

All the News  
that's fit to print  
and then some....  
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*Remember: Our Club  
Project Directory is in  
PortalBuzz, under  
Documents.  
You will find descriptions  
of projects and the  
project leaders contact  
information.*

30 members attended yesterday's meeting. Lunch prepared by Little Italy was BBQ pulled pork and chicken bar, good stuff. Brian Haas and Heather Burke became new members. We welcomed Georganne Merritt and David Barnett as our guests. Mick Gardner surprised us. He is visiting for a few days from Venice, FL. Info on what Mick has been up to since relocating from Tellico Village back to FL. **Page 6**

Kiwanis Member and Safety Coordinator, Bob Coleman, was our speaker. Bob conducted the Annual Youth Protection Training Guidelines. What a thorough and well-done presentation. Thank you Bob. (Hey Ken Austin, you would have been impressed.) PortalBuzz has a copy of the Training Guidelines.


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- **Phil Smith – Golf Tournament is Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. Email Phil if you know a sponsor the golf committee could contact. [Pvsmith553@gmail.com](mailto:Pvsmith553@gmail.com) Page 5**
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- **Jerry Wrubel – Mark you calendar, July 27<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Back to School Gift Cards Event at Walmart Garden Center, Lenoir City, at 4 p.m. Our club works with the school Family Resource Centers in Lenoir City and Loudon, providing retail gift cards to 50 children who are less fortunate. This assistance provides \$115.00 per child and is intended solely for the purchase of new school clothes. Malibu Boats is the corporate sponsor of this project. Members are welcome to attend.**
- **Katey Bailey – Next Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Community Church.**
- **Katey Bailey – Bio turn, and it was awesome. She is a self-made woman, always looking to advance her education. She is honest, enthusiastic, funny, and organized. If you need a volunteer, look no further. Katey is a gift.**
- **Closing and Prayer List. Page 9**



JUNE 2023– HAPPY BIRTHDAY						
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July 2023 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY						
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	<p><b>Please extend a warm Kiwanis Hello to          our New Members!</b></p> <p><b>Heather Burke and Brian Haas</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:Hburke6084@aol.com">Hburke6084@aol.com</a>  <a href="mailto:BLT.BMH@gmail.com">BLT.BMH@gmail.com</a></p>
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<b>MONTH OF MAY 2023</b>	
<b>SERVICE HOURS = 918</b>	
<b>PARTICIPATING MEMBERS = 87</b>	<b>Non-Members = 6</b>
<b>Key Club Members = 7</b>	
<b>PROJECTS/EVENTS</b>	
Amtryke	Back to School Gift Cards
Buddy Benches	C.O.P.s Citizens Observation Patrol
Good Neighbor Shoppes	Good Samaritan Center
Lions Academy, Kenya	Our Place3
Special Olympics Spring Games	STAR Riding Academy
STAY in Tellico	Tea at The Neighborhood
Tellico Working Together – Packing Pasta Meals	Veterans Assist Program
Club Administration	Club Social Media Outlets
<b>Club Sunshine Platform</b>	





## A PRODUCTIVE ROAD TRIP, INDEED.

On June 7<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis Member and Buddy Bench Project Leader, Kevin Meyer, drove to Greentree Plastics in Evansville, IN. He transported 600 pounds of plastic caps and lids for conversion into 3 Buddy Benches. Kevin patiently waited for the benches to be completed; turned around and drove back to Tellico Village the same day. Kevin made delivery of the 3 benches on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.



Bench #30 was delivered to the Tellico Village Library.  
L-R: William Meese, Strategic Planning,  
and Jim Devers, Treasurer

#31 Bench went to Cherokee Bluff, Loudon.  
Seated L-R: Loudon Commissioner's  
from District 1  
Chase Randolph, and Bill Geames.  
Standing: Lori Everette, Facility Director,  
and Kevin Meyer.



Bench #32 was delivered to Timber Ridge, Loudon.  
Seated L-R: Loudon Commissioner's from District 1  
Chase Randolph and Bill Geames. Standing: Kevin Meyer

*( Cherokee Bluff and Timber Ridge are established affordable housing developments.)*

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## OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER

will be here before you know it.

There are only 3, **YES 3**, meetings before the  
Golf Tournament.

Sign-up sheets at the meetings. We need Volunteers.

The Golf Registration Forms will be available shortly.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ANNUAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

SEPT. 2, 2023  **TOQUA GOLF COURSE**

Details to follow soon.



**Kiwanis**  
TELLICO VILLAGE  
LOUDON, TN

**So, what has our former member Mick Gardner been up to since moving back to Florida?**

**Well, he certainly has not become a couch potato! He has started an Amtryke Program in Venice, FL. through the Sertoma Club.**

## KC GETS HIS FIRST BIKE, COURTESY OF SERTOMA

Club wants to match kids with special needs with special bikes

**By Bob Mudge**  
Senior Writer



KC Curtis and dad Kevin, with Mick Gardner, left, who's heading the Sertoma Club of Venice Amtryke program, and club President Dane DeSantis.  
SUN PHOTO BY BOB MUDGE

VENICE - A 6-year-old child's first bike might not seem newsworthy, but it is when he only learned to walk a couple of years ago. And when the bike is customized to his special needs as a gift from a service club with ambitions to match more kids with bikes.

Last week, KC Curtis was the recipient of the first Amtryke therapeutic tricycle the Sertoma Club of Venice is sponsoring in a program to assist children with disabilities affecting their motor skills and strength. KC has developmental delays from a condition in his brain that doctors haven't been able to diagnose with certainty, said his father, Kevin. It may be cytomegalovirus, which is in the family of viruses that causes chickenpox, or it could be leukodystrophy, which affects the central nervous system.

