

All the News that  
is fit to print and  
then some....  
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*Remember: Our Club  
Project Directory is in  
PortalBuzz, under  
Documents.*

*Visit our website.*

*Like our Facebook Page  
and follow us*

Today's meeting was a whirlwind of activity. Little Italy never disappoints us. Today we enjoyed BBQ sandwiches of pulled pork and chicken, with baked beans, potato salad and cold slaw topped off with ice cream for dessert. 39 members attended. We welcomed Jane (not Joan-lol) and Ken Holt, Cheryl McCarthy, Chelsea Cyr, and David Wheeler. Returning guests were Mary Colleary, Andrea and Mark Johnson and Pat Robinson. We were thrilled to have Ron Uncapher inducted 3 new members to our club: Lisa and Mike Herrinton, and Rod Erin.

Guest Speaker, Beth Damarest, from the Good Neighbors Shoppe. **Page 4**

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- **Kevin Flanagan** – Haven't picked up your Pancake Tickets? They will be waiting for you at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- **Beth Mouse** – As part of the GetYourSelfie2School campaign, Beth brought Selfies of teachers and staff from the 4 Lenoir City schools. Members voted on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. - **Page 5**
- **Ron Uncapher** – Lending Library Project started back up on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. It's a great opportunity for new members to become involved. - **Page 5**
- **Ray Mouse** – Ray and Beth Mouse will be stepping down as Co-Chairs of the Youth Services Committee. They deserve a round of applause for a job well done. Their organizational and commitment to the Youth Service Committee is so appreciated. Kevin McRae has agreed to take over as Chairman of Youth Services Committee. Give Kevin a round of applause too.
- **Pat Humphrey** – Don't forget to submit your service hours. Each month the Committee Chairs send out reminders asking for service hours. Unfortunately, not all members respond. These hours are reported to KI and are important.
- **KT Notes and Friends of Tennessee's Babies with Special Needs – Page 6**
- **Tellico Working Together** – Randy Heiden and Dan Kuzdzal - **Page 7**
- **Katey Bailey** – Pancake Breakfast sign-up sheets will be available at October meeting. There are open slots. Please sell your tickets and volunteer. - **Page 8**
- **Kevin Meyer** – Thank you Ruth Thornton, KaDee Andreasen, Georganne Merritt, and Janet Villa for heading our Social Committee. We look forward to what lies ahead.
- **Bob Bland** – Did you know Bob grew up in a small town in Alabama? How small was it your ask? It was so small; his dad oversaw the Water Filtration Station; shutting it off every night. Water needed to be available in case of a fire. Bob's dad turned off the one street light nightly, delivered the mail, the sanitation driver reported to dad. There was one police officer. When Bob's dad was sick, Bob and his mother delivered the town's mail. Only 14, Bob drove the vehicle, and carried a pistol. A Post Office requirement for protection while delivering mail. Yes it was a very small town, indeed, only 1,100 people. Bob had been a Kiwanis member for 10 years. He is a class act. We are fortunate to know him. (Even though he is a die-hard Alabama fan.)
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**To Our**  **Kiwanis Family**  
 TELLICO VILLAGE  
 LOUDON, TN



Please take a moment to welcome these wonderful individuals.  
 We are grateful to have them join our Kiwanis Family.

Rod Erin [rerin147@gmail.com](mailto:rerin147@gmail.com)

Lisa Herrinton [mlherrinton@gmail.com](mailto:mlherrinton@gmail.com) and Mike Herrinton [trevor13@aol.com](mailto:trevor13@aol.com)

Ron Uncapher, our Membership Chair, inducted them at 9/19/23 meeting.

*Note: They will not show up in PortalBuzz until October 1<sup>st</sup>!*



|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>MONTH OF AUGUST 2023</b>         |                                  |
| SERVICE HOURS = 266                 |                                  |
| PARTICIPATING MEMBERS = 49          |                                  |
| PROJECTS/EVENTS                     |                                  |
| Buddy Benches                       | Buddy Break                      |
| Center for Courageous Kids          | Commodity Food Distribution      |
| C.O.P.s Citizens Observation Patrol | Dolly Parton Imagination Library |
| Good Neighbors Shoppes              | Good Samaritan Center            |
| HeadStart Book Distribution         | Lions Academy                    |
| Kindergarten Supplies               | Our Place                        |
| RTI                                 | STAR Riding Academy              |
| STAY in Tellico                     | Tea at The Neighborhood          |
| Trout in the Classroom              | Veterans Assist Program          |
| Weekend Food 4 Kids                 |                                  |
| Club Administration                 | Club Social Media Outlets        |
| Club Sunshine Platform              |                                  |



