



The Ohio State University
Alumni Club of Franklin County

DEC 2024

WOMEN'S HOOPS VS PURDUE FEB 23

Here's a great Holiday gift idea -- Join us for our annual gathering to cheer on the Top 20 ranked 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 this season vs. Purdue, on **Sunday, February 23**, at 12 Noon. We are working on plans to host our usual "Tailgate" party in the Huntington Club (2nd level of the Schottenstein Center).

Tickets are just \$13 each for this exciting BigTen match-up, so bring the whole family! You can 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 you

cell phone number and email address so we can send you a confirmation and your tickets.

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

SAVE THE DATE: DAY OF SERVICE JAN 20

Monday, January 20, 2025 is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - a day to honor the incredible legacy that Dr. King left on the world. On this holiday, *Pay It Forward*, a student organization within the Office of Student Life dedicated to service, organizes a MLK Jr. Day of Service each year for Ohio State students.

Students will participate in 2-3 hours of community service with a local nonprofit in a variety of community issues, such as homeless citizen support, mental health advocacy, healthy food access, child welfare, and support for our frontline workers.

Our Alumni Club, in collaboration with the OSU Retirees Association, will join over 500 students in this community service effort. We will likely be assigned to work at the Ohio Union in some sort of support role to the students. Details will be coming soon.

Questions: Please contact Marianne Wenger at mwenger1101@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY 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 11, at 6:00 pm for a festive evening.

The party will be at the Longaberger Alun House at 2200 Olentangy River Road. Dinner and dessert 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, or something holiday- or Buckeye-related — no need to spend a lot of money.

RSVP by sending an email (include your **name and phone number**, **and how many people** you're bringing) to **OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com**. There is **no charge** to attend, but we must have a headcount for dinner.

Deadline to RSVP is Friday Dec 6. Questions? Contact Leyla at 614-893-0559 or email above address.

NATIONAL CHAMPION WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Come watch the champion OSU Women's Ice Hockey team in action with us on Saturday, **January 25!** They are currently ranked #2 and be playing against another powerhouse team, Minnesota State, that afternoon.

We will organize a pre-game lunch at The O on Lane, a family-friendly pub just a short walk from the Ice Rink. So bring the whole gang! Our block of tickets is on sale now on our website **BuckeyeAlumni.com**. Last year's game was sold out!



Special thanks to The Celly Club, the women's hockey booster club, for their assistance in promoting and organizing this event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Jan. 8. 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 11 - Holiday Gift Exchange Party

January - Book Club begins: Banyan Moon

Jan 20 - MLK Day of Service

Jan 25 - Women's Hockey and Pre-game Lunch

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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 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!

January is a great time to stay indoors and curl up with a good book! Our annual Book Club reading will begin in January, and we're co-hosting again with the Asian & Pacific Islanders OSU Alumni Society. This partnership offers us a chance to learn about another culture, and after reading, we will gather for dinner and discussion.

The book this year is "Banyan Moon," by local author Thao Thai. A multi-generational story of family dynamics spanning decades and continents, it is a deeply moving story of mothers and daughters.



As usual we will join the API alumni for a dinner and discussion of the book with the author in March. A full description can be found on our website, and you can get it from your library or purchase it at Amazon or local bookstores. Email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com that you want to participate, and we'll add you to the dinner invitation!

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! Our Scholarship Chairman, Frank Stoy will need 12-15 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.

Due to changes in the scholarship application process, we anticipate a higher than usual number of applicants this year, so we need several additional volunteers to read and score the applications.

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 Frank by Dec 1 at frankstoy1@gmail.com. or 419-386-6511.