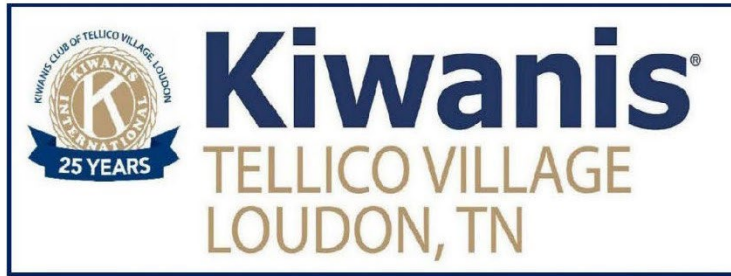


All the News that
is fit to print and
then some....
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Someone please tell Mother Nature; this is the South. We don't expect frigid temperatures! 35 members attended today's meeting. We were pleased to welcome guest and a friend of Kevin #1, Anne Cloud. Anne is JOINING our club!!

Our Guest Speakers, Jennifer Malone and Marvin Feezell from Loudon County Schools – [Page 4](#)

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Katey Bailey (Madam President)

Shared a Thank You Note from Kiwanis Children's Fund. You can view/download copies from MemberDay>Files>Thank you Letters and Cards. They are also on our website.
<https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/thank-you-notes/>

The Social Committee needs a few new volunteers. KaDee Andreasen is staying on the Social Committee. Ruth Thornton, our matriarch, will continue to help. If you enjoy planning, organizing, and having fun, please email KaDee Andreasen at: kandreasen@cac9jd.ore or Katey Bailey: Katey_b@hotmail.com

Ginger Swintosky is again seeking sponsor donations towards our Pancake Breakfast. She will be contacting companies who have previously contributed toward our Pancake Breakfast fundraising. If you have a contact who might be interested, please inform Ginger.
gswintosky@gmail.com

We Did It!

Kevin #1 – 3 Buddy Benches delivered - [Page 5](#)

We received an email from the Huntsville, Alabama Kiwanis Club, through our website. They are interested in our Buddy Bench Program.

We Did It!

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Governor Crouch approached Kevin #1 at the Division 4 Leadership Council Meeting. She is interested in starting the Buddy Bench Program in the Newport Kiwanis Club.



There are many opportunities to volunteer. Upcoming projects/events are in MemberDay listed under Meeting and Events category.

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Mary Procyk – Spring Pancake Breakfast date is Saturday, March 15th. Setup is on Friday, March 14th. Sign-up sheets will be available at all upcoming meetings. - [Page 13](#)

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happy
birthday



JANUARY 2025 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Beth Mouse	4 Rod Erin
2	6	7	8 Sarah Campbell Bob Coleman Debbie Morris	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Mike Herrinton	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Rick Hamm	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY 2025– HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Louise Coulter	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 KaDee Andreasen	15
16	17	18	19	20 Mark Johnson	21	22
23	24	25	26 Dave Miller	27	28	

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024	
TOTAL SERVICE HOURS – 452	
MEMBERS PARTICIPATION – 52	
PROJECTS	
Adopt A Family & Santa’s Helpers	Buddy Benches
Commodity Food Distribution	C.O.P.
Ft. Loudon Medical Center	Good Neighbor Shoppe
Good Samaritan Center	Kids First Child Advocacy Center
LCEF Volunteer Hours	Lions Academy, Kenya
Robotics	Reading and Tutoring
Stay in Tellico	Tea in The Neighborhood
Trout in the Classroom	Veterans Assist Program
Weekend Food 4 Kids	
Club Administration	Club Media/Publicity Outlets
Membership Outreach/Recruiting	Sunshine Coordinator



On January 21st, we had the pleasure of Jennifer Malone and Marvin Feezell as guest speakers at our club meeting.

In 2017, our Kiwanis Club presented the STEM/Robotics Program idea to Loudon County Schools. Jennifer Malone, Technology Officer attended the meeting. Marvin Feezell, at the time a teacher, along with others, was present. The program became a reality and continues growing through the efforts of Jennifer and Marvin.

Two exemplary educators who consistently demonstrate approaches, actions, and results that surpass the average. Innovative teaching methods that engage students in dynamic and meaningful ways, fostering an environment of curiosity and critical thinking.

They bring a wealth of experience and a deep passion for education, inspiring both students and colleagues with their commitment to excellence and continuous improvement. The ability to adapt to changing educational landscapes and integrate technology effectively into the classroom sets a benchmark for others in the field. These amazing individuals embody the spirit of progressive education, making a significant impact on the lives of students and the broader educational community.

FYI: There will be another Robotics Competition in March. We will share details when available.

