

All the News that is fit to print and
then some....

Sept. 16, 2025 Newsletter
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Club Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Friendship Hall of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church,
143 Chota Ctr., Tellico Village. Across from POA office.

Sept. 16 meeting was attended by 57 members. We had the pleasure of welcoming 2 guests. Lisa Frazier and Cat Balderston. Cat is a friend of Janine Julian. Looking forward to seeing them again.

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Guest Speaker, Mike Blackwell – [Page 4](#)

Katey Bailey (Soon 2B FMP) read two **thank you notes for donations**. Susan Fox, Director of Lenoir City Family Resource Center, and Michele Lewis, Executive Director of Loudon County Education Foundation. Copies of the thank you notes are saved in MemberDay>Files>Thank You Letters and Cards. They can also be viewed on our website.
<https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/thank-you-notes/>

Rick Hamm announced **the Womens Club Annual Tour of Homes is Sunday, October 12th**. The organization is part of Tellico Working Together. They need volunteers to shuttle people from Tanasi Parking Lot to a designated drop-off area, and drive back to Tanasi those who finished the tour. Contact Rick if you are interest in being a “Uber Driver” for this event. 941-468-7441 or walkerhamm@gmail.com

Pancake Breakfast:

Ginger Swintosky, Co-Chair, gave a shout out and thank you to Pat Robinson. Pat, once again, has secured donations of paper goods and other items for the PB breakfast, helping to reduce expenses.

On Sept. 25 David Coulter, Lieutenant Governor of our Division, will be installing the new slate of officers for Sweetwater Kiwanis Club.

Judy Dowell, Program Committee Co-Chair: Volunteers needed to set up and clean up at meetings. Also volunteers to purchase ice teas/lemonade and bring to meetings.

Katey Bailey – Oct. 7th will be her last official meeting as our Club President. Roger Robertson, will install of our new slate of officers. Roger is the outgoing Lt. Governor.

It's a Great Day



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LOUDON, TN

to be a Kiwanian

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Mary Procyk: Storage Unit Clean up and Organization - scheduled September 20th at 8:30 am. Volunteer Storage, 300 Mialaquo Rd., TV. Unit C-11. Mprosouth61@gmail.com

Ray Mouse: Get Your Selfie2School Sept. 24th - [Page 10](#)

David Coulter: Inter-Club Sept 26th Athens Club – [Page 11](#)

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Ruthie Thornton: Fall Picnic is Sept. 27th. Reservations are now closed.

Ginger Swintosky/Mary Procyk/Ginnie Murdock: Pancake Breakfast – [Page 13](#)

Rob Orkney & Andrea Johnson – Oakridge Kiwanis All Abilities Fair Oct. 18th – [Page 14](#)

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Ask your family, friends, neighbors to follow us too!
We are at 193 followers.*

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SEPTEMBER 2025 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Heather Burke	4	5	6
7	8	9 John Brazil	140	11	12	13
14	15	16 Loren Plemmons	17 Bev Sikorski	18	19 Laura Wrubel	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

OCTOBER 2025 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Mary Procyk	7	8	9	10	11
12 Larry Dill	13	14	15	16 Larry Weir	17 Helen Nicholson	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Bob Swintosky
26 Caren Salazar	27	28 Pat Humphrey Don Whitman	29	30	31	



TOTAL SERVICE HOURS FOR AUGUST 2025 = 1267	
PROJECTS	
Amtryke	ABC Bench Program
Ft. Loudon Medical Center	GetYourSelfie2School
Good Neighbor Shoppe	Good Samaritan Center
Knitters and Crocheters United 4 Kids	Lenoir City Education Foundation & New Student Registration
Lenoir City School Family Resource Advisory Council	Lions Academy
Star Riding Academy	Tea in the Neighborhood
Tellico Working Together	Trout in the Classroom
Veterans Assist Program	Weekend Food 4 Kids
Golf Tournament = 813 Service Hours included above	
Club Administration	Club Media/Publicity Outlets
Sunshine Coordinator	



Mike Blackwell was the guest speaker at our Kiwanis meeting on September 16, 2025

Mike and his wife Sherry are dedicated Tellico Village community members. In 2019 they founded Tellico Village Honors Veterans to support Wreaths Across America at Knoxville National Cemetery. They are committed to honoring and supporting veterans.

