



Monthly NEWSLETTER

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Introducing the OWLS Club Legacy Society

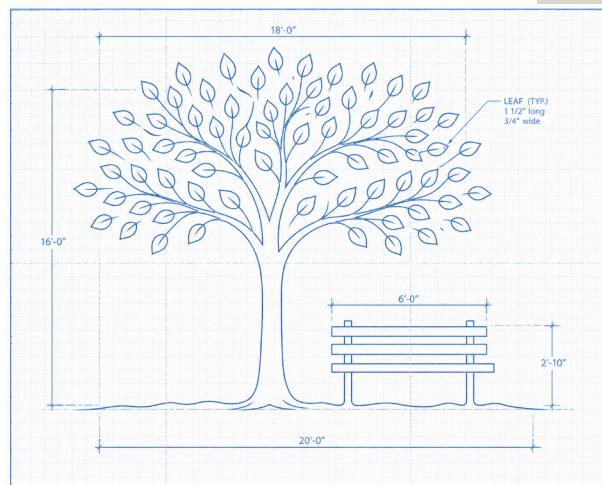
In response to requests from OWLS Club members who wish to include the OWLS Club in their estate plans, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the OWLS Club Legacy Society.

The Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have chosen to include the OWLS Club in their estate plans and encourages planned giving to help ensure the long-term financial stability of the organization. Through these thoughtful gifts, members help secure meaningful programs, services, and opportunities for future generations of older adults.

Becoming a member of the OWLS Club Legacy Society is a simple process. The size of the gift is not important, and there is no requirement to disclose the amount of your planned gift.

Legacy gifts help ensure that future generations of older adults will continue to find friendship, purpose, learning, and connection through the OWLS Club.

If you would like more information about becoming a member of the OWLS Club Legacy Society, a brochure outlining various planned giving options will soon be available in Maggie's office and on our website. We would be honored to answer any questions and discuss how you can leave a lasting impact through the OWLS Club.



Calling All Woodworkers!

As part of our new OWLS Club Legacy Society, we are looking for a talented woodworker to help create a special display recognizing members who have chosen to leave a legacy gift to the Club.

Our vision is a large wooden tree, similar to the one featured below. As members join the Legacy Society, small wooden owls will be added to the tree in recognition of their commitment to future generations of OWLS members.

If you have woodworking skills and would be interested in helping bring this project to life, please contact Maggie O. at the Club. We would love to discuss the details with you.

This display will serve as a lasting reminder of the generosity, care, and commitment of those who help ensure the OWLS Club continues to thrive for years to come.



OWLS Club Goes on the Road!

Each summer, Trinity on Jackson hosts its Children's Arts Camp, filling the building with creativity, energy, and young artists. Because the camp utilizes the entire facility, the OWLS Club will hold only off-site activities during the week of July 6–10.

This is a fun opportunity to explore new locations, try something different, and enjoy time with fellow members throughout the community.

Planned activities include a bike ride on the Pumpkinvine Trail, coffee at Martin's, putt-putt golf, a nature walk, and more.

Be sure to check the printed calendar, our website, or My Active Center for the full list of activities. Simply register and arrive at the location listed on the calendar (not the Club). An OWLS Club staff member or volunteer leader will be there to welcome and guide you.

We look forward to seeing you out and about during this special week!



Upcoming Events

- 📅 **Jul 6 - Off-Campus Coffee & Conversation**
 Martin's Super Market, Elkhart
 (Starts at 9:00 AM)
- 📅 **Jul 6 - Putt-Putt Golf**
 Putt-Putt Fun Center, Mishawaka
 (Starts at 10:00 AM)
- 📅 **Jul 7 - Ride and Explore: Off-Campus Bike Ride!**
 Abshire Park, Goshen
 (Starts at 10:00 AM)
- 📅 **Jul 7 - BBQ at the Pletchers!**
 (Starts at 4:30 PM)
- 📅 **Jul 8 - Volunteer at Cultivate Food Rescue**
 (Starts at 10:00 AM)
- 📅 **Jul 8 - Mahjong Off Campus**
 Elizabeth and John Krom Residence
 (Starts at 1:00 PM)
- 📅 **Jul 9 - OWLS TRIP: *Mystery Tour***
 (Departs at 9:00 AM)
- 📅 **Jul 9 - Off-Campus Coffee & Conversation**
 Martin's Super Market, Elkhart
 (Starts at 9:00 AM)
- 📅 **Jul 10 - Walk, Talk & Lunch at the River Greenway**
 Studebaker Pavilion, Elkhart
 (Starts at 9:00 AM)
- 📅 **Jul 10 - Off-campus Games!**
 Martin's Super Market, Dunlap
 (Starts at 1:00 PM)
- 📅 **Jul 15 - A Conversation with Mayor Roberson**
 (Starts at 11:00 AM)
- 📅 **Jul 24 - New Member Orientation & Welcome**
 (Starts at 10:00 AM)



