

SEPT 2020

“What a long, strange trip it’s been....”

Truer words were never spoken, when it comes to the past 5 months. Like the rest of the world, we have been at home, socially distancing, sad about all the life events that were cancelled this year.

Our alumni club, probably like most of you, were caught a little off-guard by this societal shut-down. We had no idea how long it would last, how extensive it would be, or how much it would change the way we do things.

Personally, I apologize that we have not been in touch with you, our members, very much during this time, and that’s my fault. At first, we were hoping this would be short term, but then when it became so extensive, I admit I was pretty depressed. I missed all the fun activities that would have brought us together in the Spring – the Wine Bistro dinner, Scarlet vs. Gray game, our Scholarship banquet – many opportunities for Buckeye fellowship that we lost due to this virus.

I wanted to wait until we had something positive to share with you all, but as the months dragged on, we realized that we needed to find another way to move forward. So here we are at the beginning of the strangest school year most of us have ever faced.

We now know that there will be no Buckeye football this fall, but that doesn’t mean we can’t get together for other activities. We’ll just be doing things in smaller groups, focusing on community service, educational activities, scholarship fundraising, and time for sharing and being together.

We will follow the guidelines, wearing masks, keeping distance, not shaking hands, everything we can do to keep you safe and still offer you opportunities. We will also try to do some online activities, to give you ways to participate without leaving home, if you’re more comfortable that way.

If you have ideas for us, please share them! Reach out by replying to our club emails, or call me at 614-893-0559. Thank you for continuing to be part of our Buckeye family!

Leyla Hawkins, President, Franklin County Alumni Club

LUNCH FOR OSU POLICE WEDS SEPT 9

On **Wednesday, Sept. 9**, our alumni club will show appreciation for the OSU Police Dept by serving lunch for all the officers as well as their administrative staff. This event was extremely popular last year and the police department is glad to have us back

We’ll be serving a “Tailgate” style lunch, so we need a few folks to help set it up, and a few to clean up after. Join us for this great opportunity to give back to those who serve and protect the students and staff of our great campus!

We’ll have two shifts: we need some people to help set-up and serve from **12:30 to 3 pm**, and some people to serve then help clean up from **3 to 5:00 pm**.

Sign up to participate by emailing us at (OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com) with your **name, phone # and email address, and which shift you’re available for**.



Come help us say "Thank You!" to these hard-working individuals!

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION COMING SOON

As you know, one of our club’s primary goals is to raise scholarship funds to help a local student attend OSU. With the Covid crisis, our two biggest fundraisers of the year (silent auction at the spring banquet, and fall football ticket raffle) were cancelled.

So we are putting together an online “silent auction” with opportunities for you to bid on items just like you would at the banquet! Stay tuned for emails and information to come out on that – we are working out the technical aspects of that process right now.

If you have something you would like to donate to the online silent auction, please contact Jerry Vance (**614-316-0852** or Jerry.Vance@yahoo.com) to discuss and make arrangements. We appreciate your support for our students, especially during this challenging year!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Next Meeting Date: **Wednesday, Sept. 9**. Meetings are usually the second Wednesday of every month at **6:00 pm**. Our usual meeting location is the **Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Rd., on the corner of Lane Ave & Olentangy**.

Sept. 9: Tailgate lunch with OSU Police

Sept – Oct: Online Auction

Oct ? – Book Club with API Society

Oct. 21 – Wine Bistro Dinner



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2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Based on changes with the OSU Alumni Association, our membership year is aligned with the **calendar year**. Membership dues can be paid any time **early** in the calendar year and are good thru Dec. 31 that year. Or pay in the last two months of this year for the following year.

Remember to take advantage of our two-for-one special! If you choose to donate your \$75 Association contribution directly to our **Franklin County Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund**, your membership dues for our Franklin County club are **waived for the following year!** To contribute to the scholarship fund, contact the Endowment office directly at **614-292-2141** or www.giveto.osu.edu/give/onlinegiving and use the fund number #600137.

One great benefit of keeping your membership up to date is that you are eligible for sporting event tickets that we provide throughout the year. **Note: Dues are required before any football/basketball tickets can be requested!**

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\$20 for single membership, or \$25 for a family. You can send your check and the form above to **Franklin County OSU Alumni Club, PO Box 2411, Columbus, OH 43216**. You are also welcome to download a more complete membership form through our club website (www.BuckeyeAlumni.com) to express interest in volunteering, committees, etc.

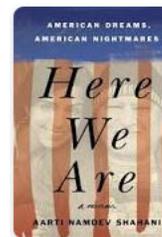
Anyone can join our club! You do not need to have graduated from OSU or live in Franklin County. Associate memberships for those who did not attend OSU are available for \$25/single and \$30/family. Please contact **Jerry Vance**, jerry.vance@yahoo.com or **614-316-0852** if you have questions.

BOOK CLUB DINNER WITH API SOCIETY

Our book club dinner date with the OSU Asian-Pacific Islander Alumni Society was cancelled in March, so we are setting a new date to meet! Now you have time to review the book (to remember what you read in the spring!).

We will discuss the memoir written by Aarti Shahani called "**Here We Are: American Dreams, American Nightmares.**" It is the story of a family who came to the US from India in the 1980's, dealing with being undocumented, obtaining their green cards, the unforeseen obstacles that propelled them into years of disillusionment and heartbreak, and the strength of a family determined to stay together.

Our alumni club will pick up the tab for dinner when we meet with the Asian-Pacific Islander Alumni Society that evening at the Hunan Lion restaurant (2038 Crown Plaza Drive, Columbus). It will be in late September or early October.



Please **Email us** (include your name and phone number) at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com to let us know you wish to participate, so we can send you details about the dinner as it approaches. If you have questions, please contact **Mary at 614-323-5379**.

WINE BISTRO DINNER WEDS OCT 21

Another event which got cancelled in the wake of the quarantine is our club favorite Wine Tasting dinner at the Wine Bistro on Lane Avenue in April. So we have re-scheduled this event for **Wednesday, October 21, from 6:30 to 8 pm**.

Due to limits on the number of people allowed to gather, we cannot take any additional reservations for this event now. Those of you who did not get refunds and told us to keep you on the list for when the event is rescheduled, you will receive an email to confirm your availability on the new date. If multiple people cancel and we have available seats, we will advertise them to the rest of the membership.



Donations to our Scholarship Fund # 600137 are always welcome and appreciated!