Check presentation for Loudon Robotics Project

Left to Right:

Bob Swintosky, Kiwanis Project Leader

Marvin Feezell

Jennifer Malone

Kevin McRae, Youth Services Committee Chair.



From: Marvin Feezell
<feezellm@loudoncounty.org>
Date: January 21, 2025 at 3:02:36 PM EST
To: Beth Mouse
<bethmouse1950@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Kiwanis Meeting Luncheon

Beth,

Jennifer and I discussed what a warm welcome the club gave us. I wish we could have brought our student; it would have been much a better presentation. Thank you for your hospitality and for your support of our students. You have a fantastic club!

Marvin Feezell
Instructional Supervisor
Loudon County Technology Center



We Did It!

2025 began with the delivery of 3 Buddy Benches

Since 2019, the program has produced 68 benches and 4 Ozark Hex Tables from roughly 15,200 pounds of non-recyclable plastic, showcasing an innovative approach to community building and environmental stewardship.

Bench #66



Seated: Renee Citrone, Executive Director of Foothills Church Launchpad Preschool in Maryville.
Standing: Kevin Meyer, Project Coordinator and Past President Tellico Village Kiwanis, Fred Martin, Past President of Alcoa Kiwanis and Bruce Damrow, Alcoa Kiwanis.

Bench #67

Seated: Denise and Ab Brookshire.
Behind the bench: Kevin Meyer and Joe Brookshire, firefighter son of the donors. Bench was donated to Lenoir City Firehouse #1.



Kevin Meyer and Angela Smith, Executive Director of The Neighborhood at Tellico Village.

Bench #68



The Divisional Meeting organized by KY-TN District Division 4 Lt. Governor, Roger Robinson, on January 18th, 2025 was a testament to the vibrant spirit of Kiwanis.

Held in the picturesque venue at Firecracker Farm in Niota, designed by Robert Lambert of Natural Design Homes, the event welcomed Kiwanians from Divisions 3 and 4 to a day of camaraderie and inspiration.

Attendees were serenaded by the beautiful voice of Ashlee Hall, and enjoyed a delicious lunch that further set the stage for an afternoon filled with meaningful fellowship.

The highlight of the gathering was the exchange of ideas, accomplishments, and fundraising successes, which underscored the power of determination and collaboration, regardless of club size.

KY-TN District Governor Claire Crouch, with her delightful and passionate demeanor, spoke to the core values of the Kiwanis mission, leaving everyone inspired and motivated to continue their impactful work. It was a great day to be a Kiwanian, indeed!





Ron Uncapher, Project Leader, is looking for a few good men and women to help with two projects at Lenoir City Elementary School.

These projects bring smiles to the faces of children, help them concentrate and dream. They are stepping stones to a child's future.

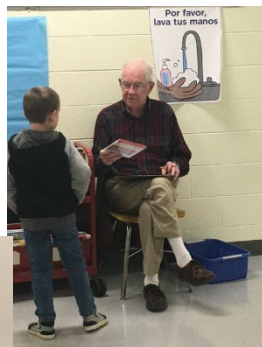
Please contact Ron at: ronalduncapher@gmail.com

Lending Library

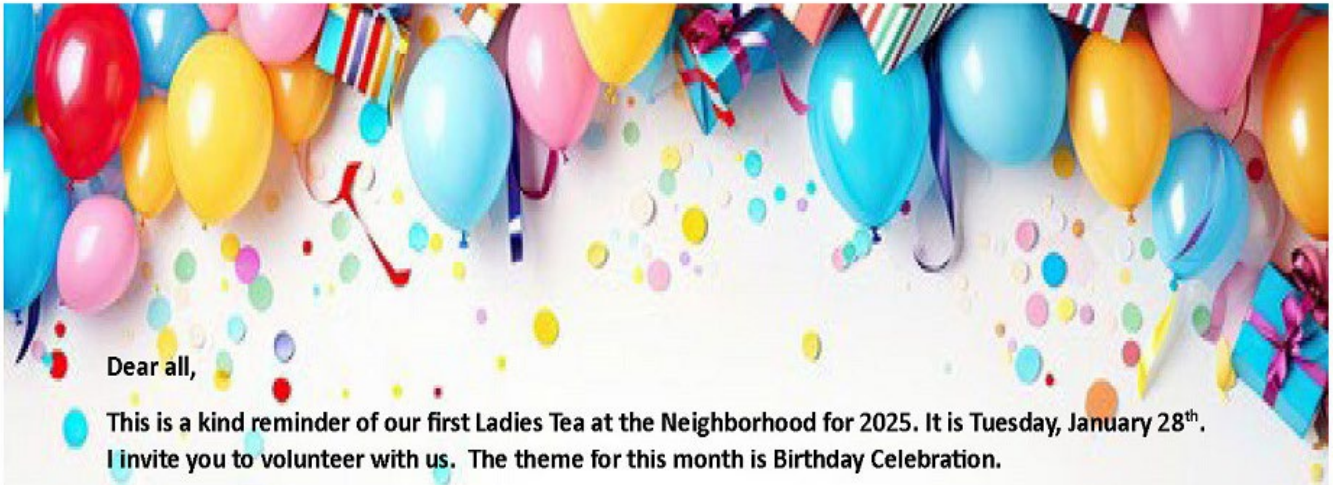
This program brings the school library to the kindergarten classes at Lenoir City Elementary School. Once a week, on Thursdays during the school year, a cart stocked with library books is placed outside each classroom door (one cart for each classroom). Each member is assigned to a cart, serving as the "librarian." Prior to the school start each child is permitted to search for a book, take the library card out of the pocket 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 the parent as they read the book to their child. Volunteers spend approximately one hour of their time, from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Early Childhood Literacy

