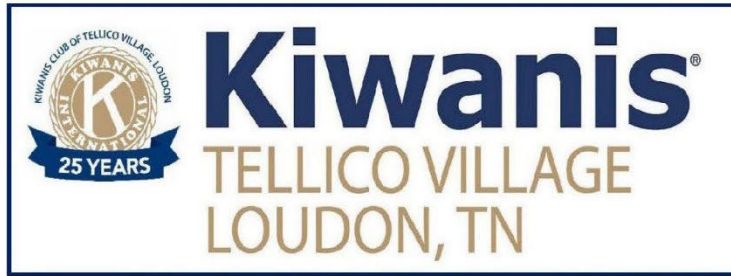


All the News that  
is fit to print and  
then some....  
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Despite Old Man Winter bringing cold temperatures, 45 members joined us at Tuesday's meeting. We welcomed Lewis McElfresh for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Here's hoping Lewis becomes a permanent member of our club.

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Katey Bailey (Madam President)

Acknowledged Thank you notes received from :

Jennifer Malone, Technology Supervisor, Loudon County for our donation towards Robotics Program. Loudon County Chamber of Commerce for renewing our membership.

Governor Claire Crouch for the gift basket our club presented her with at the Divisional Meeting in Jan.

Katey scans the thank you and saves them in MemberDay>Files>Thank You Letters and Cards.

I post them to our website:

<https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/thank-you-notes/>

#### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:**

*Ginger Swintosky*, Pancake Breakfast Co-Chair stressed how quickly time is flying. 1 meeting left before the PB. **Volunteers are needed.**

*Mary Procyk* said they have 19 Gift Baskets available as Silent Auction items at the PB!

Help is needed wrapping the Gift Baskets. Ginger will host a wrapping "party" on March 6, from 2 – 4 at her home.

*Kevin #2 Flanagan*, PB Ticket Master, stressed the need to sell your PB tickets.

Kevin #2 mentioned there will be a Golf Tournament Committee meeting late March. He hopes everyone who was on last year's committee join him again. The Golf Tournament (our biggest fundraiser) will be August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Rick Hamm informed our members that Calvary Baptist Church, 300 W 1st Ave, Lenoir City, provides meals at least twice a week and clothing for the homeless in our area. (continued next column.)

are especially looking for clothing for men. Examples would be long sleeve shirts, long pants, hats, gloves, coats, and any other cold weather wear. Blankets would also be helpful. If you have any items like these to donate, please bring them to the Calvary Baptist Church. Rick shared a great idea. Men, keep a large bin/plastic bag near your closet. After getting dressed, and your wife says, "You aren't going to wear that outfit, are you?" Take off the outfit, put it in the bin, and bring to Calvary Baptist Church!

Dr. Hugh McCampbell stopped by to announced his 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Veterinary Piano Concert, 7 p.m., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> Sweetwater Elementary Auditorium, 301 Broad St.

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*There are many opportunities to volunteer.*

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# happy birthday



## 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	

## MARCH 2025 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Judy Buscetta Bonnell Cooper
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Jane Holt	12	13	14	15
16 Brian Hass	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Randy Heiden	29
30	31					

**Unity is strength, together wonderful things can be achieved.**

<b>MONTH OF JANUARY 2025</b>	
<b>TOTAL SERVICE HOURS – 461</b>	
<b>MEMBERS PARTICIPATION – 41</b> <b>NON-MEMBERS PARTICIPATION – 1</b>	
<b>PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Adopt A Family &amp; Santa’s Helpers</b>	<b>Amtryke</b>
<b>Buddy Benches</b>	<b>C.O.P.</b>
<b>Ft. Loudon Medical Center</b>	<b>Good Neighbor Shoppe</b>
<b>Good Samaritan Center</b>	<b>LCEF Scholarship</b>
<b>Lending Library</b> <b>Early Childhood Literacy</b>	<b>Lions Academy, Kenya</b>
<b>Robotics</b>	<b>Reading and Tutoring</b>
<b>Ronnie Raper Children’s Music Program</b>	<b>Stay in Tellico</b>
<b>Tea in The Neighborhood</b>	<b>Tellico Working Together</b>
<b>Trout in the Classroom</b>	<b>Veterans Assist Program</b>
<b>Weekend Food 4 Kids</b>	<b>Night to Shine Event</b>
<b>Club Administration</b>	<b>Club Media/Publicity Outlets</b>
<b>Membership Outreach/Recruiting</b>	<b>Sunshine Coordinator</b>