We hope you will take a moment to read Mike's educational and emotional flyer. Please donate.

No Veteran should be forgotten!



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Knoxville National Cemetery

(9,000+ Honored Dead Rest Here)

- 2007 Wreaths Across America is a recognized 501c3
- 2008 US Congress establishes: **NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**
- 2018 Mike & Sherry Blackwell help place 3,000 wreaths at Knoxville National Cemetery
- 2019 Establishment of WAA's "Tellico Village Honors Veterans" 6,000 wreaths are placed at KNC
- 2020 In the wake of COVID-19 restrictions, TVHV helps place 7,500 wreaths of remembrance at KNC
- 2021 TVHV facilitates placement of 9,000+ wreaths at KNC—full coverage for 1st time ever!
- 2022- TVHV again facilitates 100% coverage at KNC
- 2024 That's 4 years in a row... Let's make it 5!



"To be killed in war is not the worst that can happen. To be lost is not the worst that can happen... to be forgotten is the worst." — Pierre Claeysens (1909-2003)



REMEMBER • HONOR • TEACH
Fallen Veterans Those Who Serve(d) Our Youth the Price of Freedom

What Can You Do???

- ☐ Support TVHV & WAA by sponsoring one or more wreaths @ \$17 each.
- ☐ NEIGHBORHOOD CHALLENGE . . . Distribute our fliers in your neighborhood.
- ☐ Volunteer to help place wreaths at KNC on December 13th
- ☐ Volunteer at our community fundraising events at Calhoun's & Food City
- ☐ Take a photo of our site-specific flier and send to your friends & family.

DEADLINE: November 22 for 2025 wreaths!



**REMEMBER
HONOR
TEACH**



Wreaths Across America

The goal..
A Wreath on each Veterans headstone at Knoxville National Cemetery, 979 Tyson St., Knoxville, TN
There is no Federal or State funding for the effort.

You can help us reach our goal.

Please donate at - knoxwreaths.org

Scroll down and click on Tellico Village Honors Veterans or mail this Flyer and check payable to:
Wreaths Across America
Tellico Village Honors Veterans
PO Box 5004, Knoxville, TN 39750

Volunteer for Wreath Placement is December 13, 2025 at noon. Questions?
Call Mike Blackwell at 585-729-6566 or Sherry Blackwell at 585-451-8556

Flyers Courtesy of CENTRIWORKS



**Susan Fox, Director of Lenoir City Family Resource Center, posted the article below
on their Facebook page, Friday, Sept. 5, 2025!**



#GetYourSelfie2School Partnership Spotlight!



Thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village for being an invaluable asset to our community. Their readiness to lend a helping hand significantly enhances our initiatives at the Lenoir City Schools Family Resource Center. As a steadfast partner, their unwavering support for Lenoir City Schools is deeply appreciated, and we cannot thank them enough for their contributions.

We encourage you to visit the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village Facebook page to explore opportunities for supporting their initiatives aimed at assisting the community in various ways. The next opportunity to contribute is the Fall Pancake Breakfast, scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2025, at the Tellico Village Community Church from 7:30 to 11:00 AM. For complete details, please refer to their Facebook page.

#GetYourSelfie2School #AttendanceAwarenessMonth #attendancematters #attendancecounts



We Did It!

THE WORLD IN WORDS LEARNING LIBRARY

The Learning Library Program was back in session at Lenoir City Elementary School on Thursday, Sept. 4th, 2025.

Our Kiwanians serve as librarians, equipped with a cart full of diverse books. The kindergarten students independently select a book that interests them. This process not only empowers young learners to make their reading choices but also instills a sense of responsibility as they manage their borrowed books. Teachers supply folders containing useful reading tips for parents, ensuring that the reading experience continues beyond the classroom into the home. This endeavor fosters an environment that celebrates literacy and promotes lifelong learning.



