



OASC News and Notes



The OASC is a welcoming gathering place offering educational, recreational, social, and wellness opportunities that support and enrich seniors.



Notes From President Ginni Hicks

As October approaches, we hear many comments: "Why is it so cold?"; "I love the cooler, crisper air!"; "It gets dark too early!"; "Ahhhh, no humidity!" As summer ends and fall begins, everyone has their own opinions. And like the weather, there are probably 1,000 different answers to the question, what is the OASC? Well, I think that depends on who you ask! Each of us has our own idea of what makes the Center special to us.

Is it playing cards and sharing a good laugh? Is it moving and stretching in an exercise class? Is it meeting someone new, sharing a meal, and connecting through conversation? Perhaps it is going to a concert, taking a boat trip, or cheering at a DockHounds game? Could it be a speaker, a craft, a Bunco game, a dance, or learning Espanol? Perhaps it is simply knowing when you walk through the front door of the OASC, someone is there waiting to see you and happy that you are joining in.

You might be a new member, or considering becoming a member, or you might be Kitty and be the longest standing member. Whoever you are, I believe it is safe to say that for most of us, the OASC is all about the people we meet. Yes! We are so happy you are here

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AARP Tax-Aide Questions & Answers Tuesday, October 20 2 pm

Do you have some tax questions as we get closer to the end of 2026? Do I have to file a tax return? Will I be eligible for a Homestead Credit? Do I have to make estimated payments? And more!

So many questions! Tax counselors from AARP Tax-Aide will seek to answer some general questions on Federal and Wisconsin taxes. They are not tax advisors but can help answer many of your questions. All are welcome to attend, AARP member or not. You can attend even if you did not have your taxes done with AARP Tax-Aide in previous years.

Presented by Mark Thompson, Tax-Aide Site Coordinator.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer

It's OASC Membership Time! Still a Bargain at \$25/Year Plus

A Chance at Winning a Prize Basket



Join or Renew Your Membership

By joining or renewing your membership before the end of the year, you become eligible to be entered into a membership drawing. There will be a gift basket awarded to two winners - one for renewing membership and one for new membership.

Prizes will be awarded at the January luncheon. Don't delay, stop in, join or renew today! Spread the word to family and friends, as well as potential new members.

Note: Winners need not be present at the luncheon to win.



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By Steve Hanneman

MEETING: Monday, October 19, 10 am - OASC, Room 2

PROGRAM:

This month we will discuss the Focus on Energy – Wisconsin, an organization that is working to help eliminate energy waste in Wisconsin.

Installing cost-effective energy efficiency products and supporting renewable energy projects creates jobs, upgrading local infrastructures, and improves the environment. Dozens of utilities participate in the programs that Focus on Energy provides to consumers. Oconomowoc Utilities and WE Energies are just two of the local participating utilities.

We will discover the tools, tips, and resources to make energy efficiency projects a success for a customer or a contractor.

BUSINESS MEETING:

We also will discuss the officer election held at our November meeting.

The local dues for Oconomowoc Area AARP chapter 978 are just \$5 a year. Why not join now and share the excitement of shaping the years ahead!



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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for ads and articles for the November 2026
OASC News and Notes is October 10.



Monthly Luncheon Monday, October 5 Noon Lunch

The monthly luncheon will be held on Monday, October 5. The menu will be garden salad with French and ranch dressings, chicken divan, rice, and dinner rolls. Desserts will be donated by members.

Back by popular demand! Join us in welcoming back one of our absolute favorites, Downtown Harrison! Known for his incredible stamina and massive vocal range, he's ready to rock the stage. Come enjoy the hits of your favorite artists, featuring unforgettable impressions of Tina Turner, Elvis, Neil Diamond, Johnny Cash, and many more!

Reservations are due by noon on **Wednesday, September 30**. A maximum of 144 reservations is accepted and a wait list will be generated for all reservations beyond 144. You must cancel reservations by noon on **Wednesday, September 30**, to avoid paying for the lunch.



The luncheon cost is \$14 for members and \$19 for non-members. If payment is by check, please write it out prior to the luncheon to help eliminate crowding at the check-in table. Credit cards are also accepted; a 3% convenience fee will be added if paying by credit card.

Arrive early to avoid a long check-in line. You can renew your membership for 2027, sign up for the November luncheon and purchase both travel and 50/50 raffle tickets plus gift cards. In addition, a nurse will be available to check your blood pressure before lunch.



Chair Tai Chi & Qigong Mondays October 12, 19, & 26 11:15 am

This class will focus on deep breathing, upper body stretching, mind exercises, and flow of chi to improve health and internal balance while sitting on a chair.

Dr. Tai Yong Cao will be leading this class on Mondays, **except on monthly luncheon days**.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.

