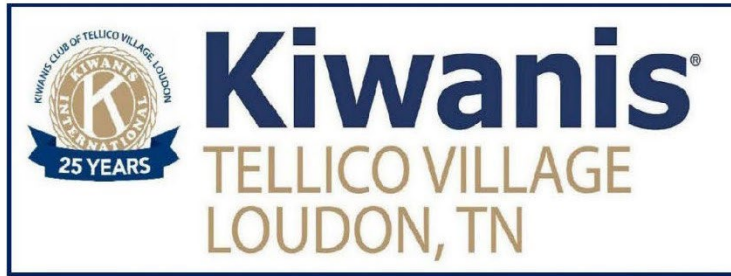


All the News that  
is fit to print and  
then some....  
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41 members joined us at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.  
No Guests, and No New Members again.



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Katey Bailey (Madam President) –

1. Anyone interested in purchasing a striking dark blue coffee mug with our 25<sup>th</sup> logo? Tell Katey if you are interested.
2. Thank you received from Marvin Feezell, Loudon County Family Resource Center. Katey scans and uploads thank you notes into MemberDay. Files>Thank You Letters and Cards. I copy and post to our website: <https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/thank-you-notes/> (Cindy Purdy passed away last month. She was the Director for LCFRC. She will be missed.)
3. Golf Tournament is Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed to solicit sponsors for donations/merchandise. Contact Andrea Johnson if you have the gift to persuade. Email: [andreamail@ymail.com](mailto:andreamail@ymail.com)
4. At the April 17<sup>th</sup>, the slate of officers for upcoming Kiwanis year Oct. 1, 2025-Sept, 2026 will be announced. The Annual Meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. Voting for slate of upcoming officers will be held.

Kevin #1 Meyer – Members from the Loudon High School Key Club will be joining us on May 6<sup>th</sup>. They are an amazing group of young adults. Their membership has increased under the guidance of Sarah Kile. They have helped us at our Golf Tournament, Pancake Breakfasts and Car Wash. The Key Club International Convention is being held in Orlando, Florida July 2-6. Donations would be gladly accepted to help pay the cost for the Key Club members. You can make a check out to directly to the Key Club Loudon High School and give it to Kevin at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ray Mouse – Lenoir City Intermediate School will be holding a STEM Project Fair on May 13<sup>th</sup> for grades 4-8, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to judge entries. Ray will be sending out an email with details.

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*There are many opportunities to volunteer.  
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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)



happy  
birthday



**Kiwanis**  
TELLICO VILLAGE  
LOUDON, TN

APRIL 2025 HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	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	29	30			

MAY 2025 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Don Klein Phil Smith	3
4	5	6 Georganne Merritt	7	8	9	10
11 Peggy McRae	12	13 Janine Julian	14 Sam Rieger	15	16	17 Ruth Thornton
18	19	20 Bill Crowder	21	22	23	24 Ginger Swintosky
25 Ron Uncapher	26	27	28	31	30	31 Debbie Ford




# Thank you



Lisa Rottmann, a dedicated Board Member of Voices for a Safer TN, delivered an impactful presentation at our recent Kiwanis meeting, highlighting the pressing issue of firearm safety in TN. Her talk was both enlightening and concerning, as she presented eye-opening statistics that underscore the urgency of addressing gun safety in our state. Tennessee's ranking in firearm-related incidents is indeed alarming, pointing to a critical need for enhanced safety measures and community awareness.

Voices for a Safer TN is a coalition committed to advocating for effective policies and initiatives that aim to reduce gun violence and promote responsible firearm ownership. The following pages, explore the coalition's objectives, strategies, and the sobering statistics that emphasize the importance of their mission. It is imperative that we all engage in this conversation and work collaboratively towards a safer Tennessee.

*CC/Alana*



**★ WHO WE ARE**

Voices for a Safer Tennessee is a nonpartisan, nonprofit coalition with nearly 30,000 members in all 95 counties. We are committed to advancing firearm safety policies and programs that both protect our communities and respect the Second Amendment.

**★ WHAT WE DO**

- Advocate for nonpartisan, Tennessee-specific solutions to reduce firearm injuries and deaths.
- Facilitate community education on firearm safety and injury prevention.
- Empower coalition members to educate their communities on firearm safety.
- Serve as subject matter experts on firearm safety policies.

