

All the News that  
is fit to print and  
then some....  
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44 members joined us at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
No Guests, No New Members, and No Thank Yours.



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Katey Bailey (Madam President) –

- A New Kiwanis Club has been established in Clinton, TN.
- We are a sponsor for the Tomahawk Trot hosted by Lenoir City Elementary School on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Full Details at the next meeting.

Kevin #2 Flanagan – There will be a Kick Off Meeting for the Golf Committee on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Chota Rec Center, Room B at 9 a.m. Not on the committee? No problem, you can attend and discover what happens behind the scenes of our biggest fundraiser.

Rob Orkney and Dan Kuzdzal are Co-Chair Project Leaders for our Amtryke Program. They need assistance. Anyone interested in learning more about the Amtryke Program or details on what our gentlemen need in the way of assistance, email either Rob: [tellico4rob@charter.net](mailto:tellico4rob@charter.net) or Dan: [djkuzdzal@yahoo.com](mailto:djkuzdzal@yahoo.com)

Rob and Dan will be going to the Kiwanis Club of Chattanooga on April 8<sup>th</sup>. They plan on discussing ways to reenergize that club's Amtryke Project. Email Rob or Dan if you are Interested in joining them.

Ruthie Thornton - The Social Committee is back in full swing. Thank you, Lori Adamski, Pat Robinson, and Bev Sikorski for stepping up and joining Ruthie. We look forward to some fun social gathering with our fellow Kiwanians.



Take pictures whenever you have the chance. Always get consent when taking photos of children . If in doubt, check with our club's Risk/Safety Manager, Bob Coleman  
[ColemanR@windstream.net](mailto:ColemanR@windstream.net)

## We Did It!

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happy  
birthday

**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					

**APRIL 2025 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd ay	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Nancy Maloy- Sheets	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Brad Ford	17 Kevin McRae Ken Holt	18 Al Porell	19
20 Ginnie Murdoch	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Jerry Wrubel					

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



<b>MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025</b>	
<b>TOTAL SERVICE HOURS – 426</b>	
<b>MEMBERS PARTICIPATION – 41</b>	
<b>PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Amtryke</b>	<b>Buddy Benches</b>
<b>C.O.P.s (Citizens Observation Patrol)</b>	<b>Ft. Loudon Medical Center</b>
<b>Good Neighbor Shoppe</b>	<b>Good Samaritan Center</b>
<b>Kids First – Children’s Advocacy Center</b>	<b>Knitters and Crocheters United 4 Kids</b>
<b>LCEF Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Lending Library Early Childhood Literacy</b>
<b>Lions Academy, Kenya</b>	<b>Reading and Tutoring</b>
<b>Stay in Tellico</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>Sunshine Coordinator</b>	



**Guest Speaker  
Debbie Michel  
Administrator  
Monroe County  
Imagination Library**



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, launched in 1995, is a remarkable initiative aimed at fostering a love for reading among young children. By providing age-appropriate books to children aged 0 up to 5, the program seeks to enhance early literacy skills, setting a solid foundation for future educational success. Currently operational in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia, the Imagination Library has gifted over 257 million books as of October 2024, with 3 million books being shipped each month. With over 1.74 million children enrolled, the program's impact is widespread and profound.

The efforts by Monroe County Imagination Library's board of directors are focused on enrolling every eligible child, emphasizing the importance of early literacy in improving reading proficiency. With only 26% of elementary students testing at or above the proficient level for reading, initiatives like this are crucial. A strong educational foundation is vital for a child's future, and the Imagination Library is playing a pivotal role in shaping brighter futures through the power of books.

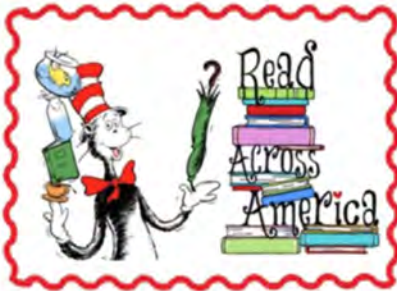
Monroe County Imagination Library relies on grants and fundraisers to cover books purchased through the program. To learn more, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/monroetnimagination/>  
<https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/find-my-program/>

*D. Michel*



# We Did It!



Lenoir City Elementary School  
celebrated Read Across America  
Day 3/7/25.