September Luncheon



Food & Nutrition Let's Talk Chocolates & Sweets! Friday, October 23 1:30 pm



Join Orson Fournillier from Sweet P's Pantry for a fun behind the scenes look at chocolates and candy; how it's made, why it tastes so good, and how it turns into the perfect gift.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.



Tai Chi For Advanced Beginners Fridays October 2, 16, & 30 10 am

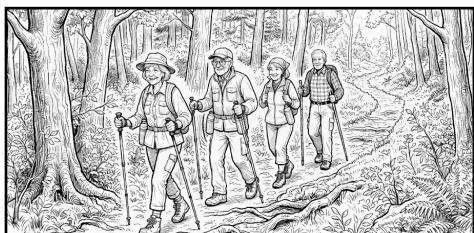
This class is for those who have been in Tai Chi for more than 3 months who want to improve memory, body coordination, and have a better understanding of Tai Chi by learning Tai Chi routines.

Dr. Tai Yong Cao will be facilitating this class.

You may call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.



OASC Hiking Club
Retzer Nature Center
10/10 - 10 am & 10/15 - 4 pm
Naga-Waukeee Park
10/24 - 10 am & 10/29 - 4 pm



Join us this month as the OASC Hiking Club explores the trails at the Retzer Nature Center and at Naga-Waukeee County Park. Each hike is around 2 miles. Parking is free at both locations.

Stop by the office to sign-up and pick up maps and directions.

Wear appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle. Hikes will be cancelled in the event of rain. We'll do our best to contact you if you've signed up.

You may call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.



Winners Drawn
at the
September Luncheon

Sue Vercauteren - a free luncheon in October.

Jim Williams - a free luncheon in October for bringing guests.

Peggy Burow - \$54 in the 50/50 raffle drawing.

Carolyn Gordy - \$54 in the 50/50 raffle drawing.

Barb Howland - \$53 in the 50/50 raffle drawing.

Mary Adrian - a \$29 gift certificate in the Travelin' Troupe raffle.

Bill Remm - a \$29 gift certificate in the Travelin' Troupe raffle.

Linda Disbrow - a \$28 gift certificate in the Travelin' Troupe raffle.

Judy Smith - a \$25 gift certificate from the Travelin' Troupe August newsletter drawing.

Evie Eckart and Doug Gunderson - each a \$50 Travelin' Troupe gift certificate by an anonymous donor from the luncheon drawing.



Basket Weaving Class
Mini Manger
Thursday, October 15 & 22
9 am ~ Cost \$18

Get a head start on the holiday season with this manger scene. The pattern is by Karen Lowe but inspired by OASC's own, the late Joni Briski. The sample will be on display at the Center.

Facilitator for this class will be Jane Imrie.

Supplies needed are an old towel, scissors, small screw driver, and an old bucket or dishpan for soaking the reeds.

Sign up and pay the \$18 fee with the Desk Volunteer or call 262.567.4288 with any questions. **No refunds after October 8. No exceptions.**

International Dance
Fridays, October 2, 16, & 30
11:30 am



Dance around the world! - all from the safety of the OASC. Join us as we explore folk dance traditions and rhythms across Europe, South America, and Asia with easy circle and line dances.

No experience necessary - we teach each dance anew. No partner necessary! Keep your mind and body active while having fun, meeting new people, and learning to dance.

Coming up: dances from Sweden, Serbia, Bolivia, Ireland, and Indonesia.

You may call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.

Seams & Hems by Suzy
Thursday, October 1
10 am - 12 pm



This is a free, member-only service offered by OASC member Suzy Rather! You may drop off a clothing item needing minor altering (hemming or repair of a seam). **Please limit to three items.**

See her on Thursday for "measuring and marking" and you will be given a call in 2 - 3 weeks when ready for pick up.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288.



Movie & Lunch
Friday, October 9
Arrive 11:15 am

Coat of Many Colors

Discover the magic and warmth of Dolly Parton's *Coat of Many Colors*, inspired by her poignant childhood in 1955 Tennessee. Follow nine-year-old Dolly and her family as they navigate hardship and tragedy, discovering along the way the healing power of faith, love, and family.

Cast: Alyvia Alyn Lind, Jennifer Nettles, Ricky Schroder

Genre: Biography, Drama, Family, Musical

1 Hour 21 Minutes, TV-G

Note: Lunch begins at 11:15 am with the movie starting at 11:30 am. **A \$10 fee** includes a Cousins sub sandwich or salad, bag of chips, and beverage.

*** There is an attendance limit of 24 for the showing of each movie. Reservations are necessary by noon the day previous to the movie date.**

Travelin' Troupe Entry Form

Chance to Win a \$25 Travel Gift Certificate

Entry Deadline: Friday, October 30

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Email (optional) _____

Drop off the entry form at the Center's volunteer desk or mail to OASC Travelin' Troupe, 210 S. Main Street, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.

