



# Monthly NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

## A Personal Note...

One of the quiet joys of OWLS is watching what happens when people find their way here. For reasons that vary from person to person, many of our members discover a renewed sense of purpose—something that feels both unexpected and deeply meaningful.

It often shows up in simple ways. A familiar face at the front desk. A conversation that lingers a little longer than planned. A shared laugh in a class or over coffee. The friendships formed here are real, and they run deep. You can see it in the expressions on people's faces—the ease, the recognition, the sense of belonging. No survey will ever fully capture what can be seen in a smile.

The average age of an OWLS member is 75. Your chair and vice chair are 84. Like yours, our lives are finite.

What may be infinite, however, is the number of ways we cope with—more accurately, avoid—the inevitability of death. Denial is the most common.

Somewhere between 50% and 70% of Americans die without a will.

That is one reason we have chosen to become members of the Owls Nest, an endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Elkhart County. It is our way of saying thank you—and of helping ensure that future generations of OWLS members will have the same opportunity to learn, connect, play, and serve.

If you would like to learn more, we would be glad to talk with you. Feel free to reach out to either of us at our OWLS email addresses.

With appreciation,

**Frank Martin**

*Board Chair*

frank@owlsclub.org

**Connie Fulmer**

*Vice Chair*

connie@owlsclub.org

## Ways to Give!

Supporting OWLS is simple and meaningful. You may make a gift directly at the club or online at your convenience. Many members also choose to invite family and friends to give in their honor—a thoughtful way to celebrate a birthday, milestone, or simply the joy OWLS brings.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps sustain the community we value.

## Learn More

We invite you to join us for a **“Ways You Can Give” Lunch & Learn** with the Community Foundation of Elkhart County on **Friday, May 29th**. This will be an opportunity to learn more about giving options, ask questions, and explore how you can make a lasting impact through OWLS.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### There are two ways to sign up for classes at OWLS Club

Members can register through **My Active Center** or by leaving a message on our **registration hotline (574) 397-0275**.

A helpful tip when using My Active Center—think of it like online shopping. When you add a class to your cart, **be sure to complete the checkout process to fully register**. We've noticed that sometimes this final step is missed, which can lead to confusion when attending events like Lunch & Learns.

We also kindly ask that if your plans change, you cancel your registration when possible. This helps us plan appropriately for room size, materials, and overall experience for everyone.

Thank you for helping us to keep things running smoothly!



Visit My Active Center by visiting an event on our calendar and choose "Register to Attend" or scan the QR code to see this month's activities.



## Upcoming Events

- May 7 - Author Talk (Off-campus): Dave Dennis, Sr**  
*At Agape Missionary Baptist Church*  
(Starts at 6:00 PM)
- May 8 - Eyes on the Prize: with guest, Dave Dennis, Sr**  
(Starts at 10:00 AM)
- May 14 - New Member Orientation and Welcome**  
(Starts at 11:00 AM)
- May 14 - Author Talk: Joe Krom and Indiana's Early History**  
(Starts at 1:00 PM)
- May 15 - Beacon Health Lunch & Learn**  
(Starts at 11:15 AM)
- May 19 - Elkhart Parks at Woodlawn Nature Center Tour & Guided Walk**  
(Starts at 10:30 AM)
- May 22 - OWLS TRIP: Alleys and Secrets of Nappanee**  
(Departs at 8:30 AM)
- May 29 - Lunch & Learn: Exploring Ways to Give**  
(Starts at 12:00 PM)

## Closing Reminder

Memorial Day is near, and OWLS will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026 in honor and memorial of those who lost their lives for our country.

## 2026 Day Trips: **New Updates**

Our 2026 day trips are officially here, with five exciting opportunities to join us!

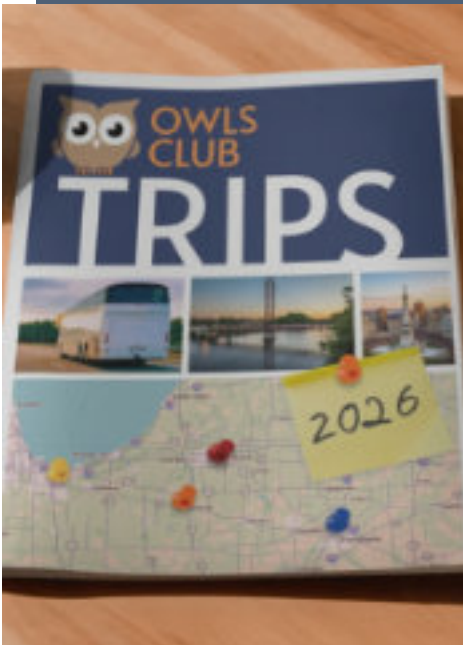
**Date Changes:**

 **Mystery Tour** — New Date: July 9

**More things to consider:**

- ✓ **Limited seating** — payment secures your spot
- ✓ **No refunds within 3 weeks** (you may transfer your spot)
- ✓ **Cash, check, or credit card** (small processing fee applies)
- ✓ **Discount** (Discounted cost for Meijer Garden Trip on June 18 if you have a Wellfield Garden or Meijer Garden Membership)
- ✓ **Fully planned** — just show up and enjoy!