Of course, members from  
Tellico Village Kiwanis were  
there to share the job of reading  
with the children.



Pictured: Donna Devenuti (a friend),  
Kiwaniis Members: Bob Swintosky, Anne Cloud,  
Jerry Wrubel, Beth Mouse, Mary Procyk and  
Ron Uncapher.



*Of Course*

# Weekend Food 4 kids

The Kiwanis members demonstrated their commitment to community support and child welfare by packing bags of healthy snacks on March 7, 2025, at Loudon Elementary School. This initiative ensures that children who might otherwise face hunger over the weekend have access to nutritious food. Understanding the increased need due to the upcoming spring break, the volunteers took the extra step of packing double the usual amount, ensuring no child goes hungry during this extended period away from school.



L to R: Ginger Swintosky,  
Kevin McRae, Rick Woodard,  
Mary Procyk and Bev Woodard.



L to R:  
Kevin McRae,  
Rick Woodard,  
Bev Woodard, and  
Mary Procyk



*A. Hunter*



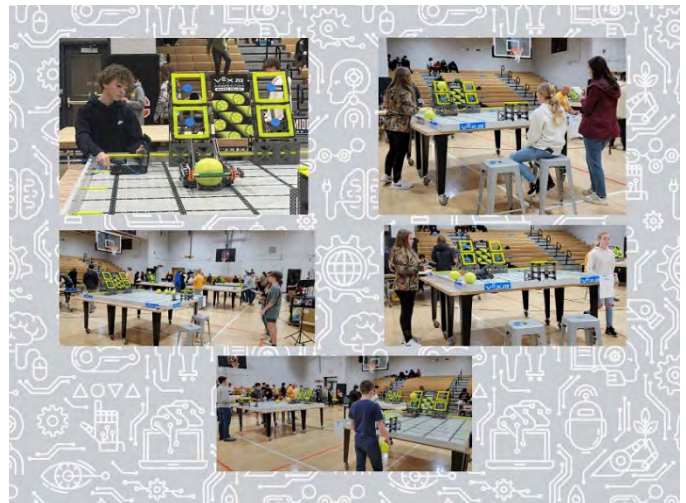
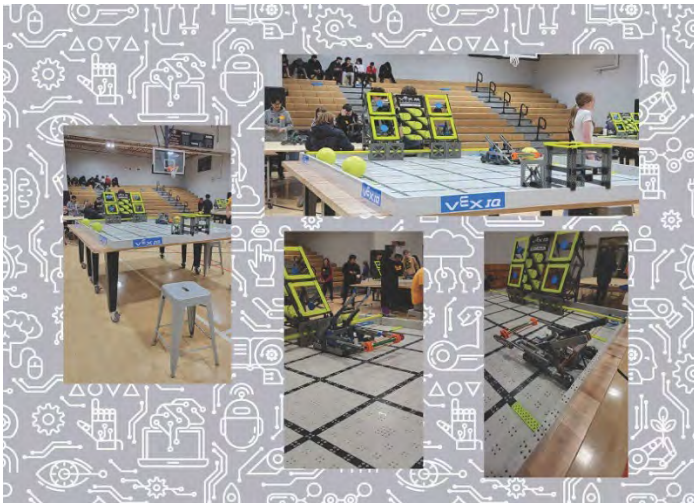
SIXTH ANNUAL  
ROBOTICS COMPETITION  
MARCH 7, 2025  
Lenoir City Intermediate School

In 2017 Tellico Village Kiwanis initiated the Robotics/STEM Program in collaboration with the School Systems of Loudon County and Lenoir City. It is one of our club's Signature Projects.

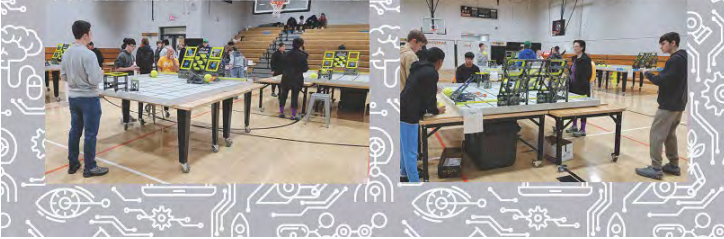


We donated the 3 **VEX IQ** tables and backboards; along with the awards.

