

All the News that is fit to
print and then some....
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It's a Great Day



to be a Kiwanian

ARE YOU READY FOR TOTALS OF ATTENDEES AT OUR JUNE 17TH MEETING? 59 MEMBERS! 6 GUESTS. WOW.

The fifty-nine members includes 6 newbies inducted at the meeting. Our guests included Kally Barker, Bill Mills, Michael DiPiazza, Heidi Sieben, Rob Backer, and Theresa Maresca. (Please forgive me if I misspelled any names. The sign-up sheet was difficult to read, even with my glasses.) We look forward to seeing them again soon.

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A big THANK YOU to Katey Bailey (Madam President) and the Program Committee for organizing this fun-filled Meeting. It was a treat to relax, welcome our guests, eat, hear about our club's activities, applaud the induction of our 6 new members, and play Human Bingo! Camaraderie was in full swing.

Golf Tournament:

Kevin #2 Flanagan informed the group the Golf Registration Forms will be distributed to the 3 TV Golf Pro Shops on July 5th. Flyers for the businesses store fronts will also be posted.

Andrea Johnson needs volunteers to help solicit sponsors for our Golf Tournament. Andrea has a list of businesses. If you have the gift of gab, I mean persuasion, contact Andrea: andreamail@ymail.com

Sign-up sheets will be available at all upcoming meetings. This is our biggest fund raiser. Please volunteer.

The Program Committee can use additional help.

Sign-up sheets will be available at all upcoming meetings.

Recruiting Committee: Chris MacBeth, Heather Burke, Deb Ford and Phil Smith work the Kiwanis Table at the HOA/POA Welcome Meeting and the New Villagers Meetings. They can use additional help. Sign-up sheets will be available at all upcoming meetings. Let new residents know the Kiwanis Club is incredible.

Janine Julian is our Recruiting Liaison following up on the individuals who signed up for club information.

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There are opportunities to volunteer.

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*If you use Facebook, please follow us.
Do you have any friends? Ask them to follow us!
We are at 182 followers.*



happy birthday



June 2025 HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Bev Woodard	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Lori Adamski
15	16 Ken Austin John Helling	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 David Lillemon Janet Villa	26	27	28
29 Bob Bland Ben Campbell	30					

JULY 2025 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Reba Herzfeld	3	4 Fred Gibson	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Andrea Johnson	17	18	19
20 Kevin Flanagan	21 James Eriksson	22 Paulette Craig	23	24 Katey Bailey	25 Kevin Meyer Pat Robinson	26
27	28 Lisa Herrinton	29	30	31		

**“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,
What are you doing for others?”**

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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MONTH OF MAY 2025	
TOTAL MONTHLY SERVICE HOURS – 544	
MEMBERS PARTICIPATION – 49	
PROJECTS	
Amtryke	ABC Bench Program
Back to School Clothing Program	C.O.P.s (Citizens Observation Patrol)
Ft. Loudon Medical Center	Good Neighbor Shoppe
Good Samaritan	Key Club
Lions Academy	Robotics in the Classroom
Special Olympics	STAR Riding Academy
Stay in Tellico	Tea in the Neighborhood
Tellico Working together	Veterans Assist Program
Without Limits Baseball	
Club Administration	Club Media/Publicity Outlets
Sunshine Coordinator	

Guest Speakers were none other than our very own Committee Chairs!

David Coulter: Young Children: Priority One

Kevin McRae: Youth Services

Rick Hamm: Community Services

Each Chair gave an overview of projects under their committee.



Raise your hand if you had the answer to David's question on how Young Children Priority One Committee began? Not too many hands went up. Dr. Wil Blechman, a Floridian resident, served as the President of Kiwanis International from 1990-1991. He created a new worldwide program focusing on the developmental needs of children aged 0-5.

Young Children Priority One is part of Kiwanis International.



Young Children: Priority One Committee. Chair David Coulter davidcoulter46@gmail.com 865-202-9383

David becomes our Division 4 Lieutenant Governor Oct. 1st. Reba Herzfeld will become Chair at that time.

Learning Library, Project Leader Ron Uncapher. Every Thursday, during the school year, resolute Kiwanis volunteers serve as librarians at Lenoir City Elementary School. Equipped with a cart full of diverse books, children are given the opportunity to independently select a book that interests them. There are currently six kindergarten classrooms.

Early Childhood Literacy, Project Leader Ron Uncapher. Every other Thursday, following the Learning Library, our volunteers read to children. The program is designed to promote books and reading among Pre-kindergarten children. Contact Ron if you are interested or have questions. ronalduncapher@gmail.com 828-337-9747.