| SEPTEMBER 2023     |        |                    |           |                     |        |                      |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------|----------------------|
| SUNDAY             | MONDAY | TUESDAY            | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY | SATURDAY             |
|                    |        |                    |           |                     | 1      | 2                    |
| 3<br>Heather Burke | 4      | 5                  | 6         | 4                   | 8      | 9<br>John Brazil     |
| 10                 | 11     | 12                 | 13        | 14<br>George Arwood | 15     | 16<br>Loren Plemmons |
| 17                 | 18     | 19<br>Laura Wrubel | 20        | 21                  | 22     | 23                   |
| 24                 | 25     | 26                 | 27        | 28                  | 29     | 30                   |

| OCTOBER 2023 |                  |                       |                                   |                  |                  |                                    |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY       | MONDAY           | TUESDAY               | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY         | FRIDAY           | SATURDAY                           |
| 1            | 2                | 3                     | 4                                 | 5                | 6                | 7                                  |
| 8            | 9                | 10                    | 11                                | 12<br>Larry Dill | 13<br>Dick Jones | 14                                 |
| 15           | 16<br>Larry Weir | 17<br>Helen Nicholson | 18                                | 19               | 20               | 21                                 |
| 22           | 23               | 24                    | 25<br>Jim Barton<br>Bob Swintosky | 26               | 27               | 28<br>Pat Humphrey<br>Don Whiteman |
| 29           | 30               | 31                    |                                   |                  |                  |                                    |

Thank  
you

To our  
Guest Speaker



**Beth Demarest**  
**Good Neighbors**  
**Shoppe**  
**9/19/2023**

In 2001, Loudon County, Tennessee residents Gene and Roberta Burwell dreamed up a giving-back-to-the community store: a simple shop where quality, gently-used merchandise could be donated and sold, with proceeds going directly to Loudon County organizations and residents in need.

The Good Neighbors Shoppe (GNS) opened its doors in 2002, in a small space in downtown Lenoir City. The establishment continued to outgrow its spaces. October 2014, GNS moved to its current 12,500 square-foot store at 420 Leeper Parkway. 100% of the GNS staff are volunteers.

GNS is considered a premier, upscale resale shop, highly respected in and around the area. In 2022, Good Neighbors Shoppe was presented the Non-Profit of the Year Award from Loudon County Chamber of Commerce.

As GNS grows and changes, maintaining community credibility and respect is priority #1. Each month the Board thoroughly reviews the organizations and scholarship recipients that will receive GNS financial help. They have donated over \$5 million to the Loudon County community through December 2022.

Please visit the GNS website. You will be amazed how many individuals and non-profit organizations GNS supports. The list is mind boggling.

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<https://www.gnshoppe.org/>

[facebook.com/goodneighborsshoppe](https://facebook.com/goodneighborsshoppe)

**Do you know someone who would be an interesting and crowd pleasing  
Guest Speaker?**

**Katey Bailey has taken over this task.**

**Please email her at: [Katey\\_b@hotmail.com](mailto:Katey_b@hotmail.com)**

**Securing up to 20-22 speakers a year, is certainly not easy.**





**GETYOURSELFIE2SCHOOL!**

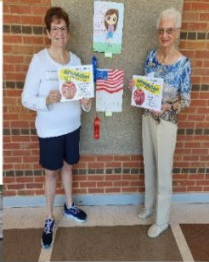
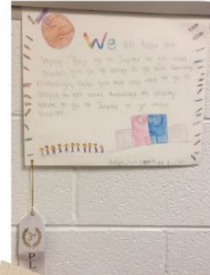


This program was developed by Susan Fox & Cindy Purdy, Directors of Family Resource Centers in Lenoir City and Loudon County Schools.

Members from Kiwanis Tellico Village were thrilled to judge posters at different schools in Loudon County on September 8, 11 & 12, 2023

The main goal of this program is to unite community partners and sponsors from individuals, businesses, corporations, civic groups, non-profit service providers and faith-based organizations to assist in promoting the importance of regular school attendance.

The posters were creative! It was difficult to select winners. Everyone had a blast; teachers, students, and our Kiwanis members.