Students from Lenoir City Intermediate, North Middle, and Philadelphia Elementary, designed, and programmed their entries.







Kiwanians Back Row: Bob Swintosky and Angie Antico  
 Front Row: Kevin Flanagan, Lou Antico,  
 Ray Mouse, and Beth Mouse



Kiwanians Back Row: Anne Cloud  
 and Bob Swintosky  
 Front Row: Ray and Beth Mouse



Dustin McCarter,  
 STEM Teacher at  
 LGIS and Kiwanian  
 Ray Mouse



Kiwanians Angie  
 and Lou Antico

The Kiwanians were thoroughly impressed with the creativity and ingenuity demonstrated by the students. The participants showcased innovative projects that not only highlighted their technical skills but also their ability to think outside the box. From sustainable solutions to everyday problems to imaginative artistic expressions, the students' work was a testament to their dedication and forward-thinking approach. The Kiwanians were delighted to see such promising potential in the next generation. This event not only celebrated the students' achievements but also inspired everyone present to support and nurture young minds continuously.





**At the Mid-Year Convention held at the Airport Hilton in Alcoa on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025,  
our club was recognized with the  
Certificate of Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Key Club Sponsorship  
in the Kentucky-Tennessee District for 2023-2024.**

**David Coulter, attended the convention and accepted the Certificate on our behalf.**

**Thank you, Kevin Meyer, Project Leader, for his continued  
commitment, dedication, and guidance with the  
Loudon High School Key Club.**



**A HUGE SUCCESS!**

**FINAL FIGURES ARE NOT YET IN, BUT THIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST DEFINITELY  
BROKE RECORDS - CURRENTLY \$11,000 GROSS PROFIT!**

**Our Co-Chairs, Ginger Swintosky and Mary Procyk were phenomenal.**

**Our Ticket Master, Kevin #2 Flanagan was exceptional.**

**Pat Robinson, our Pancake Breakfast Sponsorship guru, was amazing.**

**Mary Procyk's idea of holding a Silent Auction brought in \$2,000.00.**

**Pat Robinson secured numerous sponsors for the Silent Auction Gift Baskets.**

**Several of our members sold much more than their allotted 10 tickets.**

**Many volunteered to help with setup on Friday.**

**Members, spouses, and friends volunteered to help at the breakfast  
on Saturday.**

**Tellico Village Kiwanis Club is AWESOME!**



Our Website has a copy of the Pancake Breakfast Recap.

<https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/pancake-breakfasts/>



**Key Club Loudon High School**  
**Time for leadership and service at the**  
**KT District Conference in Lexington, KY**  
**March 15th, 2025**

Key Club LHS won Most Outstanding Club in Division 4 of KT District and Outstanding Key Clubber Award in Division 4 Rebecca Pinkston

Last day! Division 4 Lieutenant Governor Emeritus Daniel Bridges (first ever from LHS) installed our second ever from LHS LTG Aly Curtis. Daniel has paved the way and made a name for LHS and District 4 proud! Congrats, Aly!



*CA Amos*

There's a whole lot of non-recyclable caps and lids turning up as Buddy Benches throughout East Tennessee.

Kevin #1 Meyer has 9 benches scheduled.

The goal of 100 benches by year's end is no doubt achievable.

Mooreland Heights Elementary School, Knoxville  
Presentation of **Bench #72** on 3/17/25



**Bench #73** presented 3/17/25 to  
Karren Cochran  
Fairview Community Park, Maryville  
Karren was the bench coordinator.



The **74<sup>th</sup> Bench** was presented 3/17/25  
at the Madisonville Courthouse. The bench was dedicated to the  
memory of Hiwassee College President Dr. James Amburgey.  
Sponsored by Madisonville and Tellico Village Kiwanis Clubs.  
Seated are: County Mayor Mitch Ingram, Madisonville Kiwanis  
President, Susan Saunders, and Former Mayor, Augusta Davis.  
Standing are TV Kiwanis Members: Mary Procyk, Janine Juliane,  
Kevin Meyer, Nancy Maloy-Sheets, Bob Swintosky, and Anne Cloud.