Youth Services Committee. Kevin McRae is Chair.

Amtryke Project: Project Leaders: Rob Orkney and Dan Kuzdzal. Our club began the Amtryke Therapeutic Tricycle Project in 2010. The therapeutic tricycles are designed for special needs children 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. As of October 2024, we have presented eighty-six tricycles valued at approximately \$42,000 to special needs children. Please contact Rob tellico4rob@charter.net 865-458-3215 or Dan djkuzdzal@yahoo.com 865-657-9331.

Reading and Tutoring: A Project Leader is needed. Our club works through the school Family Resource Centers to assist with student tutoring. Highland Park Elementary might be added to the list of schools we currently serve.

Community Services Committee. Chair is Rick Hamm walkerhamm@gmail.com 941-468-7441

(Following Katey's request to speak at our meeting, Rick concentrated on losing twenty pounds quickly.

He wanted to be in tip top shape. We apologize for not noticing the weight loss, Rick.)

Good Samaritan Center: Project Leader: Rick Hamm. The center needs volunteers to help with in-take and front desk reception. The center is located at 119 A Street in Lenoir City. Our volunteers serve once a month for approximately 4.5 hrs. You can call the center directly at 865-986-1777 for information. Their website: <https://goodsamloudoncounty.org>

Good Neighbor Shoppe: Project Leader: Phil Rothrock. Kevin Meyer noted that additional volunteers are needed on Saturdays. Please contact Phil danphiltn100@gmail.com 865-657-9698. Kevin can also explain what assistance is needed. Kevin kmeyer56@sbcglobal.net 586-929-2333.

You can download a copy the Project Directory from MemberDay. Main Menu Files>Project Directory.

Guests: Our Project Directory is on our website for download. <https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/projects/>

<https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisTV/>



Our Membership Chair, Ron Uncapher, was a busy gentleman inducting 6 new members at our June 17th meeting!

Please take a moment to welcome these individuals into our Kiwanis Family! We are so very happy and blessed to have them join our amazing and sometimes crazy club.

Diane Preston: prestdia@yahoo.com
 Dave Preston: hbbd1@yahoo.com

Kim Silvestri: silvestri807@yahoo.com



Nancy Yanasak: nancyy.tellico@pm.me

Dave Wheeler: dwheelermarine@hotmail.com
 Jane Forster: jameforster@hotmail.com



We Did It!

June 10th, 2025, was the Quarterly Commodity Food Distribution under the guidance of Tellico Village Kiwanian, Ken Austin, the Project Leader.

Our club coordinates with the Mid-East government organization to deliver surplus government commodities to Lenoir City residents every quarter, meeting at the War Memorial Building located at 101 N B Street, Lenoir City. The volunteer packers start at 9:00 a.m. to pack the USDA food into bags. The delivery volunteers begin their deliveries at 10:00 a.m. It is heartening to know that the recipients, who are qualified by Mid-East, are low-income elderly or disabled individuals who are unable to pick up the food themselves. This effort certainly has a significant positive impact on their lives.



FYI – Per Ken

There was a small tariff from the Latino Donut Shop, but it was affordable. Our 20 Kiwanis Members had their Donuts!

All is good in the volunteer world!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERES.

YOU



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Buddy Benches article appeared in the Newsletter of 1st United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge.



Our Benchman, Kevin #1 Meyer, has worked with FUMC for the past four years on their Buddy Bench Program. Check out the second ¶.



Buddy Benches and Bottle Caps

Four years ago, FUMC, in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village, started collecting plastic bottle caps for the club's "Buddy Benches" program. To date, FUMC has received five "Buddy Benches." Additionally, "Buddy Benches" have been installed in seven other Oak Ridge locations. The Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village has placed 78 benches in total in the surrounding area. A bench requires 200 pounds of bottled caps plus a \$425 donation to cover the cost of manufacturing and transporting the bench.

For the past four years, Maxine Schultz has been coordinating FUMC's efforts to collect plastic bottle caps and transfer the bottle caps to the Kiwanis "Buddy Bench" Coordinator, Kevin Meyer. Maxine and Bob will be moving to Prime – an Independent Senior Living facility in West Knoxville – so they will no longer have the facilities to continue collecting and transferring the collected plastic bottle caps to the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village. Thus, FUMC needs a new Bottle Cap Coordinator as soon as possible. For additional information, please contact Maxine or Bob Schultz by email (maxbob38@comcast.net), phone (865-482-0080), or text (865-719-3230).

