

All the News that
is fit to print and
then some....
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Despite the frigid weather, 35 members attended today's meeting. We were pleased to welcome guests Donna Devenuti (for a 2nd time), Karen and Sam Rieger, Donna Ozog, and Lori Adamski. We hope you came away with a clearer insight as to what Kiwanis is all about. We look forward to seeing you again soon.



I heard it through the grapevine that Lori is joining our club!

Our Guest Speaker, Kyle Sipe, Executive Director United Way Loudon, unfortunately could not make the meeting. His car broke down on the interstate. Hopefully, he will reschedule for the not too distance future.

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Katey Bailey (Madam President)

Shared Thank You Notes from Lenoir City Family Resource Center, Tellico Working Together, Disaster Relief Fund, and Kiwanis Children's Fund. You can view/download copies on MemberDay>Files>Thank you Letters and Cards. They are also on our website. <https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/thank-you-notes/>

Members are needed as Greeters, Invocation and to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at our meetings. Please email Katey if you want to join the list of the elite!
Katey_b@hotmail.com

The Social Committee needs a few new volunteers. The Antico's and the Mouse's are worn out from all the partying over the past years.

KaDee Andreasen is staying on the Social Committee. Ruth Thornton, our matriarch, will continue to help. They will need help. So, if you like planning and organizing fun social events, please email KaDee Andreasen at: kandreasen@cac9jd.ore or Katey Bailey: Katey_b@hotmail.com

Pete Wilcox, a long-time member of our club, stopped in to say, "Goodbye." He and his wife sold their home and have moved to Powell. He has transferred his membership to a Kiwanis club closer to his new home. We will miss Pete!



*There are many opportunities to volunteer.
Upcoming events are in MemberDay, Meeting & Events.*

Mary Procyk – Spring Pancake Breakfast date is Saturday, March 15th. Setup is on Friday, March 14th. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January 21st meeting.

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Please follow us on Facebook!



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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 |
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| 2 | 3 Louise Coulter | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Mark Johnson | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Dave Miller | 27 | 28 | |

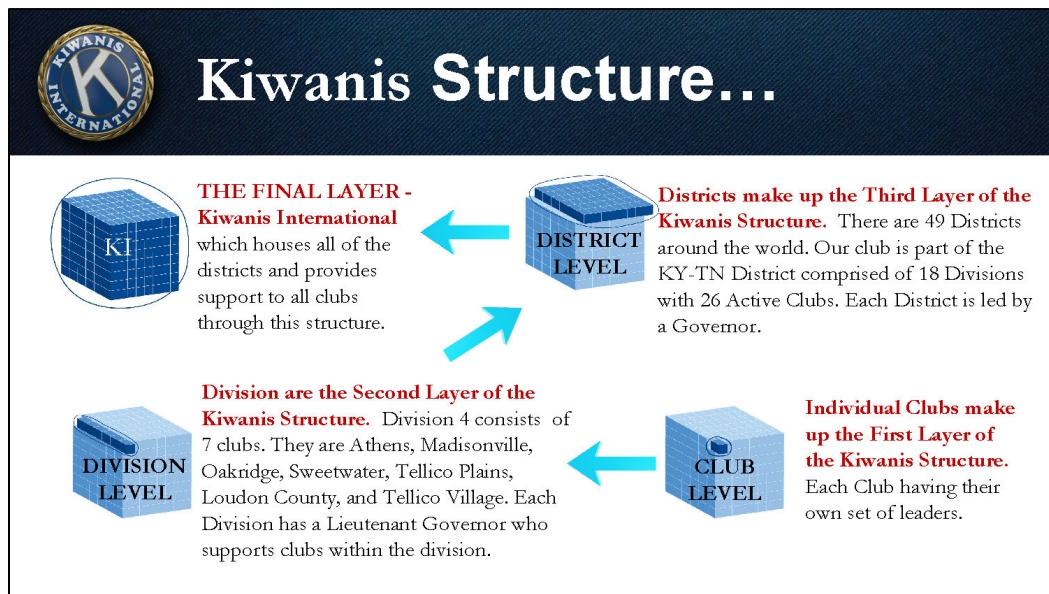
COMING UP



There will be a Division 4 Leadership Council/Governor's Luncheon on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Beginning at 11:30 a.m.
The Venue, 258 Country Rd 321, Niota, TN
\$10.00 for lunch, includes soup, sandwich, and dessert.
Division 3 (Chattanooga area) will be joining us as well.

You will not want to miss this lunch meeting and opportunity to meet our Governor, Claire Crouch.

Katey needs to give a head count to Sweetwater club no later than Friday, January 10th.
Email Katey at: Katey_b@hotmail.com





What is Inter-Club?

Our next Inter-Club will be on
Tuesday, January 14th
Kiwanis Club Madisonville
Donna's Old Town Café
100 College St S, Madisonville, TN

If you are interested in attending,
please contact
Phil Rothrock
(Inter-Club guru)

Danphiltn100@gmail.com

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.

A Antico

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!





“Everyone likes to belong to organizations that are well-run and congenial.
Our Kiwanis Club certainly strives for and is successful in those goals.”

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.

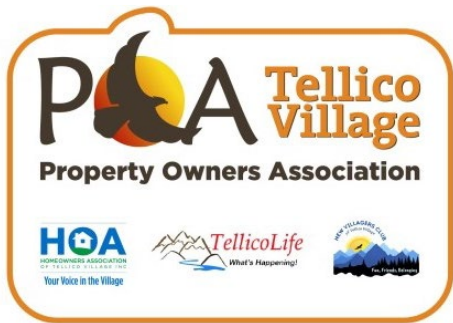
Please contact Rick Hamm for details. Email: walkerhamm@gmail.com

WE ARE LOOKING FOR FOLKS TO HELP IN OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS.

