



Monthly NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Seven Months, Thousands of Smiles, One Incredible Community

As we turn the page on the first half of 2026, we're celebrating everything YOU have made possible. Every class attended, every volunteer hour, every new friendship, and every adventure has helped make the OWLS Club more active and stronger than ever.

Our Biggest Highlights

Launching **OWLS Connect** provides members with caring support when they need it most.

The opening of the **Cultivate Community Freezer** is providing hundreds of meals to our members and neighbors.

Volunteering throughout the community with Cultivate Food Rescue, Habitat for Humanity, Project 216, the Maple Syrup Festival, and through the generous work of our Stitching for a Cause crochet groups.

We've been staying active with bowling, bike rides, putt-putt golf, nature walks, BBQs, chili coof-off, coffee gatherings, off-campus adventures, and so much more!

We've also welcomed **nationally recognized speakers** including Jeffrey Rosen, Ken Medema, and Civil Rights leader Dave Dennis Sr, along with other outstanding local experts and authors.

And We're Just Getting Started

Thank you for making the OWLS Club such a vibrant, welcoming community. Whether you've attended one event or one hundred, volunteered your time, shared a talent, or simply made a new friend, you are part of the story we're celebrating.

Here's to an even bigger and better second half of 2026!

Did you know?

Mondays are our busiest day of the week, averaging **12 activities** in a single day.

May welcomed the most NEW OWLS Club members through our doors.

Fitness remains the most popular activity category, with **Recreation and Social** close behind.

By the Numbers

Since January

157+
New Members

1,467+
Classes, Events,
& Programs

11,400+
Member Check-ins

18,700+
Hours spent staying
active and learning

143+
Volunteers

4,200+
Volunteer Hours

4
Day Trips
& Offsite Adventures

4
Author Talks



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A Meaningful Honor from the Lions Club

The OWLS Club was deeply honored to be recognized by the local Lions Club during its recent annual meeting. The evening included a heartfelt tribute to our founders, a special award recognizing their vision and leadership, and a generous donation in support of our mission.

One of the most meaningful moments of the evening was looking around the room and seeing so many familiar faces. Many Lions Club members are also active members of the OWLS Club—a wonderful reminder that organizations dedicated to serving others often share the same people, the same values, and the same commitment to building a stronger community.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Lions Club for this thoughtful recognition and for their continued support of the OWLS Club and the older adults we are privileged to serve. Together, we are making our community a better place.



Upcoming Events

-  **Aug 11 - OWLS TRIP:**
Battle Creek
'The Cereal City'
 (Departs at 8:30 AM)
SOLD OUT! - Waiting List
-  **Aug 12 - Volunteer at**
Cultivate Food Rescue
 (Starts at 10:00 AM)
-  **Aug 13 - Guided Nature**
Walk: River Greenway
 (Starts at 10:30 AM)
-  **Aug 13 - New Member**
Orientation & Welcome
 (Starts at 11:00 AM)
-  **Aug 26 - Lunch & Learn:**
Hearth Health with
Goshen Health
 (Starts at 11:00 AM)
-  **Sep 7 - Closed for**
Labor Day
-  **Sep 10 -Memory**
Screening MoCA Testing
 (Starts at 9:30 AM)
-  **Sep 10 -New Member**
Orientation & Welcome
 (Starts at 11:00 AM)
-  **Sep 18 -3rd Annual**
Picnic & Car Show
 (Starts at 5:00 PM)
-  **Sep 25 - OWLS TRIP:**
A Taste of Shipshewana
 (Departs at 9:00 AM)



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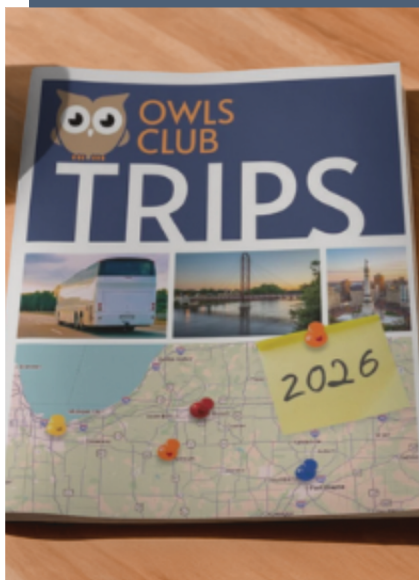
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There is just one open OWLS Club Trip remaining!

OWLS Club is fortunate to offer exciting trips each year thanks to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. These trips provide a wonderful opportunity to simply show up, relax, and enjoy an adventure with friends while we take care of the planning and transportation.

There is just one open trip remaining, so if you haven't taken advantage of an OWLS Trip before, it's time to act fast!

- **Battle Creek Tour: August 11th - SOLD OUT!**
See Maggie or Kristen to be added to the waiting list.
- **Shipshewana Food Tour (our Executive Director's personal favorite!): September 25th**

If you would like to join us, stop by the Club to make your payment. Your payment reserves your spot. Participating members will **meet at the Trinity parking lot prior to departure**. We hope you'll come along and make new memories with fellow OWLS members!



SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual OWLS Club Picnic & Car Show

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 18, at 5:00 PM** for one of our favorite traditions...the 3rd Annual OWLS Club Picnic & Car Show!

We're excited to welcome back the **Michiana Mustangs Car Club** and their impressive collection of classic cars. Do you own a classic, antique, muscle, or special-interest vehicle—or know someone who does? We'd love to have them join us and showcase their ride!

OWLS Club will provide the main meal, drinks, plates, and utensils. We simply ask each attendee to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We're also planning a few fun surprises this year, including music and other activities to make the evening even more memorable.

More details will be coming soon, but for now, save the date, invite a friend, and if you have a special vehicle to share, let us know! We can't wait to celebrate another great year together.

A Call For Authors

Have you published a book?

We'd love to celebrate you!

This fall, the OWLS Club is planning a special Author Showcase featuring books written by our talented members. Whether you've written a novel, memoir, children's book, poetry, or nonfiction, we want to include you!

If you're an OWLS author, please let Kristen or Maggie know by stopping by the club, giving us a call, or sending an email.

We can't wait to showcase the incredible talent within our OWLS community!



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New & Returning **CLASSES**

Aug
6

Intro to Ballroom Dancing
Weekly on Thursdays, 4:00 PM

Aug
7

Monthly Craft & Scrapbook Club
11:00 AM

Aug
7

Photography Club: Explore Elkhart
3:00 PM

Aug
10

**Timeless Wisdom from
Paul's Letters to Timothy**
Mondays, 2:15 PM

Aug
13

Making a Playing Card Holder Workshop
Mondays, 1:00 PM

Aug
14

Mahjong Refresher Session
10:30 AM

Aug
19

Bingocize
10:00 AM

Aug
20

**Flip the Switch on Savings:
Cutting Energy Costs**
11:00 AM

Aug
25

Beaded Key Chains & Glass Magnets
1:00 PM

Aug
27

**The Power of One Caring Adult with
non-profit 5 Start Life**
12:30 PM

Aug
28

Protecting Your Identity in a Digital World
11:00 AM

Sep
4

Death, Dying and the Afterlife
Fridays, at 10:30 AM

For a full list of classes, pick up a printed calendar at the front desk. You can also see a full calendar online by visiting www.owlsclub.org/calendar or scan this QR code:



Class & Activity **HIGHLIGHTS**

Owls League of Life Long Learners

Third Monday of the month at 1:00 PM

Join us once a month for a series of captivating sessions designed to keep your mind engaged, spark curiosity, and foster new connections.

Intro to Ballroom Dancing

Weekly on Thursdays at 4:00 PM

Learn the basics of social ballroom in a short amount of time. This course is beginner friendly and affordable while set in an open environment with provided partners.

Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity

Last Fridays of the month at 9:00 AM

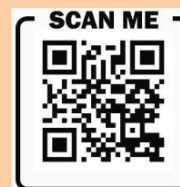
This is a great opportunity to come together as a club and support our community—no matter your skill level or experience.

Lunch Bunch with John & Ann

Weekly on Fridays, at 11:45 AM

Welcome to “Friday Lunch Bunch,” where members can savor the joys of camaraderie and connection. Bring your own lunch (there is a microwave on site) and join us in the cafe for conversation and friendship.

Wish List & In-Kind **DONATIONS**



Amazon Wish List

Purchase items directly from our Amazon Wish List to help support daily programs and needs at OWLS Club.



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WORK & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for Part-Time Work?

At OWLS Club, we know that not all of our members are retired—or want to be! From time to time, our community partners reach out to us when they have job opportunities they think may be a good fit for our members.

Currently, **we have two driver positions posted** at the club.

We're looking for Volunteers!

Looking for a meaningful way to get involved? We'd love to have you join our amazing volunteer team! Here are a few current opportunities:

Host Desk Substitutes

Help welcome members, answer questions, and create the friendly atmosphere that makes OWLS feel like home. This is a great opportunity for those who enjoy meeting people and being the first smile members see.

Instructors & Class Leaders

Do you have a hobby, talent, or area of expertise you'd enjoy sharing? We're always looking for members willing to teach a class or lead a discussion. Whether it's a one-time presentation or an ongoing class, we'd love to hear your ideas!

Tech Help Volunteer

Are you comfortable using a smartphone, tablet, or computer? We're looking for a volunteer to host a twice-monthly drop-in Tech Help session, assisting members with everyday technology questions like texting, email, apps, and device settings. You don't need to be an IT expert—just patient, friendly, and willing to help others learn.

If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please stop by the Host Desk or contact Kristen or Maggie. If you're interested in volunteering, you can also check out all opportunities and sign up online. We'd love to talk with you about how you can make a difference at OWLS!

Hootie Spotted! Congrats **Sue Neat**



Find Hootie, snap a photo and send it to Maggie or Kristen every month to enter into drawings for fun OWLS Club prizes!

Thank you to our generous corporate sponsors who play a huge role in supporting OWLS Club!



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