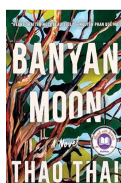


## BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS: BOOK CLUB!

FEB 2025

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 [OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com](mailto:OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com) to let us know that you want to participate, and we'll add you to the dinner invitation!

## POSTCARD PALOOZA ON MARCH 6

The OSU Admissions Office is looking for people to assist with a postcard writing event on Thursday night, **March 6** at the Longaberger Alumni House. You'll be writing notes to future students who have been accepted to OSU to start this coming Fall, to encourage them to accept and attend. The event begins at **5:30 pm**, and **dinner will be served**.

If you are able to assist with this project, please go to the event registration page set up by Admissions:

**[Postcard Palooza 2025](https://go.osu.edu/PostcardPalooza25)**

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Click on the red **Register** button at the top right of the page. Questions? Contact Brittany Savko, 614-292-8031 or [Savko.7@osu.edu](mailto:Savko.7@osu.edu).



Join the fun, enjoy some dinner, and help us encourage future Buckeyes to come here this fall!

## 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.

Our batch of tickets are **SOLD OUT** for this exciting BigTen match-up, but you can contact Athletics and order your own game tickets. You won't be seated in the same section with us, but you can join us for our pre-game party in the Huntington Club. Just email us to let us know you want to join the party.

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

## SPRING WINE TASTING DINNER APR 2 & 16

Our club members' favorite event, the semi-annual Wine Tasting Dinner at the Wine Bistro on Lane Avenue, often sells out so quickly, that we decided to offer **TWO** dates this spring! It will be held on two **Wednesdays, April 2 and 16**. Both nights will begin at **6:00 pm**. The chef will create a special menu for us, to pair with a variety of wines.

The same menu will be served at both events, so you can choose which night is most convenient for you! To join us, see our website, [www.BuckeyeAlumni.com](http://www.BuckeyeAlumni.com). If you prefer not to order online, send a check or money order for \$45 / person (made payable to Franklin County OSU Alumni Club) to Leyla Hawkins, 1149 Tillicum Drive, Worthington OH 43085.

We hope by offering two dates, we'll be able to have more people join us. There is *limited seating* available for each evening, so you still need to get your reservation in early! The Bistro 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!

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Feb. 12.** 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 continues: Banyan Moon**

**Feb 23 – Women's Basketball vs. Purdue**

**March 6 – Postcard Palooza**

**April 2 and 16 – Wine Tasting Dinner**



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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.

## SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE REVIEW

Our most important task that we do each year is happening this month: we will be reviewing scholarship applications to select our 2025 recipient! Our Scholarship Chairman, Frank Stoy will coordinate volunteers to review the students' 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 recipient will be introduced at our annual Membership Party in June.

## PHOTOS FROM OUR HOCKEY GAME EVENT

Forty-four of our members watched our women's hockey team complete the sweep of Minnesota State in January!



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

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