Our Kiwanis Club has been participating at the New Villagers monthly gathering for a few years; thanks to Phil Smith. Our club has been very fortunate to increase our membership through this effort. We also participate at the Welcome Orientation Meeting .

What is involved? We have a table at each event, set up Kiwanis literature (that we will provide), and speak to attendees about our club. We invite people to enter their information on a sign-up sheet (also provided) so they can be invited to our next meeting. If you would like to help with either (both?) meetings, please contact Katey Bailey. Katey_b@hotmail.com

We would like to develop a rotating team to help work these events.



WELCOME ORIENTATION MEETING

Bimonthly Welcome Orientation Meeting is held at the Yacht Club every other month (February, April, June, August, October, and December) on the first Tuesday of the This presentation is intended to provide residents with key information needed to quickly assimilate into the community. Participants will receive a wealth of information and approximately 40 clubs and organizations will be there to share information.

This event is co-sponsored by Tellico Village Property Owners Association, Homeowners Association, and New Villagers Club.



MISSION/PURPOSE

The New Villagers Club meets on the first Thursday of each month. It is a social organization whose purpose is to Welcome, Acclimate, Assimilate and Entertain newcomers in Tellico Village. We focus on promoting friendships and facilitating their participation in the activities of the Village. The New Villagers Club's effectiveness in delivering this Mission is solely dependent upon volunteerism by current New Villager members.

Clubs and organizations attend to share information.



NIGHT TO SHINE!



Our Division decided that we would participate in a Division-wide service project called "**Night To Shine.**" Night to Shine is a celebration! It is a part of the Tim Tebow Foundation and is a prom for Special Needs (Honored Guests) individuals from the ages of 14 and up.

There are so many areas where we can help. For every Honored Guest that attends there must be a person assigned to them. Plus they have an abundance of other needs such as set-up, break-down, parking, security, servers, hairdressers, restroom monitors, red carpet help, respite room, karaoke room, drivers, etc. **Please let Katey Bailey (202-288-6012) or by email (katey_b@hotmail.com) if you will be participating.**

You can sign up using the QR code from the Church below, or by using this link: <https://www.fairviewfamily.org/night-to-shine/>

February 7, 2025

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

112 Key Kile Road
Sweetwater, TN 37874



We will be hosting Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, on February 7, 2025. If you would like to volunteer or be our guest, please use the QR code to register. If you have any questions please see Amanda Burchfield, Jane Clark, Pastor Jason, or Pastor Stanley.



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 !



 **Kiwanis**
KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE DISTRICT

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE
March 6-8, 2025
Hilton Knoxville, Tennessee

SPECIAL EDITION

What a great day to be a Kiwanian!



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



Kevin updated members on our club's "A Bench for Caps Program," also known as the "Buddy Bench Project." He will be picking up 3 benches this week bringing the total to 68.

He is also using funds from the programs budget to purchase benches for the Adult Training Center in Lenoir City, Mooreland Heights Charter School, with additional facilities being considered.

Below is the description on our website: <https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/buddy-benches/>

The "A Bench for Caps Program," also known as the "Buddy Bench Project", which was spearheaded by Kiwanian Kevin Meyer, has made significant strides in reducing social isolation among children since its inception in the summer of 2019. This initiative provides a vital signal to peers when a child needs companionship by offering a dedicated bench for them to sit on.

By December 2021, every school in Loudon County had received a Buddy Bench, and the program is now expanding into Anderson, Blount, Knox, Monroe, and Roane counties, reaching beyond schools to include Boys and Girls Clubs and other organizations. We have partnered with other Kiwanis Clubs and continue to introduce this program initiative in other Kiwanis Clubs.

The program is environmentally conscious, repurposing non-recyclable plastic lids and bottle caps—collected from various community sources—into benches. Greentree Plastics in Evansville, Indiana, transforms 200 pounds of collected plastic into a single bench, preventing millions of pieces of plastic from reaching landfills.

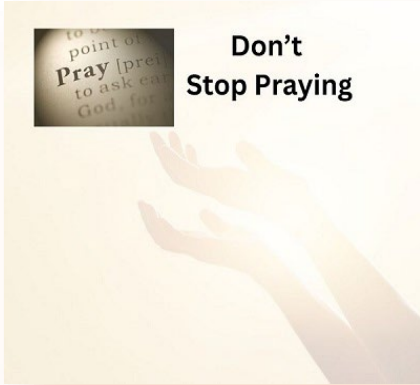
Since 2019, the program has produced 65 benches and 4 Ozark Hex Tables from roughly 15,200 pounds of plastic, showcasing an innovative approach to community building and environmental stewardship.

To-date that equates to over an incredible 1.5 million non-recyclable pieces of plastic caps and lips collected.

Our 2025 goal for this program is to produce 100 benches, with no doubt we will achieve this number.

You can download a copy of the Acceptable Caps and Lids that is on our website - Buddy Bench Page.





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

Don't Stop Praying for our nation, our leaders, our military, first responders, our community, friends, neighbors, and our Kiwanis family,

Please pray for those affected by the fires in California.

Please continue to pray for those affected by the Hurricanes.

Please keep our Kiwanis Family in your prayers.

**Never doubt that
a small group of
thoughtful, committed
citizens can change
the world.
Indeed, it is the only
thing that ever has.**

—MARGARET MEAD



**Peace Out
Angie Antico
Editor**