



Monthly NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Mark Your Calendars!

Our volunteer planning committee is hard at work creating special events for OWLS members throughout the coming year. We hope you'll join us for these favorites and new celebrations:

- **Thanksgiving Day:** Our fourth annual Thanksgiving potluck at the club
- **December 8th:** OWLS Jingle and Mingle returns for its second year
- **December 31st:** New Year's Eve Party!
- **January 15th:** Member Talent Show
- **February 12th:** Fourth Annual Chili Cook-Off
- **March 19th:** Annual Meeting and Dinner
- **May 14th:** Dinner and a show with returning favorite Michael Carculicco

There's more to come! Watch the newsletter for details as each event gets closer.

Share Your Talent!

Our Member Talent Show is January 15, and we'd love to see you take the stage. Comedy, singing, magic, storytelling, juggling, whatever your talent may be, let Maggie or Kristen know if you'd like to participate.

Brunch & Learn: The Power of Compassionate Care

We're serving brunch instead of lunch for this special event with our valued partner, Center for Hospice Care! Join CEO John Mastrojohn III for a thoughtful conversation about palliative and end-of-life care, from a global view to the choices available here in Elkhart County.

John will clear up common hospice myths, explain your right to choose a provider, and share helpful questions to ask when considering care. Enjoy a delicious brunch, learn about ways to volunteer, and bring your questions for John.

Seating is limited, and registration is required.

This event is sponsored in part by:



Upcoming Events

- 📅 **Oct 1 - OWLS Birthday Bash**
(Starts at 1:00 PM)
- 📅 **Oct 8 - Vaccine Clinic at OWLS Club**
(Starts at 10:00 AM)
- 📅 **Oct 8 - New Member Orientation & Welcome**
(Starts at 11:00 AM)
- 📅 **Oct 8 - Life in a Mud Hut: Maggie's Peace Corps Story**
(Starts at 1:00 PM)
- 📅 **Oct 8 - Bingo with SHS & HolistiCare Homes**
(Starts at 4:30 PM)
- 📅 **Oct 22 - Brunch & Learn: The Power of Compassionate Care**
(Starts at 10:00 AM)
- 📅 **Oct 29 - Halloween Trick or Treating**
(Starts at 9:00 AM)
- 📅 **Oct 29 - Bingo Pop-Up; Halloween Style!**
(Starts at 4:30 PM)
- 📅 **Nov 13 - Holiday Trip; Lunch and a Play - "Away In The Basement"**
(Starts at 10:00 AM)
- 📅 **Nov 18 - NIBCO Museum Tour**
(Starts at 11:00 AM)



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Thank You for a Fantastic Picnic and Car Show!

A big thank you to **Scott Lickteig** and the **Michiana Mustang Club** for helping us put on our Picnic and Car Show for the third year in a row! We're also grateful to Brentwood in Elkhart for sponsoring the food and thinking quickly to arrange chairs at the last minute, and to Scott Seel of On the Go Grilling for doing all the grilling.

Thanks to their help, we enjoyed delicious food, great conversations, and a wonderful lineup of classic cars. What a fun evening together!



One More Trip to Celebrate the Season!

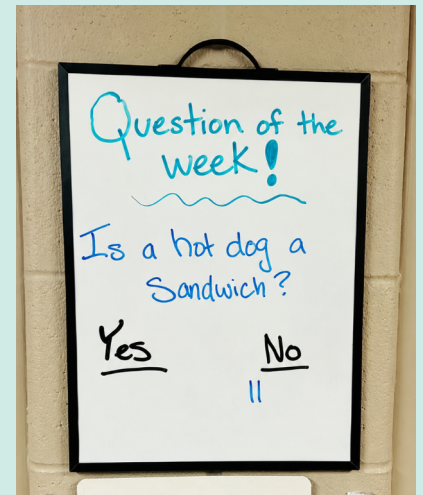
Our trips have been such a hit that we're adding one more special Holiday Trip on November 13: a holiday outing to Cornwell's Turkeyville in Marshall, Michigan. We'll enjoy lunch and see *Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas*, a musical comedy full of holiday humor and heart.

The **\$99 cost** includes transportation, lunch, and the show. Seating is limited, and payment at the Club secures your seat. Join us for a day of food, laughter, and Christmas cheer with your fellow OWLS!



Question of the Week

There's a fun new reason to stop by Maggie and Kristen's office! Look for the Question of the Week and cast your vote whenever you're passing by. We'll change the question each week and share the results in our weekend email.



Share Your OWLS Story

We love hearing how OWLS has made a difference in your life, whether big or small. We'd like to share member stories in our Annual Report, and yours could be one of them!

Send an email, or share your story with Maggie O. to submit your story.



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Another GREAT Summer of OWLS Trips in the books!

