

## WOMEN'S HOOPS VS MARYLAND FEB 25

JAN 2024

Our club will be joined by the Women in Philanthropy at OSU for our annual gathering to cheer on the OSU Women's Basketball team! Franklin County Alumni 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).

We have actually **SOLD OUT** of our allotment of tickets for this event! But we will take names for a **waiting list** in case anyone drops out. Email us to get on the waitlist: [OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com](mailto:OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com).



Based on current rankings, this is potentially a future BigTen championship match-up, as both teams are currently in the top 5 of the league, and the Buckeyes are nationally

ranked in the top 15. Plus we have three All-American candidates playing for the Buckeyes!

Questions? Call Leyla at 614-893-0559 or email us at [OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com](mailto:OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com).

## 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](mailto:BradFarmer21@gmail.com) or **614-371-5523**, or Frank at [frankstoy1@gmail.com](mailto:frankstoy1@gmail.com). or **419-386-6511**.

## WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

We gathered on December 13 at the Alumni House to celebrate the holidays and play the gift exchange game. We also celebrated Cindy Connor's long service to our club as she bids farewell and moves south.



## OSURA DAY OF SERVICE PROJECT

The OSU Retirees Alumni Society are inviting us to engage with current students on **Monday morning, January 15**. This day honors the Martin Luther King legacy by serving the Central Ohio community. OSURA members and other alumni will work side by side with students at local nonprofits.

You can **1)** Join for the opening ceremony festivities (usually in Ohio Union) cheering on the participants and/ or **2)** Volunteer and connect with students during on-site activities in all areas mentioned above. All activities take place during the Jan 15 morning of service, with volunteer shifts lasting 2-3 hours.

**If you are interested in joining** them for 1) Opening ceremony or 2) Volunteering, **please send an email to [Thomas.8@osu.edu](mailto:Thomas.8@osu.edu)** with "**Day of Service**" in the Subject Line. Include your **name**, contact **email**, and **phone number** along with which portion of the day you want to participate in. **Or call 740-791-9013** and leave a voice mail message stating "Day of Service" along with your name and phone number.

## 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.

Jan 15 – MLK Day of Service

Jan 20 - OSU Women's Hockey Game

January – Book Club Begins!

Feb 25 – Women's Basketball



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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/igive/onlinegiving](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## BUCKEYE HOCKEY IS #1 IN THE USA

We're heading to 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.

We are very excited to say that our tickets for this event are all **sold out!** We're sorry if you missed out – we even ordered extra tickets, but those sold out too. Special thanks to Deb Schneider of the Celly Club (women's hockey boosters) for bringing this opportunity to our club.

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