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**LENDING LIBRARY** Ron Uncapher, Project Leader

Email Ron if you can volunteer. [Ronalduncapher@gmail.com](mailto:Ronalduncapher@gmail.com)

**PROJECT DIRECTORY – YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE COMMITTEE**

Brings the school library to the kindergarten classes at Lenoir City Elementary School. Once a week a chart stocked with library books is placed outside each classroom door (one cart for each classroom). A member is assigned to each cart to serve as the "librarian." Each child is permitted to search for a book, take the library card out and hand it to the member who then records name and date of the child. The child's teacher will then provide a folder to take home. The folder contains suggestions for parent as they read the book to their child.

**WHAT A HANDSOME GROUP ? ! ?**  
Look - we are in the September edition of KT Notes.

PROVIDING CLOTHES FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Submitted by Angela Antico

On July 27, 2023 the Tellico Village Kiwanis Club conducted its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Back-to-School Clothing Program at the Lenoir City Wal-Mart. We are especially indebted to our corporate sponsor, Malibu Boats, for continued support of the event.

Held in collaboration with the *Family Resource Centers* of the Lenoir City and Loudon County schools, 59 young students received gift certificates to shop for new clothes for the upcoming school year.

Kivanians Jerry and Laura Wrubel, co-chaired this program. In attendance were representatives from Lenoir City and Loudon County Schools, Malibu Boats, and Tellico Village Kiwanis members. Wal-Mart Store Manager Laurie Babb and her staff were, again, invaluable in making the event run smoothly.



The program is intended to make that very special first day of school even more special for the children. The excitement of the children was infectious. A perfect day for sure.

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KT Notes is sent to Kiwanis members via email 6xs a year. The publication comes from our Kentucky-Tennessee District. It is filled with past, current, and future happenings in our district.

Are you on the list to receive this News Letter?  
Contact KY-TN District Office via email: [ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org](mailto:ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org)

**Friends of Tennessee's Babies with Special Needs is one of our club's projects.**

**For details on this event go to:**

<https://helpingbabies.org/events-2/>



Friends of Tennessee's  
**BABIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

**September 28<sup>th</sup> is the  
2023 Jazz Baby event!**

For details and tickets:

<https://helpingbabies.org/events-2/>

Can't come to the event? Keep an eye out for our on-line auction coming soon! You'll get a chance to bid on amazing items all while helping babies in East Tennessee.

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# Yeah – Randy Heiden

## Spotlight on Volunteers

### Meet Randy Heiden of “Tellico Working Together”

By Glenda Worrell



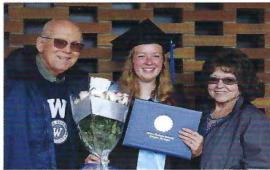
Nancy and Randy Heiden enjoying a rare quiet moment

“About three years ago, my friend Dan Kuzdzal and I came up with the idea to have our area churches and civic groups work together to address some of the significant community needs,” says Tanasi’s Randy Heiden. “The idea was that it would make it possible to serve much larger projects, five to seven times larger, than a single organization or sponsor could do. Everyone that learned about the idea was excited with this approach to volunteering and the encouraging thing was that people and organizations wanted to participate.”

We called the group ‘Tellico Working Together.’”

Milwaukee-born Heiden moved to Tellico Village from St. Charles, Illinois, a far western suburb of Chicago. “I was motivated to come to Tennessee because of the far better living conditions, including cost of living, climate conditions and friendly and outgoing people,” says Randy.

Randy’s first professional career was with Kellogg’s, involving moves to ten locations and including sales, personnel management, and complete responsibility for a multi-state region. He spent several years in Battle Creek, Michigan, in charge of Kellogg’s Rice Krispies products. “While working with Kellogg’s, my main objective was to help our client companies grow sales. That required honesty, integrity, and a strong effort with a goal in mind. That experience has definitely helped in this project. When I moved to Tennessee, I put that management experience to work by building homes. Honesty and perseverance were also very important. The same principles apply with Tellico Working Together. Over the course of my life, I’ve learned that serving and helping others is more rewarding to me now, especially as I realize the need is very great.”