We are beyond grateful for the time, energy, and passion our volunteers have poured into this year's trips. Every trip has sold out! Last week, members enjoyed a delicious food tour in Shipshewana, sampling jam, hand pies, cider, Ben's Pretzels, and more.



Wish List & In-Kind **DONATIONS**

- **Halloween candy:** Help us welcome trick-or-treaters! Extra candy will help us share with members who may not be able to purchase their own and keep the treats flowing if we run out, as we often do.
- **Wine bottle drip candles:** We're looking for candles specifically made to drip down wine bottles for our upcoming Dinner and a Show event. These will help us create a festive table setting.

Donations can be dropped off at the host desk. Thank you for helping make these moments possible!

A Call For **Volunteers**

A little of your time can make a big difference at OWLS! We're looking for volunteers who can help with:

- **Front desk substitutes:** Our volunteer hosts do a wonderful job welcoming members, and we're grateful for their commitment. We'd love to train a few substitutes who can cover a shift when a host is away.
- **Computer help:** Are you comfortable with basic computer tasks? We're looking for one or two members to help with the registration hotline one day a week, which can be done from home, and to help onboard new members.

Interested? Please reach out to Kristen.



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New & Returning CLASSES

Oct
5

Spreading Joy with Joy Blooms

11:30 AM

Join Nancy to learn about the heart behind Joy Blooms and its mission of spreading joy through flowers.

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Know Before You Vote: Finding Candidate Info

2:00 PM

A nonpartisan presentation on practical strategies that can help voters better understand the candidates on the ballot.

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Exploring Paul's Letters

Mondays, at 2:15 PM

Led by John Krom, this class offers an opportunity to read, share, and discuss how the letters' connect to life today.

Oct
6

Bowling at Signature Lanes

1:00 PM

Bowling is back again! The cost is \$2 per game for seniors and \$4 for shoe rental.

Oct
12

Exploring the Book of Deuteronomy

Mondays, at 1:00 PM

Explore the biblical Book of Deuteronomy through study and open discussion with John Krom.

Oct
15

Medicare Matters: Understanding Medicare, Fraud & Additional Benefits

11:00 AM

Join REAL Services for an informative session designed to help you better understand Medicare.

Oct
20

Impact of Alzheimer's & Dementia in Our Community

12:30 PM

Learn how Alzheimer's and dementia affect our community with Michelle from the Alzheimer's Association.

Oct
30

Mahjong Refresher Session

10:30 AM

A supportive opportunity to refresh your skills and feel more comfortable joining regular Mahjong games.

Class & Activity HIGHLIGHTS

Chess Drop-in

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM

Enjoy a relaxed morning at the OWLS Club with our new Drop-In & Play Chess time in the café!

Cornhole

3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:00 AM

Looking for a fun and active way to start your morning? Join us for cornhole at the OWLS Club, happening once a month! Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to try something new, get moving and have a good time!

Books & Bites: Monthly Book Club

2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 PM

This month's title: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

Take a break and join us for Books & Bites, a monthly book club at the OWLS Club designed to fit right into your lunch hour! Perfect for members who are still working or anyone looking to enjoy lively discussions. Each session will focus on a different book. Bring a lunch, bring your thoughts, and connect with fellow members. You do not need to read the book to be eligible to come to book club. Our books are always available at the public library.



Do you have an idea for a new class or workshop you'd like to share or teach?

As fall approaches and people move towards indoor activities, we'd love to explore new opportunities with you to keep people engaged and moving. Let's discover new games, fitness, tastes, educational courses, or hands-on crafts to share with your peers.

Gather your ideas and sign up to volunteer at www.owlsclub.org/volunteer by filling out an application form today. You can also contact Kristen or Maggie in the main office to fill out a paper form to get the conversations started and even learn how to promote your idea at OWLS Club.



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Save the Date
October, 29th

A Halloween Double Feature at OWLS Club

Thursday, October 29 is shaping up to be our most festive day of the fall season, with two chances to celebrate Halloween together.

We'll start the morning with a visit from Trinity Preschool from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. We'll be sitting comfortably inside the hallway as lots of little trick-or-treaters parade by in their costumes. Please bring candy to pass out, and feel free to wear a costume or add a touch of Halloween color to your outfit. It's a wonderful way to share some smiles and help make the children's day extra special.

Then, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, Bingo gets a Halloween twist! Laura from Dunes Hospice is bringing a festive pop-up game to OWLS Club, with plenty of chances to play, laugh, and celebrate the season. Costumes are welcome here too, and **if you dare to dress up, you could win a special prize for best costume.**

Join us for one event or make a day of it. Either way, we can't wait to see your Halloween spirit!

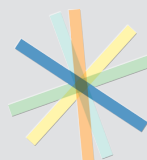


Hootie Spotted! Congrats **Cathy Kirkham**



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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