**To Our**  **Kiwanis Family**  
TELLICO VILLAGE  
LOUDON, TN

Ron Uncapher inducted 3 folks today, bringing our membership to 82!  
Karen and Sam Rieger and Paulette Craig.

Thank you to Bev and Rick Woodard, neighbors of Karen and Sam.  
Thank you to Bev Sikorski, Paulette's neighbor.  
For introducing these wonderful individuals to our club.



Left to Right: Ron Uncapher, Membership Chair, Sam Rieger, Karen Rieger, and Paulette Craig.



*Thank  
You*

**Mayor Glenn Jacobs**  
**Guest Speaker -**  
**2/18/2025**



Glenn Jacobs is an exceptional speaker, a down to earth, humorous, gentleman, who has faced many obstacles and disappointments. Growing up in a military family, he learned the value of hard work, determination and respect for our precious freedoms. These principles continue to guide his life. He is a man of faith and takes nothing for granted.

Prior to being elected Mayor of Knox County, Glenn spent more than 20 years as a professional wrestler, most notably as WWE Superstar and three-time world champion Kane

As Mayor of Knox County, he has demonstrated strong, conservative leadership and focused on telling the rest of the world what Knox County citizens already know: Knox County is the best place to live, work and raise a family.

*A. O'Leary*



# We Did It!



## Night To Shine Prom First Baptist Tabernacle Sweetwater February 7, 2025

Four Tellico Village members and a supportive spouse volunteered at the Night to Shine Prom. It was a truly memorable event, honoring Special Needs individuals from ages 14 and up. The spirit of kindness was in full swing. Dancing, feasting, and crafting provided the perfect backdrop for an evening of pure joy. Everyone felt blessed by spending the evening with our honored guests.



L to Re:  
Katey Bailey,  
Kevin Flanagan,  
Denise Flanagan,  
David Lillemon,  
and Janine Julian



*Chloe*

# Weekend Food 4 kids

On Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, our Kiwanis members continued volunteering their time at Loudon Elementary School. Fulfilling their commitment to support children in need.

Left to Right: Bev Woodard, Rick Woodard, and Ginger Swintosky  
Selfie Back Row: Bev Sikorski, Bev Woodard, Rick Woodard, Ginger Swintosky, and Pat Humphrey (front and center)







**Three more Buddy Benches delivered Feb. 12th & 13th, 2025. 71 benches and 4 Ozark Hex Tables produced from 15,800 pounds of non-recyclable plastic caps and lids since the inception of our program in 2019.**

**Premier Residences at Tellico Village received Bench #69  
Bob Treece, Former Kiwanian,  
Holly Kryter, Community Relations Director at Premier Residences, and  
Kevin Meyer, Project Coordinator  
Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village**



**Bench #70 Recipient was City of Loudon for Legion Park in downtown Loudon.  
Left to Right: Jeff Trout, event coordinator,  
Chase Randolph, Loudon County Commissioner District 1, and Kevin Meyer**

**Bench #71 was presented to the Adult Community Training Center in Lenoir City.  
Seated: Kevin Meyer and Amelia Marbury, CEO of ACT.**



*ACT Office*





February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**KIWANIS DAY OF GIVING**

This year, the goal is more ambitious than ever:  
to raise US\$100,000 — enough to reach 45,000 kids in one day!