**★ WHAT WE SUPPORT**

- **Expanding background checks** to keep firearms away from those not legally allowed to own them, including convicted felons, domestic abusers, and youth.
- **Encouraging secure firearm storage** by helping educate owners on how to safely store and protect their firearms to prevent accidents and theft and by providing more affordable, accessible storage options.
- **Establishing a process for temporary firearm transfer** that creates a court procedure, ensuring due process, to temporarily restrict access for individuals who pose a risk to themselves or others.

**★ WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT**

**#1** FIREARMS WERE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG YOUTH AGES 1-17.

**50%** HIGHER FIREARM SUICIDE RATE THAN U.S. AVERAGE

**TOP TEN** HIGHEST FIREARM DEATH RATE IN U.S.

**30,000+** FIREARMS STOLEN FROM VEHICLES SINCE 2013

**3<sup>RD</sup>** HIGHEST RATE OF UNINTENTIONAL SHOOTINGS BY CHILDREN.



**★ WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Join our coalition to stay informed on pending legislation and new laws, expert insights, and ways to make a difference in your community. Learn more at [SaferTN.org/takeaction](https://www.SaferTN.org/takeaction)



**Donate to advance our work**

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-  Voices for a Safer Tennessee



**Join our coalition**

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# We Did It!

## Weekend Food 4 kids

**Project Leader: Pat Humphrey**  
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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.



Our members are always smiling. They truly enjoy supporting kids in need.

Pat Humphrey, Beth Mouse, Ray Mouse, Ginger Swintosky, and Bob Swintosky.

Weekend Food 4 Kids Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

What a happy group!  
Our members are always smiling!

Left to Right:  
Pat Humphrey, Beth Mouse, Ray Mouse, Ginger Swintosky, and Bob Swintosky.



# LADIES TEA AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD



**Kiwanis**  
TELLICO VILLAGE  
LOUDON, TN

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Debbie Morris 865-765-9217 [dmorrislu4@gmail.com](mailto:dmorrislu4@gmail.com)

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> our Kiwanis Gals hosted the monthly Ladies Tea. 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.



Standing L to R  
Our Kiwanis Gals:  
Pat Humphrey,  
Lucia Findley,  
Peggy McRae,  
Mary Colleary, and  
Katie Bailey



***March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Kiwanians were acting librarians again at Lenoir City Elementary School. Unfortunately, no photos. They also took part in the Early Childhood Literacy Program, reading to the pre-k kids. Only one photo of Katey Bailey. Shout out to Ron Uncapher and Bob Swintosky who also volunteered.***

### ***Lending Library***

**Project Leader: Ron Uncapher 828-337-9747 [ronalduncapher@gmail.com](mailto:ronalduncapher@gmail.com)**

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***

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The Early Childhood Literacy Program at Lenoir City Elementary School is a wonderful initiative designed to nurture a love for books and reading among Pre-Kindergarten children. Held every other Thursday during the school year, this program complements the Lending Library initiative, providing a rich literacy experience. As volunteers read aloud to the eager young audience, the stories come alive, capturing the children's attention and sparking their imagination.

The interactive question-and-answer sessions that often follow encourage curiosity and engagement, helping to develop critical thinking and comprehension skills. This program not only introduces children to the magic of storytelling but also lays a strong foundation for lifelong learning and literacy.





**Loudon Elementary School  
Tomahawk Trot  
Friday, March 28th, 2025.**  
*The students had a fantastic time.  
From running in the Tomahawk Trot  
to decorating sidewalks and rocks,  
it was nonstop fun!*



*Kiwanis Tellico Village  
donated \$300 towards  
the event, which raises  
money to upgrade  
iPads. 3 of our  
members judged the  
chalk art competition  
by grade.*



*A. Antice*

Kiwanians Katey Bailey, Pat Humphrey, and Lori judged the chalk art.

They were having such a great time, they forgot to take  
a few pictures of themselves.



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

Rick Hamm has volunteers to cover the event 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

However, it's always better to have additional support, just in case!

- 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 incentivizes the FA to recommend investments from the listed sponsors. Securities and investment advisory services offered through Geneos Wealth Management, Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC.



