now lives in Lagos, Nigeria.

**Ronald Diehl**, Soccer 1962-63 - Ronald is an engineer involved with

energy policy, developing renewable energy projects for the US Army.

**Kathleen (Klarr) Long**, Field Hockey 1967 - Kate is a substitute teacher in Hartland, MI, and is married to Mike Long, MSU wrestler 1967-69.

## 1970s

**Jeffrey Addley**, Ice Hockey 1973-78 - Jeffrey lives in Milford, MI, and works for Robert Bosch - Human Resource Management.

**Dave Peden**, Lacrosse 1973-75 - Dave is the Superintendent of Southgate (MI) Public Schools.

## 1980s

**John Kouri**, Football 1978-82 - John is president of Toshiba-Colorado. He has been married to his college sweetheart, Jeane, and they have two grown children. He's enjoying all the outdoor activities in Colorado.

**Michael Santavicca**, Wrestling 1983-87 - Michael lives near Washington, DC, and works for the US Department of Justice.

## Scenes from Varsity Alumni 'S' Club Membership Appreciation Day at the MSU Spring Football Game



Over 200 club members attended the first Membership Appreciation Day. They enjoyed the free food, beverages, ice cream and Spartan Fellowship in the Club Room. The event was sponsored by MSU Concessions, Uncle Ray's Ice Cream and the Varsity 'S' Club.



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## SAVE THE DATES

VARSITY ALUMNI 'S' CLUB  
REUNION WEEKEND and 50th AN-  
NIVERSARY REUNION OF **MSU's**  
**1959 NCAA CROSS COUNTRY**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM** AND  
CELEBRATION OF ALL EIGHT MSU  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS  
COUNTRY TEAMS:

1939,'48,'49,52,'55,'56,'58,'59

It all takes place during the weekend of  
**MSU vs CMU FOOTBALL**  
**SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2009**

Check the Club website for details