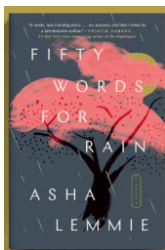


## BEAT WINTER BLAHS WITH BOOK CLUB!

FEB 2026

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 our alumni together for dinner and discussion.

Fifty Words for Rain is a 2020 historical fiction novel by Asha Lemmie about a biracial girl named Nori in post-WWII Japan. Abandoned by her mother, Nori is raised in secrecy by her aristocratic grandparents, who hide her away due to her illegitimate birth. The story follows her journey of self-discovery as she navigates prejudice, family secrets, and her evolving relationship with her half-brother, Akira.



In March, we will schedule a dinner for our book club alumni readers to meet up with the API society book club readers, at a Japanese restaurant, so we can discuss the book and share in a similarly-themed meal. To join our book club, **simply email us at [OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com](mailto:OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com)** with your name and phone number, and we will add you to the list. That way we'll keep you informed about the dinner date and location.

## WOMEN'S HOOPS VS USC FEB 22

It's our annual gathering to cheer the OSU Women's Basketball team! We have a block of **Club Level mid-court seats** to the Bucks last weekend home game vs. USC, on **Sunday, Feb 22, at 12 N or 2 pm**.

We will host our usual "Tailgate" party in the Huntington Club (2nd level of the Schottenstein Center) one hour before gametime.

**SPECIAL GUEST: OSU, Olympic, and WNBA superstar KATIE SMITH will be joining us at the pre-game event! Be on time to meet her!**

We are **SOLD OUT** of our game tickets, but if you can get your own, please join us for the other festivities! Just **email us** to be put on the list for the tailgate: **[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 2026 recipient! Our Scholarship Chairman, Frank Stoy will need 15-20 people to volunteer to review applications and rank the candidates.

From a field of over 150 applicants 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 recent 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 at **[frankstoy1@gmail.com](mailto:frankstoy1@gmail.com)**. or **419-386-6511**.

## MONDA RESOURCE CENTER FOOD DRIVE

The Monda Student Resource Center at OSU assists students who are struggling to succeed because they lack essentials such as food, housing and clothing. They rely on resources and support from campus and community partners.

We will partner with them in **March** by organizing a food drive to help provide them with enough supplies to make it thru the end of the school year. Our club will collect donations thru Amazon, using a "wish list" of the most needed items, and a link that will make it very easy for you to participate. Donations will be shipped directly to the Monda facility.

Look for details in March in the next newsletter and on our website. The student food pantry works to ensure *No Buckeye Goes Hungry*, and we want to do our part to make sure *All Buckeyes Be Well and Thrive!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Feb 11.** 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

February – Scholarship application reviews

Feb 22 – Women's Basketball

Feb 26 – Postcard Palooza



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## 2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

All Buckeye fans are welcome to be a part of the club! Memberships are per **calendar** year now (formerly we operated on an academic year calendar).

### As a member, you will have the opportunity to:

- Pay forward by supporting scholarships for local students attending Ohio State with tax-deductible membership dues as applicable to you.
- Encourage and support outstanding, local high school seniors to choose The Ohio State University for their lifetime learning.
- Attend club sponsored social and community service events.
- Make new connections and contacts with fellow alumni and Buckeye fans.
- Vote on club matters
- Access to football tickets
- Access the digital copy of the Ohio State Alumni Magazine (all alumni)
- Receive the Ohio State Alumni Magazine mailed to your home (life donor)
- Receive electronic mailings from the club.

### There are three categories of membership:

**Alumni Donor:** Includes a one-year membership to The OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County plus a one-year membership to The OSU Alumni Association. Alumni include anyone who has earned any degree from OSU or medical resident graduates of the University. This option is achieved with a gift of \$25 or more.

**Associate member:** This option is for friends and fans of Ohio State with an annual gift of \$25 or more.

**Life donor:** Includes a one-year membership to The OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County plus a one-year membership to The OSU Alumni Association. This option is for alumni of Ohio State and is achieved with an annual gift of \$150 or \$10/monthly.

**All donations should be made to The OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County support fund GF318552.**

Becoming a member is easy! Go to [BuckeyeAlumni.com](http://BuckeyeAlumni.com), click on "Membership" and follow the instructions.

Contact us at [OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com](mailto:OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com) or 614-893-0559 if you have questions.

## POSTCARD PALOOZA 2026



The third annual **Postcard Palooza** will bring together alumni from Franklin, Delaware, and Fairfield counties for an evening hosted by Undergraduate Admissions, to write postcards to encourage future Buckeyes coming to OSU.

This year's Postcard Palooza will be held on **Thursday, February 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** at the Longaberger Alumni House. A light dinner will be served at 5:30, and the postcard writing will begin around 6 pm. Samples will be provided, and of course you can ask other attendees.

The postcards will be sent to students who have been admitted for Fall of 2026, to encourage them to make OSU their first choice and commit to attend. If you are interested in participating, please go to the **event website to register:** [go.osu.edu/postcardpalooza26](http://go.osu.edu/postcardpalooza26)

Questions? Please contact Brittany Savko, 614-292-8031 or [savko.7@osu.edu](mailto:savko.7@osu.edu).

## SAVE THE DATES!! SPRING EVENT FUN

We have a whole lot of fun planned for this Spring! Here's a sneak peek at some coming events for your calendar!

Spring will be here soon, and that means it's time to enjoy another wonderful **Wine Tasting Dinner** at the Wine Bistro! The dates will be **April 1 and 15**. Keep an eye on our website for registration to open up soon!

Are you ready for some Scarlet vs. Gray football? The annual **Spring Game** will be coming up in April. We're just waiting for Athletics to release the date so we can setup our Tailgate Party!

The annual **Membership Appreciation Celebration** will take place on Saturday **June 27** at the Alumni House. Join us for some fun, food, games, prizes, and the opportunity to meet your Franklin County Alumni Club leadership team and even some local celebrities!

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

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