One winner will be drawn at the **November 2** luncheon, but you do not need to be present to win. Only **one** entry per person; multiple entries will be **disqualified**.

ADRC Presentation
Maximize Your Medicare Benefits!
Tuesday, October 27
1:30 pm

Learn more about your Medicare Options! This presentation will provide an overview of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D as well as supplemental insurance and an explanation of how they all fit together. The program will also include information about Medicare's upcoming annual open enrollment period (October 15 - December 7).

Join Jackie Smith, a Medicare SHIP Counselor and Elder Benefit Specialist with Waukesha County ADRC. You'll receive unbiased answers to your questions. There is no connection to an insurance agency, nor is personal information collected.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.



Meet & Greet
Friday, October 16
10 am

Welcome to the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center! Whether you are a new member, returning member, or thinking about joining, we hope to see you there! You will learn about the many activities we offer and have an opportunity to talk to some of our current Board members. They'll be happy to answer any questions.

Please stop in the office to sign up or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 to let us know you'll be attending.

Book Club
Wednesday, October 7
10:30 am



The next meeting of the OASC Book Club will be held at the Center for discussion of the book *The Paris Architect*, a 2013 novel by Charles Belfoure.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month. Carol Gonzales facilitates the discussion.

The book for November will be *The Extra Woman* by Joanna Scutts.

You may call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.



Thanks to the Following Members for the September Luncheon Desserts!

Mary Adrian
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Mary Katzner
Pat Kutschenreuter
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Linda Miller
Mary Naylor
Celinda Newton
Linda Remm
Diane Roth
Annie Schmidt
Ardy Senfleben
Judy Smith
Sue Travis
Cindy Wittnebel

Conversational Spanish Thursdays in October 2 pm



Join Ginger Paque and other Spanish *aficionados* to chat about our interests, hobbies, travel, family . . . not a class, no homework! It's all about communicating in Spanish. We all make mistakes but we just laugh and keep trying!

Call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.

Craft Class Autumn Art Picture Tuesday, October 13 1 pm



Join us for a fun, creative class where you'll create a colorful nature scene using leaves, sticks, flowers, and other items from nature.

We will take a picture of your finished creation which can be used for cards, computer screen, or just to share with others.

Juli Garten will be facilitating this class.

Sign up and pay the \$5 fee with the Desk Volunteer or call 262.567.4288 with any questions.

Beginner Spanish Wednesdays in October 1:30 pm

This weekly class focuses on learning practical Latin American Spanish. Our goal is to have fun while learning to read and speak. All levels of students are welcome. We teach something new each week. We supplement our textbook with stories, songs, games, jokes, scripts, and scenario-based improv. If you've ever wanted to learn another language or brush up on your high-school Spanish, this is the place.

You may call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.



Golf Thursdays, October 1 & 15 9 am



Come join us at Paganica Golf Course for the final month of the golf season! Enjoy a beautiful morning outdoors, get in a few more rounds, and make the most of the season before the weather changes.

If interested, contact Dean at 319.269.3245.

Five Crowns ~ **New Day Added** Tuesdays, October 6 & 20-9:30 am Saturdays in October-1 pm

Now you can join us for this popular rummy-style card game featuring five suits and rotating wild cards every Saturday, as well as the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month

You may call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 with any questions.



Topic of the Month Antique Road Show with John Barnes, Sr. Monday, October 19 1 pm

Let's look in our jewelry box or curio cabinet and bring an item to this presentation by John Barnes, Sr., a Certified Gemologist and Appraiser. Due to time allowed and equipment, he will only offer a verbal appraisal and evaluation.

Your item could be a coin, watch, antique or vintage jewelry, metal toy or glassware. **Please limit to one item.**

It's always interesting to see if our grandparents' treasures are really a treasure or just fond memories!

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288.



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Thank You to our Anonymous Donors

We appreciate all donations large and small. Donations to the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center are tax deductible as allowed by law. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and depend on the generous donations of our members and supporters.

**Mini-Adventure
to Cool Joyce Studio
Tuesdays, November 10 & 17
10 am**

**Cost \$30 for 7" Plate
\$40 for 8 1/4" Plate**



Greet Santa with a beautiful, one of a kind, cookie plate!

In the first class we will roll out and decorate our plates with seasonal stamps. After the plates have been fired in the kiln, we will glaze during the second class with a variety of vibrant colors.

Class size is limited so hurry, choose the plate size you'd like, and sign up before it's too late.

Sign up and pay before November 3 with the Desk Volunteer or call 262.567.4288 with any questions.

No refunds after November 3.

OASC Annual Summer Raffle Winners



Thank you to everyone for your support by participating in our summer raffle, buyers and sellers alike! The proceeds help to cover costs of programming and activities at the Center.

