



Monthly NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Show Your OWLS Spirit!

It's time for an **OWLS Club Merch Sale!** We're clearing out our current inventory of OWLS shirts and sweatshirts at special sale prices.

This is an in-stock-only sale, so there will be no special orders, when they're gone, they're gone for good!

Stop by the Host Desk to see the styles and sizes we have available. Whether you wear your OWLS gear around the Club or out and about in the community, it's a fun way to show your OWLS Club spirit and help spread the word about our amazing community.

Cash or check only, please.



Let's Celebrate! Monthly OWLS Birthday Bashes Begin in October

Who doesn't love a birthday party? Beginning in October, we're starting a new OWLS tradition: a Monthly Birthday Bash on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM!

Each month, we'll celebrate all of our OWLS members with birthdays that month with cake, party games, plenty of laughs, and time together. Have a birthday that month? We especially want YOU there so we can

celebrate you! No birthday? Come anyway, the party is for everyone, and we need plenty of friends to help us make our birthday OWLS feel special.

Registration is requested, especially if you are celebrating a birthday that month, so we can be ready for you. Mark your calendar, bring your party spirit, and come help us make birthdays at OWLS something to look forward to every month!

A Quick Birthday Note! Due to an ordering and postal delay, our August and September birthday cards may arrive a little later than planned. Don't worry, we haven't forgotten you! Your birthday wishes are on the way.

OWLS Connect!

Two exciting updates!

Need a Ride?

OWLS Connect volunteers can now provide transportation for members with health-related needs, such as medical appointments or picking up medications. This service is not for transportation to the Club, and both the driver and rider will sign a waiver.

Have Equipment to Share?

We're creating a list of members willing to lend or give items such as walkers, wheelchairs, canes, and other medical equipment to a fellow OWLS member in need. You keep the item until we contact you.

Want to help or need support?

Call the OWLS Connect line. Members helping members, that's what OWLS Connect is all about!

**Call OWLS Connect
(574) 397-0282**



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New Community Resource Rack

Thanks to a generous donation from one of our members, OWLS Club now has a Community Resource Rack! This dedicated space allows our community partners to share flyers, upcoming opportunities, and information about services and resources that may be helpful to our members. Be sure to stop by and see what's available—the information will change as new resources are added!

Please note: Materials displayed are provided for informational purposes and do not represent an endorsement or recommendation by OWLS Club.



A Beautiful New Community Shelf

A special thank you to our member Steve “Gilbert” Streeter, who handcrafted a beautiful new community shelf for OWLS Club! Tucked right next to the Cultivate freezer, this new space will help organize several of the ways our members support one another and our community. Stop by to find our vase collection for Joy Blooms, eyeglass collection for the Lions Club, freebies shared by members, and, of course, our Lost & Found. Thank you, Gilbert, for sharing your talent with OWLS and creating something that will be enjoyed and used by so many!



Upcoming Events

-  **Sep 7 - Closed for Labor Day**
-  **Sep 10 -Memory Screening MoCA Testing**
Next option is Dec 10th
(Starts at 9:30 AM)
-  **Sep 10 -New Member Orientation & Welcome**
(Starts at 11:00 AM)
-  **Sep 10 -Bingo with Dunes Hospice**
(Starts at 5:30 PM)
-  **Sep 17 -Stay on Your Feet: Falls Prevention Made Simple**
(Starts at 11:00AM)
-  **Sep 18 -3rd Annual Picnic & Car Show**
(Starts at 5:00 PM)
-  **Sep 25 - OWLS TRIP: A Taste of Shipshewana SOLD OUT!**
Waiting List Only
(Departs at 9:00 AM)
-  **Sep 25 - CARES ID Bracelet**
Call for an appointment.
\$20 per person
(Starts at 9:30 AM)
-  **Oct 8 -Life in a Mud Hut: Maggie's Peace Corps Story**
(Starts at 1:00 PM)
-  **Oct 8 -New Member Orientation & Welcome**
(Starts at 11:00 AM)
-  **Oct 22 - Brunch & Learn: The Power of Compassionate Care**
(Starts at 10:00 AM)



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Another Sold-Out OWLS Trip Adventure!

Our **Battle Creek** trip was another sold-out adventure! Members had a blast exploring the Cereal City, trying out some old-fashioned exercise machines, sightseeing, enjoying lunch together, and more. A highlight for many was exploring the beautiful Horrocks Market, there was certainly plenty to see and purchase!

A big **thank you to Karleen and Donna** for all the time, planning, and hard work they put into making these wonderful adventures possible for our members. We appreciate you!