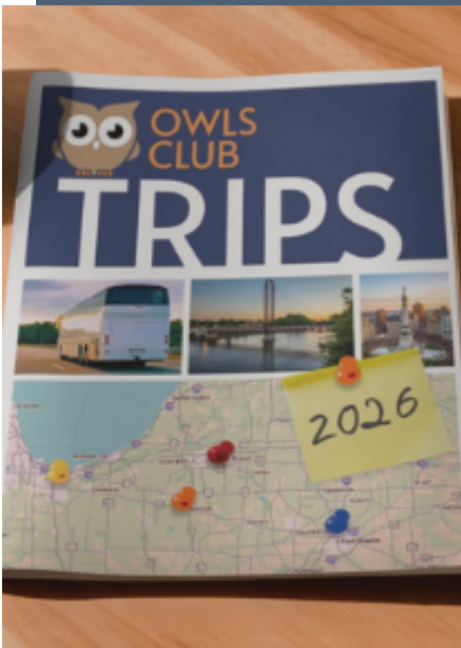
Adventure Awaits with OWLS Club Trips!

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.

So far this year, members have enjoyed exploring Nappanee and spending a beautiful day at Meijer Gardens. We still have three fantastic trips ahead, and a few spots remain available!

- **Mystery Tour: July 9th**
- **Battle Creek Tour: August 11th**
- **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!



DID YOU KNOW?

We Offer More Than Just Classes...

While the OWLS Club offers a wide variety of classes, programs, and events, it is also a place to relax, connect, and enjoy the company of others.

Whether you're working on the community puzzle, enjoying your lunch between classes, meeting a friend for conversation, or simply looking for a welcoming place to spend some time, the Club is here for you. Feel free to plan a casual "play date" with a friend and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate in one of our cozy seating areas, the café (when available), or on the outdoor patio.

During the summer, you are also welcome to stop by and enjoy the comfort of our air-conditioned space. In the winter, the Club provides a warm and inviting place to gather. Best of all, it's a space where you already know people, feel comfortable, and can enjoy meaningful connections—all at no cost.

Sometimes the best part of the OWLS Club isn't a class at all—it's simply spending time together.



A Call For **VOLUNTEERS**

Event Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help plan and/or volunteer at big events such as the Car Show, Chili Cook-off, annual meetings, etc.

Where we need help:

- Help plan, print materials, and spread the word on upcoming events.
- Help coordinate and setup for events.
- Help organize and clean up event spaces between scheduled events.

Interested or have questions?
Reach out to Kristen or visit
www.owlsclub.org/volunteer

New & Returning CLASSES

Jul 3 **Photography Club: Explore Elkhart**
First Friday of the month at 3:00 PM

Jul 14 **Budgeting: Making Your Money Work for You**
1:00 PM

Jul 16 **Sleep on It: Why Sleep Matters**
11:00 AM

Jul 16 **Intro to Ballroom Dancing**
Third and Fifth Thursday, 4:00 PM

Jul 17 **Retirement Success and You**
Fridays, 10:00 AM

Jul 17 **Mahjong Refresher Session**
10:30 AM

Jul 22 **New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment**
11:00 AM

Jul 24 **Monthly Craft & Scrapbook Club**
11:15 AM

Jul 24 **Senior Safety & Self-Defense**
3:15 PM

Jul 27 **Lunch & Learn: Resources for Aging Well**
11:30 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 in Action: Habitat Volunteer Day
Last Friday of the month at 9:00 AM

Every month, we celebrate the chance to give back to our community by offering up our skills. No experience is necessary to volunteer with this great program.

Film Fanatics

Third Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM

Join us this month as *The Perfect Storm* returns to the big screen. Bring \$2.00 for the popcorn fee or additional snacks and refreshments to enjoy.

Writing for Self-Discovery

Mondays at 11:00 AM

Writing can help us discover what we think and feel. In this class, you'll have the opportunity to explore memories and feelings to better understand yourself.

Games, Ping Pong, Billiards, and Cornhole!

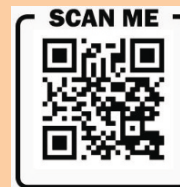
Games: Fridays at 1:00 PM

Ping Pong & Billiards: Fridays at 1:00 PM

Cornhole: Third Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

Sneak out of the house and challenge a friend to some low impact fun and games.

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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Check Out Senior Talk!

Are you a podcast listener—or interested in becoming one? Podcasts are a wonderful way to learn something new or enjoy topics you love while gardening, doing housework, cooking, exercising, driving, or simply relaxing.

One of our very own OWLS Club members hosts Senior Talk, an informative podcast designed with older adults in mind. Each week, listeners can learn about valuable community resources, services, and experts, covering topics ranging from healthcare and legal issues to technology, aging, and local organizations.

The best part? You can choose the episodes that interest you most and listen whenever it's convenient for you. Be sure to check out the OWLS Club episodes as well!

Tune in to Senior Talk and discover another great way to stay informed, connected, and engaged in our community.

www.seniortalkmichiana.org



Hootie Spotted! Congrats **Karen Miller**



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

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