Mick Gardner, who's heading up the program for Sertoma, proposed it to the club after being involved with Amtrykes in a Kiwanis Club in Tennessee before moving back to Venice. Club member Terry Redman suggested talking to Oak Park School, which serves students with disabilities, about helping identify students who would benefit from getting a bike. Assistant Principal Nicole Meo suggested two, including KC, a kindergartner.



Mitchell Dauria assembles KC's trike at Big Bam Bikes.  
SUN PHOTO BY BOB MUDGE

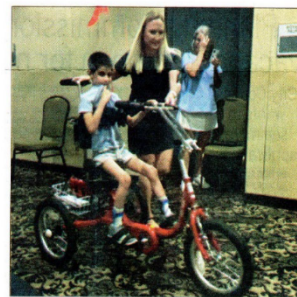
The club bought him a trike and Big Bam Bikes agreed to assemble it for free even though technician Mitchell Dauria had never put together such a specialized bike before. Gardner took the bike to the school for a fitting, and the club presented it to KC at its April 20 meeting amid a sea of cellphones recording the event. Meo and Erica Collings, KC's physical therapist from Oak Park, were there, as were Dauria and Pam Fiume from Big Bam Bikes.

Curtis said that KC has been in physical therapy "nearly his entire life." Both his mobility and strength have improved at Oak Park, as has his temperament, he said, which is evident in his behavior at home. The bike is a "fantastic tool to help him become more independent," he said. In fact, he added, KC is "wondering why I'm walking behind him now" to help him move the bike as his legs gain strength on the pedals. The next step, he said, will be for KC to learn he's responsible for steering, too.



Kevin Curtis checks on the fit of KC's helmet.

Curtis said the family couldn't be more thankful to Mick and everybody at Sertoma for making this happen. "It restores a little bit of faith in humanity," he said. Gardner wants to keep the program going as long as the club and the community are willing to support it. "More to come, folks," he said after last week's presentation. "I have enough funding for at least one more bike."



KC Curtis takes his new bike for a spin with the assistance of Erica Collings, his physical therapist at Oak Park School. At back is Pam Fiume of Big Bam Bikes, which assembled the customized tricycle for free.

More Information: The Sertoma Club of Venice Amtryke program is for people 18 and younger with disabilities. To inquire about eligibility, email Mick Gardner at [amtryke@scapy.org](mailto:amtryke@scapy.org)



***Annual District Convention is August 17-20.***

**Complete details can be found in PortalBuzz, under Documents.**

ALL INCOMING OFFICERS SHOULD MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.

Officer training courses will be available at the convention.

Remember training must be completed prior to taking over an officer position.

Of course, all members are invited to attend. It is a wonderful experience; meeting other Kiwanians, networking, sharing ideas, educational, and good food!

*Let's Get Together!*

LEXINGTON

Kentucky- Tennessee  
District Convention  
August 17-20, 2023  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Hilton Downtown

SAVE THE DATE

## 9th Annual BoatRides4Vets

Sponsored by the Tellico Village VFW Post 12135

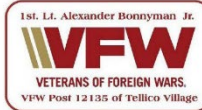
**FREE** boat rides, fishing, tubing and swimming for all veterans, military and veteran/military families on Ft. Loudon and Tellico Lakes. Spend an hour or the entire day!

**SAVE THE DATE!** **Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. 9AM-3PM**

Hosted by: *WindRiver Lakefront & Golf Community*, 350 Lighthouse Pointe Dr., Lenoir City, TN 37772 (On Rt. 321. five miles SE of the bridge.).



For additional information call 520-444-9333 or send a message to Matt Mutt Manifold [muttf16@gmail.com](mailto:muttf16@gmail.com).



**Volunteer boat captains  
 are NEEDED !!!!!**

**VFW Post 12135**  
**Serving Veterans in Tellico  
 Village and all of Loudon County**

**Upcoming Events**




**Tellico Village VFW**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

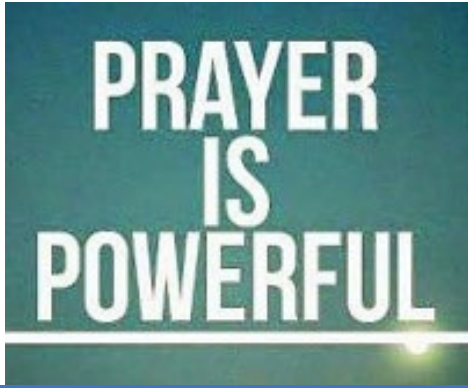
Registration Starts  
 June 20th

**August 5th**

Rain Date Aug 13, 2023  
 \$65 Entry+ greens fee  
 4-person scramble  
 Open to all golfers  
 Includes lunch & prizes

Tellico Village's Toqua Clubhouse  
 200 Toqua Club Way. Loudon, TN 37774  
 Contact Ed Frandle for more info 865-657-9350





Please remember all who are in need  
of our prayers.

**Our Members:**

**Bonnell Cooper:** Knee Replacement surgery was successful but Bonnell is dealing with additional medical issues following surgery. She is suffering from neuropathy in her hands.

[Bonnellhcooper@yahoo.com](mailto:Bonnellhcooper@yahoo.com)

**Family and Friends:**

**John Villa (Janet Villa's husband):** Knee replacement surgery last week. It has been a slow, painful recovery so far.

For some people  
Volunteering is about giving  
But for the likes of you  
It is a way of living...  
Thank You



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# Kiwanis Members

*Peace Out,  
Angie Antico  
Editor*