Every other Thursday of the month during the school year, volunteers read to Pre-Kindergarten children at Lenoir City Elementary School. This project follows the Lending Library program held on the specified Thursday morning. The children gather in classrooms and listen to a book reading by a volunteer. The children are attentive and very often a question-and-answer session follows. This program helps to introduce young children to the fascination of books.



Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood January 28th, 2025



Dear all,

This is a kind reminder of our first Ladies Tea at the Neighborhood for 2025. It is Tuesday, January 28th. I invite you to volunteer with us. The theme for this month is Birthday Celebration.

The ladies at the assisted living love this monthly event and they look forward to it.

Our plan is, as usual, to meet at The Neighborhood at 1:30 pm to set up; the tea starts at 2 pm.

Please, email me at lucia.findley@gmail.com or text me at 865-809-9857 if you plan to attend and bring cookies. If you cannot attend but can bake cookies, that will be greatly appreciated; please just let me know.

Thank you in advance,
Lucia Findley

January 29, 2025

LUNCH & LEARN

A Discussion of
Children's Programs
with Kevin McRae,
Chair of Youth Services Committee



11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

POA Large Conference Room
112 Chota Ctr, Loudon

Join us for an exciting opportunity at our first Lunch & Learn event, where you can discover more about the Tellico Village Kiwanis and the impactful work we do in our community.

Our inaugural session will focus on our Children's Programs, highlighting the various initiatives we support and how you can get involved.

Bring your lunch and a drink, and we'll provide dessert to sweeten the deal!

Don't forget to bring your questions, as this is a wonderful chance to meet new people, engage in meaningful discussions, and learn how you can contribute to our club's mission.

Please RSVP to:
katey_b@hotmail.com

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!





What is Inter-Club?

Briefly, an inter-club meeting is a meeting staged by two or more Kiwanis clubs.

Inter-clubbing is a means of supporting Kiwanis' fifth Object, which is "To provide, through this club, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build a better community." This wider scope of Kiwanis can be achieved by member visits between clubs in the same town, division and district, as well as inter-district get-togethers.

The development of fellowship among members of the Kiwanis family by having inter-club activities is so important.

Through the fellowship gained by inter-club activities, members learn how other clubs function, get to know their neighboring Kiwanians, develop new ideas and a broader interest in how Kiwanis operates, find new ideas for use in their own club, and become better Kiwanians.

Inter-clubbing creates fun and strong fellowship.

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Our next Inter-Club will be on

January 31st at the Athens Kiwanis Club.

**Tennessee Wesleyan College
Glenn Lowe Dining Room
Meeting begins at Noon**

**Never been to an Inter-Club?
Haven't been to an Inter-Club in a
long time?**

**Come join your fellow Kiwanians.
You'll have an enjoyable time, a good lunch,
and come away knowing you a part of an
amazing organization.**

**If you are interest in attending,
Please contact:
Phil Rothrock
(our Inter-Club Guru)
Danphilt100@gmail.com**



Weekend Food 4 kids

Volunteers Needed!

March 7, April 4, April 17, and May 9

Contact: Pat Humphrey, Project Leader at:
pathumphre@gmail.com

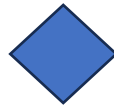
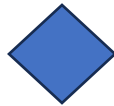
We provide both financial and manpower support for this program which presently serves students attending Loudon Elementary School. Our members pack bags of healthy snacks from the 4 food groups. They begin at 9:30 a.m. and are usually finished by 10:30 a.m. Teachers distribute the bags, confidentially, to these children on Friday's when school is in session. Food is purchased through Second Harvest; who delivers the items directly to the school.

As per Rick Hamm, TV TAP Program is in dire need of computer systems.

WHAT IS TAP? The Technology Access Program (TAP), a community outreach arm of the 501c3 Tellico Village Computer Users Club, is chartered to provide complete computer systems at no cost, to families and individuals who cannot otherwise afford them. These systems enable economically disadvantaged students to better compete with their peers.