**Ron Uncapher, Project Leader**

**Needs 2 volunteers for this Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to help with the Lending Library Project.**

**3 volunteers are needed for Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> for the Early Childhood Literacy Project.  
Reading to Pre-Kindergarten children.**

**These projects instill the joy of reading to the children. Reading heightens their imaginations.**

**Please contact Ron at: [ronalduncapher@gmail.com](mailto:ronalduncapher@gmail.com)**

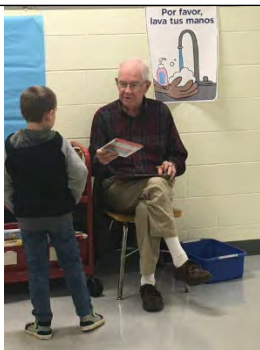
***Lending Library– (Young Children: Priority One Committee)***

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 – (Young Children: Priority One Committee)***

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.





March is a milestone month for the Kiwanis family as we celebrate [Key Club International's 100th anniversary](#).

What started with 11 members in Sacramento, California, U.S., on **March 23, 1925**, is now a global movement with more than 225,000 members in 47 countries. Key Club is growing leaders; providing meaningful service to schools, communities, and the world; and helping teens feel safe and connected.

KI has a heartfelt birthday wish: for the Kiwanis family and friends to be part of this historic event. There are so many ways you and your club can participate:

- [Share your Key Club story](#) from being a member, an advisor or part of a sponsoring Kiwanis club.
- [Make a gift to the Centennial Fund](#) that directly supports Key Club operations or [become a member of the 1925 Club](#) with a gift of US\$1,925.
- **Help your sponsored Key Club [throw a birthday party](#).** We have resources to help you celebrate!
- [Attend the Kiwanis SLP Showcase of Service Luncheon](#) at the [2025 Kiwanis International Convention](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S. We'll be celebrating Key Club's monumental achievements.
- **Purchase [special centennial gear](#) plus [commemorative graduation items](#)** from the Kiwanis Family Store.





## LADIES TEA AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Hello ladies!!

This is a kind reminder of the Ladies Tea at the Neighborhood scheduled for next Tuesday, March 25.

The theme for this month is: "Victorian Tea Party"

The tea is scheduled to start at 2 pm at The Neighborhood, the assisted living located in Chatuga neighborhood. We, the volunteers, meet there at 1:30 pm to decorate the room and get things ready to start the tea on time.

Please, let me know if you can help us that day. And please, remember to bring cookies for about 25 people; the ladies at the Neighborhood simply love them.

If you want to wear a hat, great, just bring it; it would be a nice surprise for our guests. But it's totally up to you.

Please, feel free to call, text or email me if you have any questions.

Thank you very much for your help.

Warm regards,

Lucia,

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mobile #865-809-9857



IVA's Place 



*Purses with Purpose*  
**SILENT AUCTION**



March 27th from 11 AM-2 PM & 4 PM-7 PM  
Southern Bell Events  
103 E Depot St, Lenoir City

Gorgeous purses up for grabs in the Purses with Purpose Silent Auction. What brands or styles are you hoping to take home while making a difference for abuse victims supported by the Kids First Child Advocacy Center of the 9th Judicial District of Tennessee and Iva's Place? 100% of the proceeds benefit victims.

An official Inter-Club occurs when a minimum of three (3) members from clubs with membership of 39 or less or a minimum of four (4) members from clubs with 40 or more members visits another club for a scheduled meeting or event.

\*Active Member refers to a paid member, in good standing. The number of members required is based on membership totals as of October 10, 2024, per Kiwanis International.

If less than the minimum number of club members are present for an Inter-Club, the current KY-TN Governor, KY-TN Governor Elect, KY-TN Vice-Governor, KY-TN Secretary/Treasurer, KY-TN Lt. Governor, International Officers or Trustee, if present, can be counted. Only one substitute for a club member may be used at any event.

**Rob and Dan will be going to the Kiwanis Club of Chattanooga on April 8<sup>th</sup>. They plan on discussing ways to reenergize that club's Amtryke Project. Email Rob or Dan if you are Interested in joining them.**

### ***Amtryke Project (Youth Services Committee)***

#### **Project Leaders:**

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

Our club provides financial and manpower support to provide therapeutic tricycles to special needs children who are unable to operate a traditional bike. These unique tricycles can be either hand and/or foot operated and can accommodate riders with varying degrees of physical limitations. These bikes have many therapeutic benefits including improved motor skills, strength development and self-esteem.