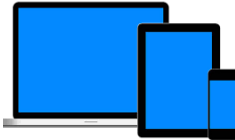
Congratulations to the winners!

Kelly Bukowsky - \$500

Peggy Burow - \$250

Kitty Postulart - \$100

Joe Rusateri - \$100



**Tech with Kate
Wednesday, October 14
9 am - 12 pm**

Receive specialized tips and troubleshooting on your device! Bring your phone, tablet, e-reader, or other device and all of your questions for a one-on-one session to answer your tech questions.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288 to schedule your 30-minute appointment with Kate.

**Health & Wellness
Living Well with Changing Vision
Thursday, October 15
2:30 pm**



More than 60,000 people in Southeastern Wisconsin have vision loss that cannot be corrected. We want you and your loved ones to know that you are not alone.

Learn about common eye disease's including macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and cataracts. See firsthand demonstrations of tools for cooking, reading, recreation, and staying organized that can help you continue to live as independent as possible.

Join Veronica Davis-Quiroz, Outreach Specialist with Vision Forward for this educational presentation for living well with changing vision.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288.



OASC Fundraiser Gift Cards

Treat yourself, or purchase one for someone special. Purchasing gift cards from the Center helps raise money that can be used for our Center's expenses. Please purchase them at the volunteer desk. Cash, check payable to OASC, or credit cards accepted. There will be a 3% convenience fee on credit card purchases. Please note we can fulfill special orders from many vendors not mentioned below. Call Lyle Phillips at the Center 262.567.4288 for a list of all available gift cards. Pre-orders are appreciated.

VENDOR	Denominations	OASC %	VENDOR	Denominations	OASC %
Ace Hardware	\$25	6%	Marcus Theatres	\$25	8%
Amazon	\$25	1.5%	Marshalls/TJ Maxx/ Home Goods	\$25	6%
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%	McDonald's	\$10	3%
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	8%	Meijer	\$25, \$50	3%
Burger King	\$10	7%	Menard's	\$25	3%
Chili's	\$25	10%	Noodles & Co.	\$10	8%
Chipotle	\$10, \$25	9%	Olive Garden	\$25	8%
Cousins	\$25	9%	Panera	\$10, \$25	8%
Dairy Queen	\$10	6.5%	Papa Murphy's	\$10	8%
Domino's	\$10	8%	Piggly Wiggly	\$25, \$50, \$100	3%
Dunkin Donuts	\$10	3.5%	Pizza Hut	\$10	6%
Fleet Farm	\$25	3.5%	Sendik's	\$25, \$50, \$100	4%
Great Harvest Bread	\$10, \$25	6%	Starbucks	\$10	4.5%
Jersey Mike's	\$25	6%	Subway	\$10	6%
Kohl's	\$25, \$100	7%	Taco Bell	\$10	5%
Kroger Co. Stores	\$25, \$50, \$100	4%	Target	\$25	2.5%
KWIK TRIP OFFERS			Visa	\$50, \$100	1.25%
Kwik Trip General	From \$25 - \$100	4%	Walgreens	\$25	5%
Kwik Trip Car Wash	\$40 for 5 washes	44%	Walmart	\$25, \$50	2.5%
Kwik Trip Fuel Only	From \$25 - \$100	4%	Wendy's	\$10	6%
Kwik Trip Grocery Only	From \$25 - \$100	10%	(Special orders only)		

Ink/Toner Cartridge Recycling



We receive \$2 back per recycled cartridge through Office Depot's Reward Program. Office Depot will accept any brands from any stores. All monies earned will be used to purchase office supplies for the Center.

You may drop off your cartridges with the Desk Volunteer. Thanks for helping to protect our environment by keeping cartridges out of landfills!

Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Washes 5 Washes on One Card for Only \$40



Support the OASC by purchasing your Kwik Trip car wash cards from us. Keep your car looking its best with this great car wash deal valued at \$50 and able to be used at any Kwik Trip location! Stop in the office and pick one up today for you or someone you know! Tell your friends and neighbors.



Travelin' Troupe



Celebration Belle
Dubuque, Iowa to Savanna, Illinois
5 Hour - Fall Color Trip
 Friday, October 9, 2026
 Price: \$125
 Wait List

Christmas in the Dells
 Wisconsin Dells
 Wednesday, November 18, 2026
 Price: \$109
 Wait List

Garth Brooks Tribute & Holiday Show
 Port Washington
 Saturday, December 5, 2026
 Price: \$114
 Space Available

MSO Holiday Pops Concert
 Milwaukee
 Sunday, December 13, 2026
 \$135
 Wait List

MSO Holiday Pops Concert
 Milwaukee
 Sunday, December 20, 2026
 \$134
 Space Available



**Elvis
& the
Memphis Rockers**



See registration forms for more details and to sign up. Registration forms for all of our trips are available at OASC or at www.OconomowocSeniors.org.



