

BOOK CLUB DINNER THIS MONTH!

MAR 2026

Winter is a great time to stay indoors and curl up with a good book! Our annual **Book Club** reading began 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.



On March 25, we have scheduled 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** with your name and phone number, and we will add you to the list. That way we'll keep you informed about the dinner details.

WINE TASTING DINNERS APRIL 1 & 15

Spring is almost here, and that means we are planning a club favorite event again, our "Wine Tasting Dinner" at the Wine Bistro!



The spring dates are **April 1 and 15**. The same menu will be served both days, so choose the date that works best for you! **But there's limited seating** on each evening! So get your reservation in early!

Plan to arrive by 6 pm so you have time to find parking and get a seat before we start serving. A few days before the dinner, we'll send a reminder with parking suggestions.

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



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 are working with them this month by organizing a food drive to help provide them with enough supplies to make it thru the end of the school year. Our club is collecting 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.

Here is the wish list link to use with Amazon – it is already set up to ship the donations directly to the Monda Center:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1BHNDZQWWK84L?ref=wl_share

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!*

SPRING FOOTBALL TAILGATE APRIL 18

The annual Scarlet vs. Gray Spring Football game will be held on Saturday April 18, and what's a football game without a tailgate party? Your Franklin County Alumni Club is putting together a fun Saturday morning event for all!

We'll provide plenty of food and beverages, and fellowship with other Buckeye fans. Join us for some fun in the spring sun! The party will be held in the Tuttle parking garage (the closest garage to the Stadium). Parking is free in that garage for this event.

Details and directions will be sent to each person who registers on our website, www.BuckeyeAlumni.com. Register now – it's just \$12 / person! This tailgate party is a family-friendly event, so bring the whole gang!

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

(For tickets to the football activities in the stadium that day, go to OhioStateBuckeyes.com.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 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.

March (all month) – Monda Food Drive

March 25 – Book Club dinner

March 28 – Scholarship Candidate selections

April 1 and 15 – Wine Bistro Dinners



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Are you a member of the OSU Alumni Association? Join now! www.osu.edu/alumni

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, click on "Membership" and follow the instructions.

Contact us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com or 614-893-0559 if you have questions.

JUNE 27: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PARTY!

It's time to celebrate YOU!

Join us as we welcome our new members to the club, and thank our long-time club supporters! We'll introduce you to this year's scholarship recipient and your alumni club leadership team.



Please plan to join us on **Saturday, June 27 from 12 to 2 pm** at the Longaberger Alumni House for our annual celebration of our members!

For our newer members, this is an opportunity to meet club members and ask questions about our activities.

We will provide a variety of food and beverages. The event will be indoors, but there is room to go outside if the weather cooperates. Casual Scarlet and Gray attire is recommended.

There will be **games and prizes**, and an opportunity to purchase unique Buckeye souvenirs to support our **Scholarship fund**. National Championship gear will be available, so bring your wallet to support our future Buckeyes!

Make sure to join us for this annual tradition! Questions? Contact Leyla at 614-893-0559 or email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com.

LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

We're always looking for people to join our team and help us plan the fun activities and events we organize! From social events and community service, to tours and learning opportunities, we aim to provide a variety of ways throughout the year to engage you with other alumni!

There are openings now on our Community Service and Social Committees, to help plan and execute the programs we sponsor for our members. If you're curious and just want to learn a little more before volunteering, you're welcome to come to any of our club meetings (on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Alumni House) or email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com to ask any questions you have!

You'll make new friends, learn about a variety of ways to participate in activities all over town with fellow Buckeyes, and help raise scholarship funds to support incoming Ohio State future students!

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

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