# Weekend Food 4 kids

Pat Humphrey needs volunteers for the last two  
Weekend Food 4 Kids at Loudon Elementary School.

April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>

Both days will be double bag days.

Please email Pat: [pathumphre@gmail.com](mailto:pathumphre@gmail.com)

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Kevin #1 will be away this year and won't be available.  
We need someone to step up and take over the organization of the Car Wash.  
Kevin has a copy of the steps involved.  
Volunteers will be also be needed. Sign-up sheets will be at the next meeting.

The original 4 Musketeers who initiated the Car Wash Fundraiser are a bit too old now to handle the organizational aspect of this fun event.  
Wondering who made up the 4 Musketeers?  
If you guessed, Angie and Lou Antico and Beth and Ray Mouse, you win!

# 8TH ANNUAL CAR WASH TO SUPPORT CHILDREN

Sat., May 3, 2025  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Welcome Center  
202 Chota Rd  
Loudon

There is NO fee to wash your vehicle.  
We ask only for a donation.  
100% of the proceeds are used  
to fund our Projects for Children.

*kids need  
kiwanis*



*kiwanis  
needs you*

# Introducing Social COMMITTEE

Ruthie Thornton, Lori Adamski,  
Paulette Craig, Jane Holt,  
and Bev Sikorski

The Social Committee has been busy planning fun events and get-togethers for our membership.

First up is an outing to the Tennessee Valley Winery on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be entertainment and a food truck. More details to follow.

A summer picnic at Tugaloo.

Maybe a Baseball Game. Perhaps attend the Christmas Concert.

Ideas/suggestions are welcome. Contact anyone on the committee.

Time to relax and unwind is so important.

Enjoying and sharing fellow-ship.



**Tennessee Valley Winery**  
Makers of Award Winning Wines



(865) 986-5147



Send Message



**The Annual Golf Tournament is our club's biggest fundraiser.**

Help is needed to solicit sponsors for donations/merchandise.  
Contact Andrea Johnson if you have the gift to persuade. Email: [andreasmail@ymail.com](mailto:andreasmail@ymail.com)





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

#### **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

#### **May 2025**

- 1 – New Villager Social – Service Information Tables
- 2-3 – Good Shepherd Center booth at Sweetwater Festival
- 3 – Kiwanis Fundraiser – Car Wash 9-1
- 3 – TV Volunteer Fire Department Open House 11-2
- 12 – T-BART Fundraiser - Bratfest
- 13 – HOA Social – Service Information Tables
- 15 – FOTVL Fundraiser - Library Tea
- 15 – 100 Women Who Care Giving Circle – 4 pm at YC
- 17 – Lions Fundraiser - Golf for Sight Scramble at Toqua
- 17 – FOTVL Dog Parade Fundraiser
- 18 – Our Place Fundraiser - Annual Gala 5-10 at YC

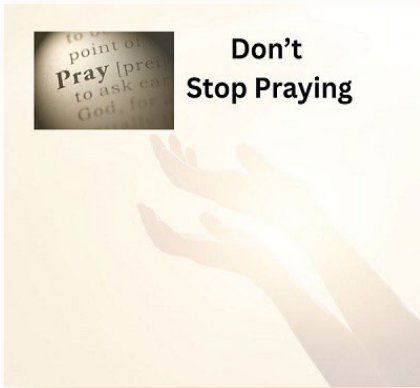
#### **Tellico Working Together – (Community Services Committee)**

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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.



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 is moving into an apartment with her husband, Ham today, April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Her new address is: Lakewood Place, 1125 Grove St., Apt. 312, Loudon, TN 37774  
Her cell # is 865-431-8028

**Al and Yvonne Porell:** Have been facing numerous health issues.  
They are in the process of selling their home. They will be moving to Premiere Residence in the Village.  
Al is a Founding Father of our Kiwanis Club and a former Governor of the KY-TN District.  
It's a big adjustment, please keep them in your prayers.

**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.

**Elaine Hitch,** Celebration Of Life is April 12, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. The Community Church at Tellico Village.  
Elaine is the wife of former Kiwanis member Chuck Hitch.

**My goal is to be that old person that everyone  
is afraid to take out in public!**

**Peace Out,  
Angie Antico  
Editor**