FUMC's support for the "Buddy Bench" ministry has prevented an estimated 3,600 pounds of plastic from being sent to local landfills. Thanks be to God for the support of this congregation and our many friends and partners.





LADIES TEA AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Dear Kiwanis ladies,

This is a kind reminder of our Ladies Tea at the Neighborhood to be held next Tuesday 24 at The Neighborhood Assisted Living Facility.

The theme for June is: **Celebrate America!!!**

Please, if you can volunteer with us that day, email me at Lucia.Findley@gmail.com.

The Tea starts 2 pm. We plan to meet at The Neighborhood at 1:30 pm to decorate the room. Please bring cookies for about 24-30 ladies; they love them!!

Thank you!


Lucia Findley

Tea at The Neighborhood (Community Services Committee)

Project Leaders: Lucia Findley 865-809-9857 lucia.findley@gmail.com

Debbie Morris 865-765-9217 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 occasion includes a variety of sweet treats and baked goods prepared and provided by the Kiwanis members. 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 genuinely 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.



Lenoir City Schools Family Resource Center

Giving Tuesday



AMAZON WISH LIST

The Lenoir City Schools Family Resource Center is dedicated to supporting families within Lenoir City Elementary, Lenoir City Intermediate Middle, Lenoir City High School, and iLearn Institute Lenoir City by addressing their fundamental daily needs. To enhance our service to the community, we have compiled this wish list, which will be utilized to meet the needs of our teachers, students and their families within our school system. We sincerely appreciate your support of our program.

Purchased items from our wish list will mail directly to the Lenoir City Schools FRC.



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**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**
Clothing Program

Back to School Clothing Program

Project Leaders:

Jerry Wrubel 585-519-5508 wrubel@geneseo.edu

Ken Holt 630-746-9604 kenandholt@gmail.com

Collaborating closely with the school Family Resource Centers in Lenoir City and Loudon, we provide retail gift cards to children who are less fortunate. This assistance provides the funds to purchase new school clothes for the upcoming year. Malibu Boats is the corporate sponsor of this project.

July 24th, 2025

Walmart Supercenter

Garden Center

911 Highway 321 N., Lenoir City

4 o'clock

**There is nothing our members need to do,
other than show up wearing your club t-shirts,
smile and try to look pretty/handsome.**



***Take pictures!!
Wear your club T-Shirt.***



Make sure you have approval to take photos of children and their families!

Check with our Risk and Safety Manager, Bob Coleman, if you have questions. ColemanR@windstream.net



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The complete DCON Special Edition can be found in MemberDay.

Files>KY_TN District Information>



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KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE DISTRICT

KY-TN District Convention
August 14-17, 2025
Appalachia Wireless Arena
Pikeville, Kentucky

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.

Our Fall Pancake Breakfast will be here before you know it!

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**Fall Pancake Breakfast
is October 11, 2025**



iGive

One of the opportunities we, as members, have to help keep our local membership dues as low as possible is to take advantage of iGive.com. Since we have so many new members who are not aware of this program, I would like to explain iGive.com.

iGive.com is an online organization that has solicited online vendors to contribute a portion of their sales to charitable causes such as Kiwanis. The way it works is that a member registers with iGive select a cause (The Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village). From that time on, a part of your online purchases from participating vendors will come back to The Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village.

There are many vendors that have come on board with iGive.com. For example, a couple of stores I have used many times are Tiger Direct, where I shop for electronics, and Travelocity, where I book travel and hotels. Vendors will give from .8% to as much as 6.8% of your purchase. Periodically, iGive will send a check with our earnings for the period to our club. There are over 1700 online stores that participate.

Several members have been enrolled in iGive.com for up to nine years and have earned over \$600.

This link - <http://support.igive.com/Main/Default.aspx> – takes you to a page where you can get your questions answered about iGive.com

Go to <https://www.igive.com/oqY0js> to register and see the many stores where online shopping will earn money for our club. In most cases, the online stores where you shop are partnered with iGive.com

The process is automatic. After you register, download the “iGive Button”. This will attach iGive.com to your browser so that whenever you go to an online vendor, it will tell you that you are at a store that will give us a donation.

As an added bonus, if you register and use iGive within a month, the club will get an additional \$5.

If you have any questions, give Ron Uncapher a call at 828-337-9747.

NOW, GO SHOPPING!