Community Calendar



- **Senior Meal Gathering** - Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, Oconomowoc Area Senior Center, 210 S Main Street. Registration required - limited seating. Donations are welcome. Call 262.567.4288 for more information.
- **Senior Resource Fair** - Friday, October 2, 9 am-12 pm. Free admission to explore local senior services and resources. Oconomowoc Community Center, 220 West Wisconsin Avenue.
- **Blessing in a Backpack Food Drive** - runs through October 12, food items can be dropped off at Bank Five Nine, 155 W. Wisconsin Ave. Suggested items; individual meat sticks, ready to eat pasta with pop top lid (7 oz. containers), applesauce cups or pouches, individual cereal bowls or breakfast bars. Please contact Rebecca Seymour at rebeccaseymour@theoaf.org with any questions.
- **Woman's Club Style Show** - Wednesday, October 14, 5 pm. Gather your friends, plan your night out, and get ready to sip, sparkle, shop, and celebrate for a great cause! The Valerie, 1281 Blue Ribbon Dr., Suite 200. More information at www.oconomowocwomensclub.
- **Fish Fry** - Friday, October 16, 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Jerome Parish Cafeteria, 1001 S. Silver Lake Street. Sponsored by Oconomowoc Knights of Columbus. AYCE serviced buffet with baked and fried cod. Adults \$15; Ages 4-11 \$5; Under 4 free. Carry-outs are also \$15. Call ahead, 262.569.3032 or stop in.
- **Halloween Parade & Trick-or-Treat** - October 31. Business trick-or-treating runs from 2-4 pm, the Oconomowoc Lions Club Halloween Parade starts at 4 pm downtown, and residential trick-or-treating is from 6-8 pm.

Save the Date

- November 7 Craft Fair
- November 9 American Legion
- November 10 Craft Class - Kindness Rock
- November 10 Mini-Adventure - Cool Joyce
- November 13 Food & Nutrition - Cookie Jar Gift
- November 16 Topic of the Month - Art Therapy
- November 19 Hlth. & Wellness - Healthy Living
- November 26 Closed - Thanksgiving

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and we, too, are happy to be here. There is lots to do and see while at the same time creating a new experience and making a new friend or two. In essence we can choose to help ourselves stay young in mind, body, spirit, and heart through learning something new, laughing together, sharing camaraderie, and being connected.

And that brings us to the beginning of our 2027 Membership Campaign. Whether you join or re-new between October 1 and December 31, your annual membership will run through December 31, 2027. Your name will be entered into a drawing to win a basket of goodies—one for new members and one for those renewing. Now is indeed the time to join the OASC!

Being a member of OASC, however, means more than taking part in an activity or renewing your membership each year. It means being part of the organization, having a voice, and helping shape its future.

On November 2, OASC members have the privilege and responsibility to elect five Board of Directors to a 3-year term. Please check pages 12-16 of this *News & Notes* to read information on the absentee/early voting process, voting procedures, and the candidates who will also be introduced at the October 5 luncheon. Be sure to attend this event, meet the candidates, and take the opportunity to ask questions or share your thoughts. Thank you to the six candidates for accepting the challenge of running and to you, the members, for taking the time to get to know the individuals.

As we move into the last quarter of 2026 and begin looking to the future, we as an organization need to take 'stock'. How are we doing? What programs/activities work best? What would you like to see added or removed? Do we need to change some things around--morning to afternoon, week-day to weekend, or into the night? Want to talk about it? Come on in, grab something to drink, have a conversation, join an activity, say hello to someone new and keep making the OASC, the OASC!

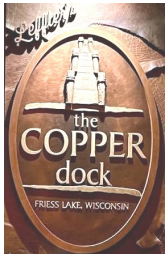
Happy October, Ginni



Pop-Up Fall Walk
Mondays in October
7:30 am



Join Ginni at the Center for a 30-minute outdoor walk and kick off your week with fresh air, movement, and connections.



Dinner Club
The Copper Dock
Wednesday, October 21
Socializing ~ 4 pm
Dinner ~ 5 pm

The October Dinner Club outing will be at The Copper Dock, 1474 Friess Lake Drive, Hubertus 53033. Please plan to join us.

We will meet at the restaurant at 4 pm for cocktails and socializing. Transportation will not be provided. There are five dinner options to choose from and you will need to make your selection when you sign up. Your options will be available with the sign-up sheet in the office. Price includes tax and tip.

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288. **Must reserve or cancel by Wednesday, October 14. No refunds after the 14th.**

Breakfast Club
Friday, October 16
8 am



Join the monthly breakfast group on the third Friday at Café LaBelle for breakfast and socializing with other OASC members. An order-off-the-menu event, you will pay directly at the restaurant.