DON'T THROW IT OUT! This is an excellent way to recycle your used computer equipment. Please consider donating your old system components to the **TAP**. Please spread the word among family and friends who may have excess computer hardware.

Donations of computer equipment can be brought to: **TVCUC — TAP** 244 Lakeside Plaza, Loudon
Hours: Mon – Fri 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
(Please call before dropping off equipment) – (865) 332-5313



Contact Rick Hamm for Details.
Email: walkerhamm@gmail.com

Maintaining a successful club require leadership. Currently, the Nominating Committee is looking for members interested in helping our club meets its mission.

For our 2025-2026 Kiwanis Year, we will need a President-Elect and 3 Board of Directors

Board membership requires meeting once a month for approximately one hour. This is not an ominous commitment considering the importance to the smooth running of our organization. Board membership term is two- years.

President-Elect brings with it a one-year apprenticeship with the next president and the good counsel of the past president and board members. Excellent committee chairs run their project areas and special programs.

As we look around the room, we can all see in ourselves other members who have the experience and talents to fulfill these leadership roles easily.

We urge new members to consider adding their name as a candidate for an open position on our board. You will gain valuable knowledge and understanding on how our Kiwanis Club is governed.

You can download the Registration Form and tentative agenda from the KY-TN District website:

<https://k10.site.kiwanis.org/mid-year-conference/>

It is also in MemberDay. Files> KY_TN District Information > Mid-Year Conference March 6_8 2025.

To save on hotel, make your reservation prior to the room rate deadline of Feb. 3rd !



What a great day to be a Kiwanian!



You may register on line with debit or credit card OR by mail with check.

We need all our members to support this very important fundraiser.

PLEASE sell your tickets.

PLEASE volunteer to help and sign-up to assist with a task.

THERE ARE ONLY 51 DAYS LEFT BEFORE OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

Trust me, they will fly by!



Spring PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Community Church at Tellico Village
Saturday, March 15, 2025
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast
Tickets are \$14.00
Kids 12 and under Eat Free

MORE THAN JUST PANCAKES:
Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Cups, Juice,
Coffee, Tea, and Water.

Tickets must be purchased in advance,
and are available at:
Sloan's Hardware, United Community Bank,
The Village Salon or any Kiwanis Member.

**KIDS NEED
KIWANIS**



Kiwanis
TELLICO VILLAGE
LOUDON, TN

**KIWANIS
NEEDS YOU**



GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
MARDI GRAS DANCE
MARCH 1, 2025 | 6-10 PM

Tellico Village Yacht Club | 100 Sequoyah Rd Loudon

 New Orleans revelry with a DJ, dancing, & celebration

 Wine Pull Game & heavy hors d'oeuvres (cash bar)

 King cakes at each table; find the King Baby and win a prize!

 Dress and dance to impress as King & Queen to be selected

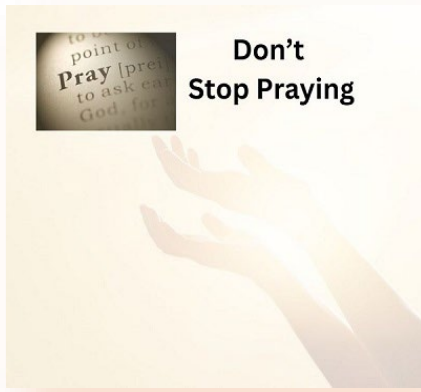
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All proceeds go directly to Good Shepherd Center and our mission to help care for the needs of our neighbors in Monroe County.

for more information visit:
www.goodshepherdcenter.net

Dan Kuzdzal asked that we share information on the Mardi Gras Dance.

The proceeds will go directly to the Good Shepherd Center to help care for the needs of individuals living in Monroe County.



Please let us know if you or someone you know has specifically asked for/needs prayers.

Continue praying for our nation, our leaders, our military, first responders, our community, friends, neighbors, and our Kiwanis family,

Andrea Johnson: Her mom, **Jeanette Warren**, and for the family as they face each difficult day dealing with Jeanette's terminal illness of Stage 4 glioblastoma.

Jim Gazay, Immediate Past Governor of KY-TN District. He received a diagnosis of adenocarcinoma, an invasive type of cancer that has grown beyond its original location. Jim's medical team is still gathering information, but believe it's in the early stages, which is very encouraging. This means they should be able to remove it completely. While there are different types of adenocarcinoma, the type Jim has may respond well to treatments such as chemotherapy.

Please continue to pray for those affected by the fires in California, and those still dealing with the aftermath left by the hurricanes and floods.



**Peace Out,
Angie Antico
Editor**