## 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.

*A Antico*



Our Kiwanis Club has helped with the Shred Truck Event hosted by Prosperity Partners Wealth Management.

Rick Hamm needs 6-7 volunteers. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Direct the cars in line as they enter the parking lot.
- Unload the boxes/bags from the vehicles.

Contact Rick if you can help. [walkerhamm@gmail.com](mailto:walkerhamm@gmail.com)



**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

Sponsored By:  **PROSPERITY PARTNERS** WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Thank you to our sponsor:  Transamerica

Prosperity Partners Wealth Management receives financial support from the sponsor for the costs related to this event. This creates a conflict of interest as receiving this support incentivize the FA to recommend investments from the listed sponsors. Securities and investment advisory services offered through Geneos Wealth Management, Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC.

Our Social Committee is looking into a Member Get-Together at Tennessee Valley Winery on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Details will be forthcoming.

There will be music, a food truck and, of course, wine,

This get-together was planned for last June, but was cancelled. With temperatures were  
In the upper 90s, it wasn't going to be feasible.  
(We older folks would not have been able to handle the heat.)  
(The wine no problem, but the heat....)







Tellico Working Together Upcoming Events.  
You can find details on the Tellico Life Calendar, and the organizations

March 2025

22 – WATer - Lakeshore cleanup

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

April 2025

1 – TV Welcome Orientation – Service Groups Information Tables

3 – New Villager Social – Service Groups Information Tables

Adopt-a-Class Greeting Card Sale – Booth Sales

Wednesday TV Farmers Market Booth 8:30-11:30, Saturday Sloan's 10-2

12 – Friends Of Tellico Village Library - Book Sale

17 – Kiwanis Shred Truck Event

TBD – STAYinTV Training Session

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

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

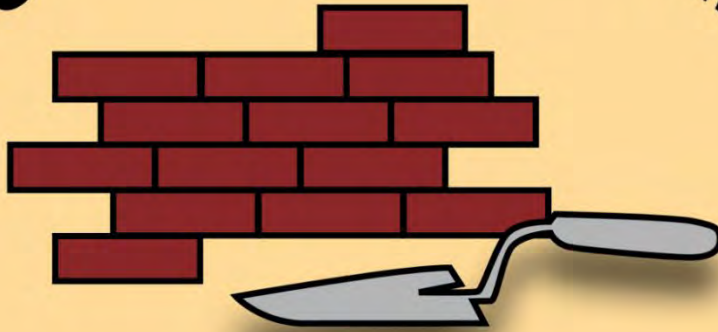
**Randy Heiden 865-408-1605 [randynancyh@outlook.com](mailto:randynancyh@outlook.com)**

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.

The Kiwanis International Convention  
June 25–28, 2025 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.  
Details can be found on the KI website  
<https://schedule.kiwanisone.org/KI2025>

**BUILD FOR THE FUTURE**



**CHUCK FLETCHER  
FOR  
INTERNATIONAL  
VICE PRESIDENT**

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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,

**Please continue to pray for:**

**Helen Nicholson:** She had broken her L1 Vertebrae from a fall. She was hospitalized, came down with the flu, But is now recovering, PT sessions are progressing. River Grove Health and Rehabilitation, 1529 Grove St., Loudon. She and her husband, hope to move to their apartment soon.

**Al and Yvonne Porell:** They are facing numerous health issues. Al is a Founding Father of our Kiwanis Club and a former Governor of the KY-TN District.

**KaDee Andreasen: Her pawpaw,** has gone through extensive reconstruction surgery following removal of cancer from his jaw. He is home,  
**Her stepmom.** Is recovering from bacterial meningitis, RSV and Pneumonia. Her muscles are extremely weak. She's getting around slowly with a walker. But is expected to make a full recovery.

**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.

**Jim Gazay,** Immediate Past Governor of KY-TN District. He has adenocarcinoma, an invasive type of cancer. He is undergoing treatment.



**Peace Out,  
Angie Antico  
Editor**