Call 262.567.4288 or sign up at the office to help reach an accurate count for the reservation.



Chair Yoga
Friday, October 2, 16, & 30
2 pm

Join Dianne Thayer for guided chair yoga to improve muscle tone, strength, and balance while seated.

Chair yoga is perfect for all fitness levels, with gentle movements designed to enhance flexibility, reduce stress, and promote overall well-being. A wonderful way to practice yoga!

Sign up in the office or call the Desk Volunteer at 262.567.4288.

Welcome
New Members

Bea Anderson
 Mike Boldt
 Corey Boulton
 Bobby Burleson
 Karin Burleson
 Steve Burleson
 Donald Crawford
 Judy Dobson
 Rick Dobson
 Kristy Goggio
 Joan Heuer
 Fred Hielsberg
 Rico Kane

Kate Linscott
 James Meyerhofer
 Sigrid Miller
 Audrey Murray
 Diane Nuesslein
 Gail Oehke
 Rick Oehlke
 Mary Petersen
 Bill Sankey
 Kathy VanHimbergen
 Kathleen Weik
 Catherine Wentz
 George Wentz

Great Courses
The Joy of Mediterranean Cooking
Thursdays, October 8-November 12
3:30 - 5:30 pm



We will travel to the Mediterranean with our favorite Chef Bill Briwa in this Gourmet Cooking class.

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Notice of Annual Meeting
November 2, 11 am
Oconomowoc Area Senior Center

The Annual Meeting of the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center will be held at 11 am on November 2, 2026. It will be held at the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center, 210 S. Main Street, Oconomowoc, WI in the Clubhouse on the second floor.

All OASC regular active members, Life members, Founders' Life members, and Honorary Life members of OASC are eligible voters. Whether voting absentee or in person, a current OASC membership card or other acceptable ID will be needed in order to receive a ballot and vote.

Five members to the Board of Directors will be elected for 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2027. Other business may be conducted at this meeting.

Methods of Voting

Voting at the Annual Meeting

- Eligible voters may cast their ballots at the Annual Meeting.
- Deadline for establishing membership status is noon on Friday, October 30, 2026.

Absentee Voting in Person

- Absentee voting may be done in person Monday through Friday at the OASC office between 10 am and 2 pm from October 20, 2026, through October 30, 2026.

Absentee Voting By U.S. Mail

- An absentee ballot may be requested by calling the OASC office at 262.567.4288.
- An absentee ballot along with two envelopes and instructions on how to return the ballot to the OASC office will be mailed to you.
- All absentee ballots must be in the OASC office by 2 pm on October 30, 2026.

Candidate Information

The Nominations and Elections Committee asked each Board of Director candidate to submit a few paragraphs totaling 250 words or less explaining why he/she is a candidate. Suggested topics were:

- (1) How long you've been a member.
- (2) What you like best about the Center.
- (3) What your activities and involvement at the Center have been.
- (4) What should be some long-range goals of the Center.
- (5) Why you think you'd be a good member of the Board and anything else you'd like the voters to know.

The responses of the candidates are printed on pages 14 - 16 of the October issue of the 2026 *News & Notes*.

The order of names on the ballot was determined by a public random drawing.



Nancy Brickner

I would say we've come a long way from the out-dated ideas of what a senior center might have looked like to our parents and grandparents. Our Oconomowoc Area Senior Center is leading the way in helping so many seniors stay active, engaged, and entertained in this well-earned chapter of life. And, in turn, a chance at staying happy and healthy in the process.

Ten years ago, as a new retiree, I was seeking to get involved in a new adventure. I came to the OASC as a desk volunteer before even becoming a member. Now having served three terms on the Board, I have had the pleasure of watching the Center grow, change, and thrive throughout the years. I've had the opportunity to serve on a variety of committees, along with spending nearly five years as Editor of our monthly newsletter. Being a part of this uniquely independent non-profit organization has been fulfilling for me.

I am interested in seeing where this next year may take us as we continue to grow our membership, yet outgrow our current space. Together we have proven our ability to provide seniors with activities that offer joy and purpose every day. In order to continue our mission, I'm hopeful our community leaders and others are listening and willing to help us find a solution to our need for a larger facility. I look forward to being a part of what our future Center may look like next.



Anne Schmidt

I am Anne Schmidt and am currently a board of director. I am running for another 3 year term. After having been on the board for the past 3 years and chairing various committees I have come to meet many of our members. The center is a wonderful place and I would like to keep it that way by being elected again and working on committees to ensure that and even make it better.

