



Alumni Club of
Franklin County

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The Ohio State University
Alumni Club of Franklin County

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE PARTY

DEC 2023

Come to the December gathering of the Franklin County Alumni Club for our annual holiday "White Elephant" gift exchange! It's always fun as treasures change hands many times, while everyone competes for the perfect gift. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, **December 13**, at 6:00 pm for a festive evening.

The party will be at the 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 8**. Questions, contact Mary at **614-323-5379** or mhemr58@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S HOOPS VS MARYLAND FEB 25

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 has a block of **Club Level mid-court seats** to the Lady Buckeyes' last weekend home game vs. Maryland, on **Sunday, February 25**, at 2 pm. We are working on plans to host our usual "Tailgate" party in the Huntington Club (2nd level of the Schottenstein Center).

This game is anticipated to be a sell-out, so the DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SATURDAY DEC 30.

Tickets are just \$17 each for this potential Top Ten match-up, 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.

LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH DEC 9

Saturday, December 9, 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 **Brio Restaurant**, at the main entrance (where the tall flagpoles are) to the Polaris Mall. (Valet parking is available at that entrance.) We have a private room reserved for our members. This is a great event for you to **bring a friend** who's 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.

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BUCKEYE HOCKEY IS #1 IN THE USA

Try something **brand-new** with us this year -- Come see the **#1** Women's Hockey team in the USA!! We have a block of tickets to OSU's match-up vs. the **#7** team from Minnesota on Saturday **January 20 at 2 pm**.

We will be organizing pre-game festivities to get pumped up before the game -- Details TBA. Then we will walk over to the Ice Rink as a group because the seating is General Admission, so we want to get there early enough to all sit together.

Tickets are only \$5 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.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Jan 10. Meetings are usually the second Wednesday of every month at **6:00 pm**. Our meeting location is the Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Rd., on the corner of Lane Ave & Olentangy.

Dec 9 – Alumni Ladies Brunch

Dec 13 – While Elephant Gift Exchange

Jan 20 - OSU Women's Hockey Game

January – Book Club Begins!



OFFICERS 2023-2024

President – Leyla Hawkins
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2024 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 donate in the last two months of this year to cover 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. Contact us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com or **614-893-0559** if you have questions.

BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS: BOOK CLUB

After all the holiday excitement, sometimes January can be a bit dull. Too cold for outdoor events, so you're stuck inside? We have the cure: join our annual Book Club!

The Alumni Association encourages alumni groups to present educational and cultural activities, so we paired up with the Asian & Pacific Islanders OSU Alumni to present an educational event with a splash of fun at the end. We're going to read the book, **"I Belong Here: Living the Life I was Born For in America,"** by Helen Yee, a local (Columbus) author, a memoir about growing up Chinese in America, mastering resistance to bullying and discovering her own destiny. *(A full description can be found on our website.)*

You can find this relatively inexpensive book on Amazon or at your nearest bookstore. We'll aim to complete the reading by March, and then our alumni groups will join together for dinner to discuss. You'll get to meet a whole new group of alums, enjoy a great meal, and learn from an interesting discussion. And since this author is local, she is planning to join us for our discussion and dinner!

Email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com to let us know if you're interested, and we'll add you to the list to contact when we schedule the dinner. If we get enough people to join us, the Alumni Association might even cover the cost of the meal! Questions? Call Mary at 614-323-5379.

SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE REVIEW

Get ready to join us for our most important task we do each year – reviewing scholarship applications to select our 2024 recipient! In February our Scholarship Co-Chairs, Brad Farmer and Frank Stoy, will need 10-12 people to volunteer to review applications and rank the candidates.

From a field of over 150 last year, we chose a handful of the best to interview, then selected a winner. You will be so impressed with the quality of the candidates among these local high school seniors.

The time commitment involved is approximately 2 weeks in mid-February. You'll be sent a list of applications and will have a few weeks to review and "score" or rank the applicants, and a deadline to turn in your ranking list. To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Brad at BradFarmer21@gmail.com or **614-371-5523**, or Frank at frankstoy1@gmail.com. or **419-386-6511**.

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