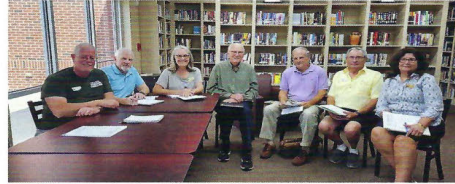
Randy and Nancy attending granddaughter Paige’s graduation

provide 10,000 meals for children this summer. Randy says that a similar project is planned for this fall with a musical variety fundraiser on November 14. The group is aiming to be able to feed three times as many children. “We’d love to have even more groups and organizations come alongside us in this effort. We can use more hands and more people who want to help. Village residents are invited to participate.”

“I chose to be a volunteer because I wanted to help others,” says Randy. “I want to give back to our community, to share the many successes that I was blessed to have throughout my life. Helping others has made me feel very good. In my previous careers, I was happy and felt good, but this feels even better. Also, seeing the reaction and appreciation of people we help is very rewarding.”

Randy says that the inspiration of the group goes two ways. “As we have developed the collaboration between our member organizations, the enthusiasm and support of these groups has inspired me. Both Dan Kuzdzal and I are so lucky to live in a community that gives so generously of its time, support, and finances.”

For information on Tellico Working Together or to connect your group/organization in volunteering with its efforts, contact Randy Heiden at [RandyNancyH@outlook.com](mailto:RandyNancyH@outlook.com).



Leaders doing what they do — organizing the next event!

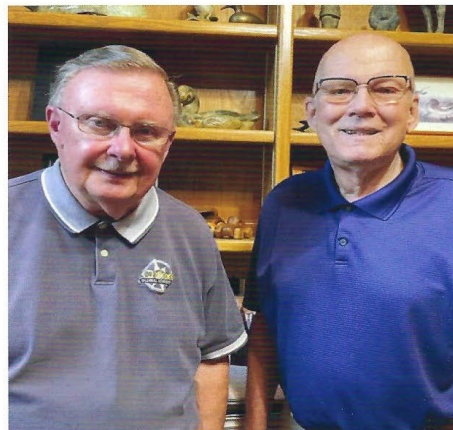
When the initial group started Tellico Working Together, Randy says it was complicated to get just one or two groups to come together. “It was during COVID when getting volunteers and organizations was more difficult,” Randy recalls. “It wasn’t until Fall 2022 that we had any major participation. This involved three clubs raising \$7,500 for the Family Resource Centers and CAC in Loudon and Monroe Counties.”

Randy says that now a representative from each church, organization or group meets monthly at the First Baptist Church in Tellico Village. “We meet to plan and discuss how we can jointly address community needs. Each representative gives a report of their organization’s suggestions and ideas, or an update on fundraising projects. We do not have specific goals as the needs change rapidly. We are constantly evaluating the needs and work at addressing those needs and the situations.”

Tellico Working Together has partnered with a representative of Our Place, a local adult day-care center. “This effort, along with individual Tellico Village residents, helped to raise funds for the construction of the center,” says Randy. “One of our member organizations, the Lions Club, raised \$200,000 for this project through a \$150,000 grant and a \$50,000 fundraiser.”

Though Tellico Working Together is only three years old, the group continues to grow. “At this point, we have worked on events that have included nine different organizations to provide the needed funds and services for our community and beyond.”

Recently, Tellico Working Together rallied four churches and four clubs or organizations to work together to raise enough money to



Founders Dan Kuzdzal and Randy Heiden

# Dan Kuzdzal too!



**ONLY 38 DAYS UNTIL OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

**YES – 38 DAYS!**

**If you have not picked up your tickets, they will be waiting for you at the next meeting!**

**Sign up sheets will also be available at the next meeting.**

**PLEASE, everyone's help is needed to make this event a success.**

***It's Pancake Time again in  
Tellico Village!***

**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

**Community Church  
at Tellico Village**

**7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**All You Can Eat: Pancakes, Sausage,  
Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Cups,  
Juice, Coffee and Tea  
All for only \$14.00  
Kids 12 and under EAT Free**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance  
and will be available as of Oct. 2nd:  
Sloan's Hardware,  
United Community Bank,  
Village Salon or any Kiwanis Member**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BRUNCH**

**KIDS NEED KIWANIS. KIWANIS NEEDS YOU.**



**Kiwanis**  
TELLICO VILLAGE  
LOUDON, TN

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**Family and Friends:**

**Linda Sanford (Chuck's wife):** Is slowly recovering from a stroke. Please continue to keep Linda and Chuck in your prayers.

**Jan Dougherty (Bill's wife):** Is going through chemotherapy treatments.

Continue prayers needed for the residents of Maui and Florida.



Peace Out,  
Angie Antico  
Editor