My experience on the Board of Directors, By-Law and Policy, Fundraising, Marketing, Membership and Activities committees has all been wonderful. Meeting the goals of the Center and developing friendships has been the most rewarding. Knowing I had a hand in that is worthwhile. Working with good people makes this fun, not a job.

Our Seniors deserve a place to go to keep active both physically and mentally. A place to learn how to stay healthy. A place to laugh and sometimes cry with friends. A little support goes a long way and I am happy to do that.

I would love to continue being on the board and all the other committees. Would like to participate in growing our center and ensuring a place for our current seniors to come to have fun and feel safe and wanted not only now but also for future seniors.

**June Anderson**

Originally my intention was to socialize a little bit and play card games, particularly cribbage and sheepshead. I have done that...and a lot more. My background is in office work and I quickly noticed the volunteer desk could use more volunteers to answer the phone. I volunteered and my involvement has grown each of the 10 years I have been a member.

I do enjoy everything the Center has to offer, and participate in many of the activities. I have been a facilitator at OASC and oftentimes a participant going with the Travelin' Troupe on day trips and week-long adventures. The great presentations cover topics of particular interest to those of us in their "golden years". I come to have fun and to support our organization by volunteering to chair our Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, work on committees and other fundraisers and I am currently the treasurer.

As one of the officers of the Board of Directors I am hopeful we will soon be able to relocate to a larger space that can accommodate all that our wonderful senior center has to offer. Because we have listened to our members' wants and needs, we have continued to grow and provide the go-to-place seniors in the surrounding area have come to join and enjoy! In November I would appreciate being considered a candidate for re-election so I could contribute to the continued success of the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center

**Carol Malaney**

I am Carol Malaney and I have been a member of the OASC for over seven years.

Currently, I enjoy bunco, cribbage, farkle and sequence. I also attend the monthly luncheon and some of the numerous presentations at the Center. I am an avid reader and the book club provides me with a great mix of social connection and intellectual growth. I also facilitate the bags/cornhole team by reaching out and scheduling events with Shorehaven.

I am a retired Occupational Therapist and this background has given me the skills to facilitate a weekly exercise group that is coming up on a five year anniversary. I am an active participant in the intergenerational activities with students from Oconomowoc High School doing baking, playing games, interviewing them and most importantly listening to their ideas and goals for the future.

I have co-chaired the Pancake breakfast for the past two years, and currently I am a member of the strategic planning committee and the activities sub-committee working to plan for the future of the Center.

To me the most important part of the OASC is the relationships that I have made with many wonderful individuals. Most weeks I am at the Center six days, either as a facilitator, participant, or member of a committee. I know I have the qualifications to be an asset to the Board of Directors by expressing my thoughts, ideas, concerns, and to the members of the OASC by listening to them and representing them to the Board.



Peggy Burow

I have been a member of the Oconomowoc Area Senior Center since 2014.

I feel the Center is important to the well-being of all older adults. It provides a place to go when lonely or bored. It is a place to meet and get to know so many wonderful people that have become great friends who have enriched my life. As they say "it's the people". There are so many opportunities to volunteer or join in the activities to stay active and well.

In the past three years on the Board, I have seen how vital the Center is to the wellbeing of seniors. We do some amazing things with the space we have. We could do so much more. It is exciting to think about what the future at OASC could look like. I would very much like to continue to work on the future of the Center.



Thomas Speaker

My motto is "Always be humble and kind."

I want to join the OASC Board of Directors because I believe I can help our Center meet our members' needs and wants. While I am known for holding strong opinions, I was a clinical social worker for 43 years, before retiring in 2023. I know how to listen to people as well.

I served on the Planning Committee, so I know the Center's future direction and goals, with a new building as the #1 priority. I believe I can help make that happen as a member of the Board (although I don't have \$10,000,000).

In conclusion, come play Sorry on Friday mornings at 10 am. We have space for 8 more players.



**OCONOMOWOC AREA SENIOR CENTER – OFFICIAL BALLOT****OASC Board of Directors**

Three-Year Terms Starting January 1, 2027

Monday, November 2, 2026 - Election

Please vote for no more than five (5) members.

(You may vote for 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 members.)

_____ Nancy Brickner

_____ Anne Schmidt

_____ June Anderson

_____ Carol Malaney

_____ Peggy Burow

_____ Thomas Speaker

Five members receiving the highest number of votes will serve 3-year terms.

NOTE: The order of the candidates in this newsletter and on the ballot was determined by a public random drawing. In order to be objective and fair, the candidate information is printed as received. Candidates are not expected to know or conform to the punctuation and grammar style that have been established for the newsletter by the editor and proofreaders.