SAVE THE DATE



3rd Annual OWLS Club Picnic & Car Show

Mark your calendars for **Friday, 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 **Volunteers**

Do you have a talent for floral arranging or decorating? We're looking for a volunteer to create some beautiful artificial flower arrangements, both large and small to brighten our restrooms and add a little extra flair to special events at the Club. Interested? Contact Kristen to learn more.



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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New & Returning **CLASSES**

Sep
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Death, Dying and the Afterlife

Fridays, 10:30 AM

Explore topics of death and grief from the perspective of cultures around the world.

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Monthly Craft & Scrapbook Club

11:15 AM

Explore different ideas every month. Perfect for beginners and seasoned crafters.

Sep
8

The Age of Benjamin Franklin

10:30 AM

Go beyond the familiar stories of one of our founding fathers who helped shape American history.

Sep
8

Aging Well: Don't Leave Your Kids Guessing

1:00 PM

Learn how to organize and make important decisions while having sensitive conversations with friends and family.

Sep
9

Photo 101: New & Refresher Sessions

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Join us again for this helpful series that encourages you to brush up on skills or pick up that new camera.

Sep
9

Rabbit Trails into History: Expanding Perspectives

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

This engaging discussion-based series explores significant world events from 1900 to today.

Sep
10

Intermediate Line Dancing with Sandy

Thursdays, 2:00 PM

Take your line dancing to the next level with new technique and skill that increase the fun and keep you moving.

Sep
24

Savings & Retirement: Planning for the Future

5:00 PM

Whether it's just a thought, or right around the corner, learn what it takes to plan and succeed for retirement.

Sep
29

What's the Buzz About Data Centers?

1:00 PM

Learn how to navigate this hot topic to engage conversation and form essential educated opinions.

Class & Activity **HIGHLIGHTS**

Helping Hands: Practical Home Skills

1st Friday of the month at 11:00 AM

Join us each month as Owls Club member Don Florea shares practical tips and tricks for home maintenance that anyone can do.

Books & Bites: Lunchtime Book Club

2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 PM

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!

Chess Drop-in

2nd & 4th 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!

Caregiver's Support Community

2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM

Join us every second Wednesday of the month for Coffee and Conversation for Caregivers. This supportive gathering, hosted by Marie, a Hospice employee, offers caregivers a chance to share experiences, find comfort, and connect with others who understand the challenges of caregiving.



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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Upcoming Special Events

Sep
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CARES Medical ID Bracelet

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM



We're excited to welcome back the CARES Medical ID Bracelet program, where 'Community Awareness Returns Everyone Safely.'

In collaboration with Alzheimer's and Dementia Services of Northern Indiana, we're hosting a special event at Owls Club. Open to all Owls Club members, this program offers a chance to acquire a CARES Bracelet at just \$20, covering the cost of the bracelet and setup.

These personalized bracelets, crafted on the spot, ensure the safety and well-being of our community members. To secure your bracelet and appointment, contact Maggie O at maggie@owlsclub.org.

Oct
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Brunch & Learn: The Power of Compassionate Care

10:00 AM - 11:30 PM



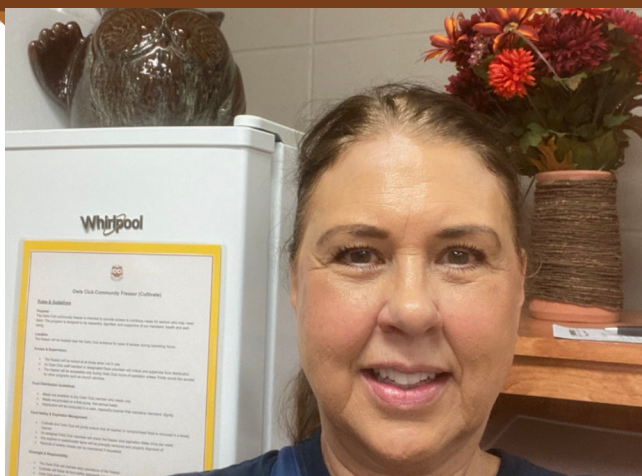
Join us for a special Brunch & Learn with the Center for Hospice Care, a valued OWLS Club partner, featuring CEO John Mastrojohn III and an insightful presentation on The Power of Compassionate Care.

John will take us from a global perspective on palliative and end-of-life care to what care looks like nationally and right here in Elkhart County, exploring how where we live can influence the care we receive during life's final chapter.

We'll also address common myths about hospice, differences among hospice providers, your right to choose a provider, and the practical questions you should ask when making that important decision.

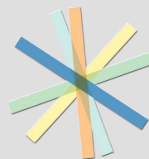
Learn more about Center for Hospice Care's nonprofit mission, including opportunities to volunteer and make a difference for others. Enjoy a beautiful brunch while you learn, followed by plenty of time to ask John your questions.

Hootie Spotted! Congrats **Brenda Harrington**



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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