(Community Services Committee)

Project Leaders: Dan Kuzdzal 865-657-9331 djkuzdzal@yahoo.com Randy Heiden 865-408-1605 randynancyh@outlook.com

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

June 2025

- 3 – TV Welcome Orientation – Service Information Tables
- 5 – Garden Club – Garden Walk
- 5 – New Villager Social – Service Information Tables
- 7 – FOTVL Fundraiser - Ladies Golf
- 7 – Good Shepherd Center – Atheneums MooFest booth
- 9 – FOTVL Open House
- 10 – HOA Social – Service Information Tables
- 27-29 - Arts and Crafts Festival at Lenoir City Park (Lions Service)
- 28 – FOTVL Fundraiser - Book Sale
- 28 – Good Shepherd Center Elite Tunes Concert YC

July 2025

- Adopt-a-Class Back-to-School Donation Drive
- 3- New Villager Social – Service Information Tables
- 8 – HOA Social – Service Information Tables

August 2025

- Adopt-a-Class Back-to-School Donation Drive
- 2 – FOTVL Annual Puzzle Sale
- 2 – Shepherd of the Lake “Rally” – next to Church, morning
- 5- TV Welcome Orientation – Service Information Tables
- 7 – New Villager Social – Service Information Tables
- 9 – Good Shepherd Center Gala – Madisonville Cora Veal Center
- 10 – Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Tic-Toc Ice Cream Social 2-4
- 12 – HOA Social – Service Information Tables
- 16 – FOTVL Fundraiser – Scavenger Hunt
- 19 – 100 Women Who Care Giving Circle – 4 pm at YC
- 21 - Loudon County Education Foundation Champions of Education Gala, Venue in Lenoir City
- 30 – Kiwanis Fundraiser - Annual Golf Event
- 30/31 – Good Shepherd Center – Monroe City Balloon Fest booth

September 2025

- 3 – Adopt-a-Class Charity Baker Fundraiser at Ladies Fashion Luncheon.

September 2025 Continued

- 4 – New Villager Social - Service Information Tables
- 9 – HOA Social – Service Information Tables
- 13 – FOTVL Fundraiser - Non-Fiction Book Sale
- 20 – Lions Service - Strides Walk for Diabetes
- 25 – FOTVL Fundraiser – The Queen’s Royal Tea
- 28 – POA Community Fest for nonprofits

October 2025

- 2- New Villager Social - Service Information Table
- 4 – Our Place - Walk to Remember – Lenoir City Park
- 6 – Lions Fundraiser - Bratfest at YC
- 7 – TV Welcome Orientation – Service Groups Information Tables
- 12 – GFWC Fundraiser - Home Tour
- 14 – HOA Social – Service Information Tables
- 18 – FOTVL 4R’s Fundraiser
- 25 – Good Shepherd Center – Cherochala Skyway Festival, Tellico Plains - booth
- 29 – 100 Women Who Care – 4 pm at YC
- TBD – Kiwanis – Pancake Breakfast

November 2025

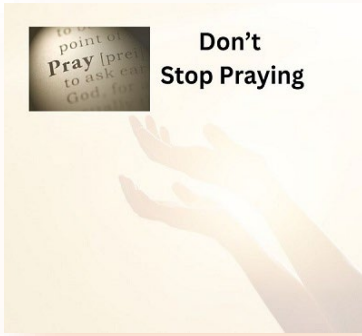
- Adopt-a-Class Winter Holiday Card Fundraiser – all month.
- 5 – Shoppes of Christmas at YC Event workers – Ladies Luncheon, Lions Club Booths - Charity Baker, Adopt-a-Class Holiday Card sales
- 6 – New Villager Social - Service Information Tables
- 11 – HOA Social – Service Information Table
- 11 – FOTVL Open House

December 2025

- 2 – TV Welcome Orientation – Service Information Tables
- 4 – New Villager Social – Service Information Tables
- 6 – FOTVL Fundraiser - Holiday Book Sale
- 6 – Good Shepherd Center - Madisonville Christmas Festival booth
- 6 - LCEF Run LoCo Half Marathon and Elf on the Run 5K, Lenoir City
- 9 – HOA Social –Service Information Tables



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

Continue to pray for our nation, military, first responders, anyone and everyone in need of prayers.

Please keep our members and their families in your prayers.

Bill Crowder: The Celebration of Life will be held on July 7th at the Community Church at Tellico Village, 11:00 a.m. Bill was long time Kiwanian. Please keep his wife Peggy and family in your prayers.



*"Keep your face to the sunshine
and you will never see the shadows."
- Helen Keller*



*Peace out,
Angie Antico
Editor*