



The Ohio State University
Alumni Club of Franklin County

JAN 2025

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 419-386-6511 or frankstoy1@gmail.com.

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. The team is currently ranked #2 in the country, and recently beat #1 Wisconsin!

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!



The game starts at 3 pm, so we will meet for lunch at 1 pm – details will be sent a few days before. Special thanks to The Celly Club, the women's hockey booster club, for their assistance in promoting and organizing this event.

SAVE THE DATE: DAY OF SERVICE JAN 20

Join us on Monday, **January 20**, from 9 am to 2 pm for an OSU Day of Service. We will work along with current students and the OSU Retirees association in honor of the MLK legacy on a variety of social issues, benefitting a number of Central Ohio nonprofit agencies.

We will 1) serve as greeters upon the arrival of students to the opening ceremony taking place in the Ohio Union; 2) direct foot traffic as groups leave for individual off-site projects; and 3) help at on-site service projects. Last year the Retirees group served as cheerleaders, packed snack bags for youth, made blankets for children in foster care and wrote note cards of encouragement to kids. Service projects will be similar this year.

Feel free to join us for <u>any</u> amount of time you are available between 9 am and 2 pm. If you can join us, send an **email to mwenger1101@gmail.com** with your name, contact email, and phone number. You will be sent a confirmation email with final details beforehand. Help us continue to serve campus and the community!

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-10 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 at **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 **cell phone number and email**

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

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.

January – Book Club begins: Banyan Moon

Jan 20 - MLK Day of Service

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

Feb 23 - Women's Basketball vs. Purdue



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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 local library or purchase it at Amazon or at bookstores. Email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com that you want to participate, and we'll add you to the dinner invitation!

SCENES FROM OUR HOLIDAY PARTY

Our White Elephant Gift Exchange party in December was a blast! Here are some snapshots.