<https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/ways-to-give/kiwanis-day-of-giving/>





The Ladies Tea scheduled for February 25 has been cancelled. There was a conflict at The Neighborhood with the calendar of activities. We hope to resume it in March.

**Tea at The Neighborhood (Community Services Committee)**

**Project Leaders:** Lucia Findley 865-809-9857 [lucia.findley@gmail.com](mailto:lucia.findley@gmail.com) and  
Debbie Morris 865-765-9217 [dmorrislu4@gmail.com](mailto:dmorrislu4@gmail.com)

The Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood held on the fourth Tuesday is a charming gathering that fosters community and connection. Hosted by the Kiwanis ladies, it offers a wonderful opportunity for socialization with the women residing at The Neighborhood. This delightful occasion is marked by an array of sweet treats and baked goods lovingly prepared and brought by the Kiwanis gals. The highlight of each get together is the serving of hot tea in elegant bone china cups, complete with saucers, adding a touch of sophistication and warmth. The residents truly enjoy this pampering experience, creating an atmosphere of joy and camaraderie. It's an event where laughter, conversation, and the simple pleasure of good company are always in ample supply, leaving everyone with cherished memories.



**Ken Austin announced that the next scheduled Commodity Food Distribution is March 4, 2025. Ken wanted to finish his story about the Russian woman he met in FI, but president wouldn't allow him.**

**One important thing to know about this project, Ken always brings DONUTS!!  
Willing to volunteer?**

**Commodity Food Distribution - (Community Services Committee)  
Project Leader: Ken Austin 865-657-9067 [kaustinmedia@aol.com](mailto:kaustinmedia@aol.com)**



Once each quarter, Kiwanis helps coordinate with the Mid-East government organization for the receipt, packing, and delivery of surplus government commodities to residents in Lenoir City. Kiwanis

Members meet

at the War Memorial Building located at 101 N B Street in Lenoir City. Volunteer Packers should arrive by 9:00 a.m. to receive and pack the food received from USDA. Delivery Volunteers should arrive by 10:00 a.m.

Those receiving food are primarily low-income elderly or handicapped individuals unable to pick up the food themselves. Recipients are qualified for the distributions through Mid-East.

# Weekend Food 4 kids

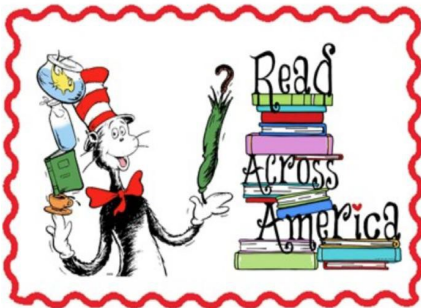
March 7, April 4, April 17, and May 9

No child should go hungry!

**Weekend Food 4 Kids – (Youth Services Committee)**

**Project Leader: Pat Humphrey 912-531-7643 [pathumphre@gmail.com](mailto: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.



***Read Across America Celebration is Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Lenoir City Elementary School will be participating, and carrying  
on this annual event celebrating the joy of lifelong reading  
as a community.***


***Contact Ron Uncapher if you want to volunteer.  
Reading begins at 8:30, however,  
plan on arriving 10 minutes early to select a book  
to read to the little ones.***

**[ronalduncapher@gmail.com](mailto:ronalduncapher@gmail.com)**

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

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

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



The poster features the Kiwanis International logo on the left, with a large blue brushstroke circle behind the text. The text reads: **Kiwaniis** KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE DISTRICT. Below this, it says **MID-YEAR CONFERENCE**, **March 6-8, 2025**, and **Hilton Knoxville, Tennessee**. To the right is a red circular stamp that says **SPECIAL EDITION** with stars. Below the text is a cursive phrase: *What a great day to be a Kiwanian!*. At the bottom is a photograph of the Hilton Knoxville hotel building with a sign that says **Hilton**. Below the photo is the text: **You may register on line with debit or credit card OR by mail with check.**





# **PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

## **ONLY 24 DAYS AWAY**



**Volunteers are needed.**

**There are 40 open slots that need to be filled.  
There is only one more meeting before this very  
important fundraiser.**

**Please sell your tickets.  
If you cannot sell your tickets,  
please purchase them.**



To help bring our community together, we will share upcoming Tellico Working Together Events.

