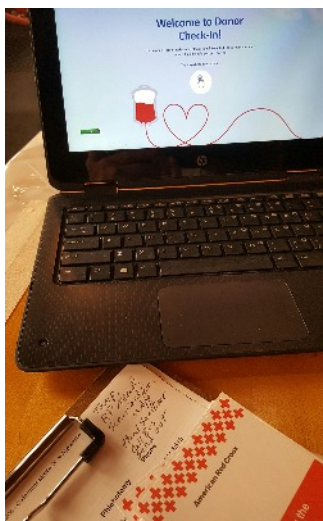


# S Portland Alumni Club

## KEEPING UP THE COMMUNITY COMMITMENT, EVEN DURING THE PANDEMIC



Like most of its sister affiliates, the Syracuse University Alumni Club of Portland, has been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eighteen months passed between our last pre-Coronavirus in-person gathering on Feb. 29, 2020 and the next one, on Sep. 11, 2021. But the club was able to stay connected during the through a couple of community service projects.

Our ninth and tenth annual **Do You BLEED Orange** blood drives collected 37 units of blood for the Portland community. Over the past decade, in concert with other Portland alumni clubs, we've collected 256 units!

The tenth drive, on Sep. 11, 2021 also marked the club's return to in-person gatherings. We watched the Orange host Rutgers at the Carrier Dome. Unfortunately, Syracuse lost, 17-7, but it was good to gather as a group once again and to welcome several new members to the club.



We also pooled our resources during the fall of 2020 to help forest fire-ravaged communities in the Santiam Valley. The fires had decimated the towns of Detroit and Idanha. We collected annual club dues and additional donations in October 2020 and donated all of the money collected – \$350 – to the Detroit Lake Foundation.

So, even though our club has been in lockdown, we've still managed to have an impact in our community. Thanks to you. And, as we head forward and, hopefully, return to in-person events, the **Stumptown Orange** will continue to provide a way for grads and fans of Syracuse to meet, cheer, and do good, together. Stay tuned!

