



OWLS IS A "MEMBERSHIP ONLY" CLUB

OWLS POLICIES *November 2021*

1. First time visitors may come ONCE as a guest in order to determine whether they want to join the OWLS. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE TO ALL MEETINGS & EVENTS.
2. Annual dues are \$15.00 plus \$10.00 for a required badge. Badges may be worn at all events, especially monthly meetings, but *badges are required on all bus trips*. Ensuing years, the dues are \$15.00 each year. All dues are payable to Northdale OWLS on or around July 1st annually. This is the best investment you could possibly ever make. OWLS must be current in their dues in order to participate in monthly meetings. Lost badges may be replaced by ordering with a \$10.00 fee paid in advance.
3. Everyone who wishes to enjoy lunch at the monthly meeting is required to purchase a meal ticket at price specified for each monthly meeting in the Owls Calendar of Events. We are no longer doing pot-luck luncheons so either purchase a meal ticket, bring your own lunch or plan to eat after the meeting ends. Coffee & water are provided for everyone.
4. Tables are called each month at the monthly luncheon in an orderly fashion and no one who prepays for a meal will go hungry.
5. Payment to Northdale OWLS for trips may be made at the monthly meetings, dropped in any *OWLS Drop Box* (located in each of the Park Buildings), or mailed to 3853 Northdale Blvd., #374, Tampa, FL 33624. You may pay by cash or check. We have limited charge capability and must be pre-arranged in person with Bill Castens.
6. Your checks should have your name, address, & TELEPHONE NUMBER on it. If not imprinted, PLEASE WRITE IT IN. Also if you use a nickname different than on your check please write it in so we know you are the same person in our data base.
7. When submitting payment, please notate for which events you are paying. When possible use Payment Forms to identify the activity. You may pay at meetings, by mail, or place in any of the three OWLS Drop Boxes.
8. Advance payment for any event is your RESERVATION. If "wait listed" on any event we will call you. There is no need for you to phone contact person unless you have other questions.
9. There is a "sign up" table at the meetings with clipboards with lists of other things to do. You may sign your name & phone number to the lists if you intend to participate in any of these planned events.

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10. **Lunch Bunch** MUST be signed up for in order to give a head count to the restaurant prior to going. If you DO NOT sign up & simply show up, you may not have a seat at the table of your choice. It is important to show consideration for the restaurants & the wait staff with a correct headcount in order to have the good service that we expect. You can always cancel a day or so in advance if you find you cannot attend. These luncheons are usually Dutch treat with separate checks. Usually you provide your own transportation. Signup sheet is always at the meetings. Always examine your restaurant check before paying to determine if the tip has been added; if not then be sure to include one.
11. OWLS Socials are usually on a “Pay First, Eat First” basis. That is the fair way. If you make your payment for the social when it first appears in the calendar you will be in the first batch of people called to dinner. There are usually three tiers and no one has ever gone hungry at any tier.
12. OWLS bus/van seating policy for day trips is wherever you sit on the bus/van that day, that will be your seat for the entire trip. Please arrive 30 minutes early.
13. Seating policy for “Away” (overnight) trips is based on whomever pays first sits nearest the front of the bus if that is the location they wish to have. Exceptions are medical requests which we try to accommodate.
14. There are many trips that you may invite your Non-OWLS friends & relatives on. ALL away trips are open to everyone regardless of OWLS status. On day trips the calendar will usually indicate if you can invite a friend. If so indicated they will NOT be bumped. On other trips, when filled to capacity, the OWLS member will take precedent over a non-OWL who hopes to go. In that case we invite the Non-OWL to join us (a \$25.00 investment) & become an OWL or they will be “bumped” from the trip & receive a refund.
15. If you find it necessary to cancel your paid reservation please do so yourself by calling or emailing either the contact person, or Bill Castens. If a non-refundable ticket has been purchased we will do our best to sell it for you & send a refund. If we cannot sell it we will not be able to make the refund. *We are happy to help, but it is ultimately your responsibility to try and find a purchaser for any non-refundable tickets.*
16. O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Lively Seniors) is a completely volunteer organization. Please consider adding your name to our list of active volunteers.

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