Tellico Working Together Upcoming Events.

You can find details on the Tellico Life Calendar, and the organizations websites.

February 2025

26 – TWT Meeting 10:45 Baptist Church

March 2025

3 – Lions Club - Chili/Soup Dinner 4 pm at Yacht Club

6 – New Villagers Social – Service Groups Information Tables

*15 - Kiwanis Club - Pancake Breakfast at Community Church at Tellico Village*

22 – WATeR - Lakeshore cleanup

Month – Four Paws Food Pantry Pet Food Drive at United Community Bank

***Tellico Working Together – (Community Services Committee)***

**Project Leaders:** Dan Kuzdzal 865-657-9331 [djkuzdzal@yahoo.com](mailto:djkuzdzal@yahoo.com)

Randy Heiden 865-408-1605 [randynancyh@outlook.com](mailto:randynancyh@outlook.com)

Kiwanis Club works together with 15 other civic organizations and churches in the Tellico Village area to support each other in various community-oriented projects and charitable causes.

The 16 Organizations that make up TWT currently are Community Church at Tellico Village, First Baptist Church Tellico Village, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Christ Our Savior Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village, Rotary of Tellico Village, Lions Club, General Federation of Women Club Tellico Village, Adopt-a-Class, Our PLACE and Tellico Foundation, Friends of the Library, Stay in TV, Water, T-Bart and 4 Paws Food Bank.



**Kiwanis**  
 TELLICO VILLAGE  
 LOUDON, TN



# SHRED TRUCK

FREE EVENT



APRIL  
 17TH  
 2025



10AM-12PM

\*LIMITED TO 2 BOXES/BAGS PER VEHICLE



Held at the beach parking lot beside the pavilion.  
 Tugaloo Dr SW Loudon, TN 37774

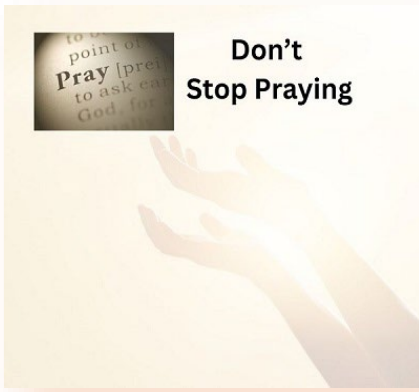
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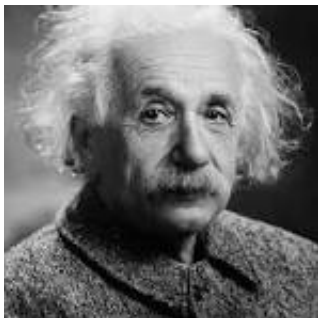
Please let us know if you or someone you know has specifically asked for/needs prayers.

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**, who has a terminal illness of Stage 4 glioblastoma. Continue to pray for Jeanette, and the family as they face each difficult day ahead.

**Helen Nicholson:** Ruthie Thornton gave an update on Helen. She had broken her L1 Vertebrae from a fall. She was hospitalized, came down with the flu, and is now recovering at River Grove Health and Rehabilitation, 1529 Grove St., Loudon. Helen has a difficult road ahead. Please pray for Helen, her husband Ham (who is in his 90s) and family.

**Jim Gazay**, Immediate Past Governor of KY-TN District. He has adenocarcinoma, an invasive type of cancer that has grown beyond its original location. Please keep Jim in your prayers



**“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.”**  
**Albert Einstein**

**Peace Out,**  
**Angie Antico**  
**Editor**