All trips are thoughtfully organized and hosted by Karleen, who always brings the fun and handles every detail. Book now on [www.owlsclub.org](http://www.owlsclub.org) or with Maggie O. and Kristen. Stop by the Club to pick up your brochure.



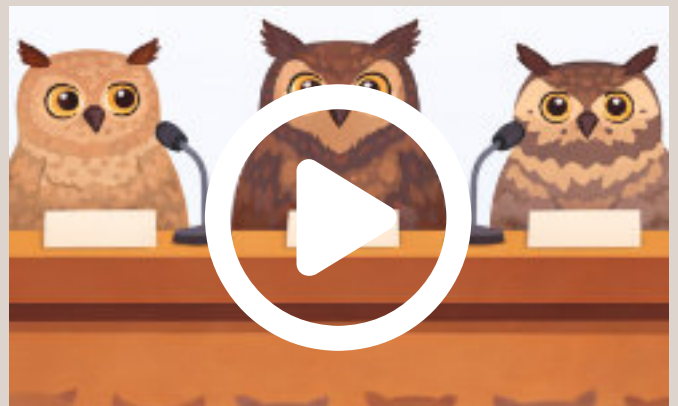
### Did you miss this?

If you've missed one of these events, you can view the livestreams on our website from our homepage.

**Author Talk: Jeffrey Rossen *Pursuit of Liberty***  
Occured on March 6, 2026  
[www.owlsclub.org/rosen](http://www.owlsclub.org/rosen)



**3rd Annual OWLS Club Meeting**  
Occured on March 20, 2026  
[www.owlsclub.org/annualmeeting](http://www.owlsclub.org/annualmeeting)



## *New & Returning* **CLASSES**

**May 1** **Grumpy Old Men's Coffee Group**  
Fridays, at 10:00 AM

**May 1** **Eyes on the Prize:  
A Civil Rights Discussion Series**  
May 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th, at 10:00 AM

**May 6** **Quilling For Beginners**  
May 6th & 26th, at 11:00 AM

**May 8** **10 Health Habits for your Brain**  
11:00 AM

**May 11** **Tech Help Drop In**  
9:00 AM

**May 12** **Birdhouse & Bird Feeder Woodworking Class**  
11:00 AM

**May 12** **OWLS Connect: Caring for One Another**  
May 12th at 11:00 AM and May 21st at 1:00 PM

**May 13** **Photo 101: New & Refresher Sessions**  
May 13th and 27th, 10:00 AM

**May 14** **Bingo with Dunes Hospice**  
4:30 PM

**May 15** **Design & Create: Jewelry Workshop**  
1:00 PM

**May 22** **Glow & Refresh: Korean Glass Facial**  
10:00 AM

**May 27** **Sugar and You: Finding Balance and Awareness**  
11:00 AM

**May 28** **Fraud & Scam Protection**  
11:00 AM

## *Class & Activity* **HIGHLIGHTS**

**Chair Yoga**  
Mondays, 4:30 PM

In this all-level class, Kristen will guide participants through gentle yoga postures while seated or standing, holding on to a chair for stability. Cost is \$5 paid to the instructor directly.

**Film Fanatics**  
Third Tuesday of every month, 2:00 PM

Are you a fan of movies? Gather with friends to enjoy a film and a snack. Please bring \$2 to cover a small snack and drink.

## *A Call For* **VOLUNTEERS**

### **Digital Class Focus Group**

We are exploring ways to bring OWLS programming to members who can't always make it to the Club. Volunteers with a variety of skills—teaching, technology, Zoom, or simply an interest in digital classes—are invited to join a temporary focus group to help shape our next steps. Interested? Contact Maggie O.

**We are always grateful for monetary donations that help us keep OWLS Club free and accessible for our members, and we also welcome in-kind donations to support our programs.**



### **Amazon Wish List**

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

**New Items have been added!**



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## Enjoy The Show!

June 5th, 6-8 PM

### An Evening of Music with **Ken Medema**

Blind since birth, Ken is an internationally acclaimed composer, singer, and pianist who has been inspiring audiences for over four decades.



## Grab some OWLS Merch!

Check out our OWLS merchandise near the front door. We strive to sell products that are locally made. Some even from our own members!  
**Stop by and pick up a magnet, mug, or shirt.**



## Hootie Spotted! Congrats **Donna Anderson**



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!

