



The Ohio State University
Alumni Club of Franklin County

DEC 2022

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE PARTY

Come to the December gathering of the Franklin County Alumni Club for our annual holiday party and "White Elephant" gift exchange! It's always a great time as treasures change hands many times, while everyone competes for the perfect gift. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, **December 14**, at 6:00 pm for a festive evening.

The party will be at the Longaberger Alumni House on Olentangy River Road. Dinner and desserts will be served. Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift to participate in the gift exchange! It can be something funny or cute that you find in your house — no need to spend a lot of money.

RSVP by sending an email (include your name and phone number, and how many people are coming) to **OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com**, or call 614-847-9132. There is **no charge** to attend, but we must have a firm headcount for dinner.

Deadline to RSVP is Friday **Dec 9.** Questions, contact Mary at **614-323-5379 or mhemr58@gmail.com.**

SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE REVIEW

Get ready to join us for our most important task we do each year – reviewing scholarship applications to select our 2023 recipient! In February our Scholarship Chair, Brad Farmer, will need 10-12 people to volunteer to review applications and rank the candidates.

From a field of over 200 last year, we chose a handful of the best to interview, then selected a winner. You will be impressed with the quality of the candidates among these local high school seniors. These young people excel in the classroom, in school organizations and activities, and in community service.

The timeline involved is approximately 10 days near the end of February – each volunteer will receive approximately a couple of dozen applications to review, score, and rank. Brad will compile the rankings and the top vote-getters will be selected for interviews.

To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Brad at **614-371-5523** or **BradFarmer21@gmail.com**.

LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH DEC 10

Saturday, December 10, take a break from the holiday rush and join your fellow Buckeye women for our festive annual brunch. The fun starts at 11 am, and this year we will be at the Polaris Grille, just off Polaris Parkway just east of I-71. We have a private room reserved for our members. This is a great event for you to bring a friend who may be interested in learning more about our club!

We'll have a great meal, share stories, and we'll even have a special gift for every attendee! You can sign up on our website, www.BuckeyeAlumni.com or by sending a check in advance (payable to OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County) for \$30/person to Leyla Hawkins, 1149 Tillicum Dr., Worthington OH 43085. Include your name, phone number, and email address with your check, so we can send you a confirmation notice.

Deadline to reserve your seat is Monday, Dec.
5. Questions? Please contact Mary at 614-323-5379 or email mhemr58@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S HOOPS VS PURDUE JAN 29

Here's a great Holiday gift idea -- Join us for our annual gathering to cheer on the OSU Women's Basketball team! Our Franklin County Alumni Club will have a block of tickets to the Lady Buckeyes' last weekend home game in January, vs. Purdue, on **Sunday**, **January 29**, at 1:00 pm. We are working on plans to host our usual "Tailgate" party in the Huntington Club (2nd level of the Schottenstein Center). **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS JAN. 5**.

Tickets are just \$10 each, so bring the whole family! Order on our website **BuckeyeAlumni.com** or you can send a check (made payable to Franklin County OSU Alumni) to Leyla Hawkins, 1149 Tillicum Drive, Worthington, OH 43085. If you send a check, be sure to include your **phone number and email address** so we can send you a confirmation.

Questions? Call Leyla at 614-893-0559 or email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Jan 11 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.

Dec 10 - Ladies' Holiday Brunch

Dec 14 – White Elephant Gift Exchange Party

Jan 11 - Club Meeting

Jan 29 - Women's Basketball vs Purdue

OFFICERS 2022-2023
President – Leyla Hawkins
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Are you a member of the OSU Alumni Association? Join now! www.ohiostatealumni.org/membershipservices

2023 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/igive/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.

HELP US HELP THE DREAM CENTER

Here's a different charitable collection program — this one takes place AFTER the holidays!

Organizations that help the less fortunate need assistance all year around, so we have chosen to assist The Dream Center this January and February with their mission to provide warmth and care for their homeless clients. If you would like to learn more about the Dream Center, visit www.columbusdreamcenter.org.

We will collect items during all of January, with the goal of delivering our collection in early February. Here are some of the items that are most requested at the Dream Center this season:

- Blankets (fairly heavy, and fairly long so that they cover someone completely)
- Warm gloves
- Ponchos, coats
- Socks (both regular socks and warmer socks)
- Toilet paper
- Deodorant (travel size or mini size)
- Shampoo (travel size or mini size)
- Laundry detergent
- Tents

You are welcome to deliver your donation to any club meeting or event, between now and the end of January, or deliver directly to the home of our Community Service co-chair Ron Kenat, 3962 Winding Oaks Dr, Columbus 43228. Reach out to Ron to make alternative delivery plans, or if you have any questions: 614-420-2736 or Abelcom123@yahoo.com.

Thank you for helping us share our gifts with others in need!

COMING EVENTS

We're looking forward to 2023 with a whole slate of fun events in the planning stages! In addition to the women's basketball game in January, we'll be working on another welcome party for new members, a Buckeye Baseball event (and maybe even the Columbus Clippers too), and of course we'll be back in the 'Shoe for the Scarlet vs. Gray spring football game. Also in the works are a trip to the OSU Cartoon Museum, and of course our annual spring Banquet and Scholarship Auction, where we introduce this year's scholarship recipient and celebrate our club's accomplishments. Stay tuned!