



Alumni Club of  
Franklin County

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The Ohio State University  
Alumni Club of Franklin County

## WOMEN'S HOOPS VS MARYLAND FEB 25

FEB 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**.



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**.

## 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 March 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 March. 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**.

## HELP US HELP THE DREAM CENTER

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 their website at: [www.columbusdreamcenter.org](http://www.columbusdreamcenter.org).

We will collect items during January and February, with the goal of delivering our collection at the end of 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
- Socks (both regular socks and warmer socks)
- Toilet paper
- Deodorant (travel size or mini size)
- Shampoo (travel size or mini size)
- Laundry detergent
- Tents
- Alcohol Wipes / Sanitizing Wipes
- Sleeping Bags
- Baby Wipes

You are welcome to deliver your donation to any club meeting or event from now till the end of February, or deliver directly to the home of our Community Service co-chair Ron Kenat. Reach out to Ron to make alternative delivery plans, or if you have any questions: [Abelcom123@yahoo.com](mailto:Abelcom123@yahoo.com) or **614-420-2736**.

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

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Feb 7.** 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.

February – Book Club Continues!

Feb 25 – Women's Basketball

March – Scholarship Application Reviews

March 27 – Book Club Dinner with the Author



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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](http://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](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.

## BOOK CLUB – DINNER WITH THE AUTHOR

We have paired up with the Asian & Pacific Islanders OSU Alumni again to present our annual Book Club. We're reading 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 on March 27** 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 dinner and discussion!

**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 for details about 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.

## SEMI-ANNUAL WINE TASTING APRIL 3

Our fan-favorite event, the semi-annual Wine Tasting Dinner at the **Wine Bistro** on Lane Avenue will be held on **Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 pm**. The chef is creating a special menu for us, to pair with a variety of wines. Go to our website, [www.BuckeyeAlumni.com](http://www.BuckeyeAlumni.com). to sign up!

There is *limited seating* available, so get your reservation in early! They will provide an amazing **4-course dinner**, with wines paired to complement each serving. You'll even be able to order bottles of the wines you enjoy right after dinner!



This event almost always sells out, so order your seats **TODAY!** It is one of the most fun events we do all year!

Plan to **arrive by 6 pm** so you have time to park and to socialize before dinner. Parking is available behind the building (very limited), or on nearby streets, or also across the street in the Lane Ave Shopping Center. Questions? Call Mary at 614-323-5379 or email us at [OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com](mailto:OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com).

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