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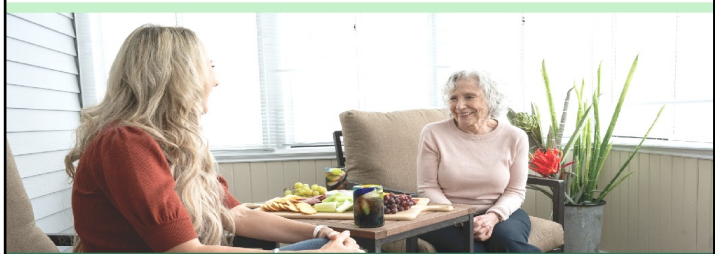
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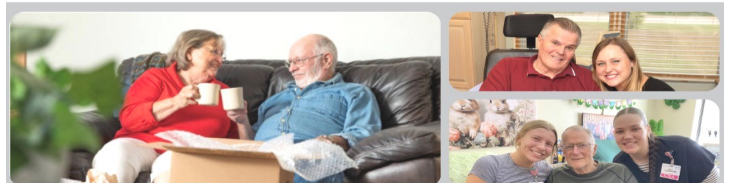
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Bunco - Tuesdays, 12:30 pm. Fun dice game.
Chess - Fridays, 1 pm.
Cribbage - Tuesdays, 10 am.
Dartball - Tuesdays, 9:30 am.
Euchre - Tuesdays, 2:15 pm.
Farkle/10,000 - Thursdays, 10:30 am. Fun dice game.
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Sequence - Sundays, 1 pm.
Sheepshead - Mondays, 9 am & Wednesdays, 11:30 am.
Sorry! Board Game - Fridays, 10 am.
UNO - 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays, 10 am.

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Breakfast Club - 3rd Friday, 8 am, Café LaBelle at Shorehaven. **Registration is required.**
Dinner Club - 3rd Wednesday, 4 pm. **Registration is required.**
Golf - Days vary. **Registration is required.**
Hiking Club - Thursdays & Saturdays. Days vary.
Luncheon - 1st Monday of month at 12 Noon. **Registration is required.**
Mini-Adventures - Some months throughout the year. **Registration is required.**
Movie & Lunch - 2nd Friday, 11:15 am. Current movie with lunch for \$10. **Registration is required.**
Music Makers - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1 pm.

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Outdoor Pickleball - Wednesdays, 9 am, Westover Park. **Registration is required.**
Spanish - Beginner - Wednesdays, 1:30 pm.
Spanish Conversation - Thursdays, 2 pm. Days vary.
Walking Club - Wednesdays only during the summer, 8:30 am, upstairs in the Clubhouse.

CLASSES

Basket Weaving - Some months throughout the year. Learn how to make a basket. There is a charge for the materials. **Registration is required.**
Card Making - 1st Tuesday, 1:00 pm. \$6 fee per class. **Registration is required.**
Chair Yoga - Fridays, 2 pm. Days vary.
Craft Class - 2nd Tuesday, 1 pm. There may be a fee. **Registration is required.**
International Dance - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays, 11:30 am.
Knitting/Crocheting - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays, 1 pm. Relax, socialize, and learn the craft.
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Advanced Beginner class - Thursdays, 12:30 pm, \$2 fee per class for members.
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Low-Impact Exercise - Wednesdays, 9:15 am.
Pop-Up Walk - Mondays, 7:30 am.
Stretch Class - 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays, 9:30 am.
Tai Chi & Qigong - Tuesdays, 10:30 am.
Advanced Beginner - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays, 10 am.
Chair Tai Chi - Mondays, 11:15 am. Except on monthly luncheon days.
Tech With Kate - Wednesdays, 9 - 12 pm. Days vary. **Registration is required.**
Woodcarving - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 9 am. Bring your tools.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are a current member of the OASC, you can attend most activities free! **Non-members are charged \$5 to attend.**

For more information please call the Senior Center at 262.567.4288.

OASC Membership Dues
\$25/Calendar Year

OASC CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2026

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
210 S. Main St. Oconomowoc, WI 53066 Office Hours: M-F 9 am - 4 pm 262.567.4288 *Reservations Needed			1 9 am Activities Mtg. 9 am Golf* 9 am Ping-Pong 10 am Seams & Hems* 10 am UNO 11:15 am Beg. Ping-Pong 12:30 pm Line Dancing 12:45 pm Bridge 1 pm Knit & Crochet 1 pm Mah-jongg 1:15 pm Line Dancing - Beg. 2 pm Spanish Conversation	2 9 am Luncheon Cmte. Mtg. 9 am Poker 9 am Pool 9 am Senior Resource Fair 9:30 am Stretch Class 10 am Sorry! Board Game 10 am Tai Chi-Advanced Beg. 11:30 am International Dance 12:45 pm Beg. Line Dancing* 1 pm Bingo (Members Only) 1 pm Chess 2 pm Chair Yoga* 7 pm OAC - Mutt's Gone Nuts*	3 1 pm Five Crowns
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