L to R Tellico Village Kiwanians:
Andrea Johnson,
Jerry Wrubel,
Ron Uncapher,
and Susan Fox,
Director of Lenoir City Family
Resource Center

Weekend Food 4 kids

Friday, Sept. 5th, 2025, Kiwanians were at Loudon Elementary School packing and delivering 128 bags of nutritious snacks. This program aims to ensure that students who may face food insecurity have access to healthy meals over the weekend. Each bag is filled with carefully



selected snacks, providing vital nutrition to support the well-being of these young learners. The efforts of our Kiwanis members highlight the importance of community involvement in addressing hunger and supporting the health and education of children.

L to R: Pat Humphrey, Paulette Craig (peeking in from the back), Andrea Johnson, Bev Sikorski, and Dave Preston.

Our club had the privilege of presenting a check to Assistant Principal Susan Gentry for \$1,300, exceeding our regular budgeted amount of \$2,500 for this vital project.

Our Kiwanis members are united by a shared vision of fostering growth and development, supporting initiatives that make a meaningful impact on children.



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ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Lenoir City Elementary School
203 Kelly Lane, Lenoir City

September 5 - 12th, 2025

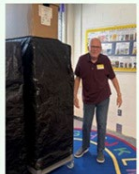


Kiwanians were always ready to lend a helping hand to children during the Book Fair. They managed the cash register. As the event concluded, our dedicated members, along with school staff, worked tirelessly to dismantle the setup, organizing the room back to its original state. Their commitment and teamwork truly exemplified the spirit of community service, making the Book Fair a successful and enjoyable event for everyone involved.

Kiwanis Members included Andrea Johnson, Ron Uncapher, Jane Grethey, Randy Heiden, Ray and Beth Mouse, & Nancy Yanasak.



Missing from the pictures are Kiwanians who also assisted at the Book Fair. Paulette Craig, Geri Denney, Judy Dowell, Bev Sikorsk, and Jerry and Laura Wrubel.



On Thursday, September 4, 2025, a dedicated group of Kiwanis volunteers rolled up their sleeves to transform the room into a vibrant book fair haven. Our members and school staff worked tirelessly, arranging tables, organizing stacks of books, and creating inviting displays to captivate the imaginations of the elementary students.



COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

On Monday, Sept. 15, 2025 Tellico Village Kiwanians coordinated the receipt, packing and delivering of surplus government commodities at the Springplace Apartment complex in Lenoir City to 32 residents. These individuals, who are low-income elderly or disabled, often face challenges in accessing essential resources. The quarterly effort not only ensures that these residents receive much-needed nutritional support, but it also fosters a sense of caring and community connection. The dedication of the Kiwanians highlights the importance of volunteerism and the profound impact it can have on improving the quality of life for vulnerable populations.



Back Row - L to R:
Diane Preston, Mike Herrinton,
Ginger Swintosky, Fred Gibson,
Bob Swintosky, and Mike DiPiazza.

Front Row - L to R:
Dave Preston, Andrea Johnson,
Bev Sikorski, Newton (Ginger's brother),
Ray Mouse, and Ken Austin, the
Project Leader.



**FOOD IS A
HUMAN RIGHT**

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Get Your Selfie 2 School Campaign was created in August 2023 by Susan Fox, Director of Family Resource Center Lenoir City and Cindy Purdy, Director of Loudon County Schools Family Resource Center, who passed away 3/14/25. Mandi Wolfe, has stepped into Cindy's role.

If you have met Mandi, you know she is amazing and the Loudon County Schools Family resource Center could not be in better hands.

The main goal of this Campaign is to assist the schools in promoting the importance of regular school attendance.

Ray and Beth Mouse are Co-Chairs of the Get Your Selfie 2 School Project with Kiwanis.

Our club has been asked to participate in welcoming students to Loudon Elementary School on the morning of September 24, 2025.

Our involvement will surely help the children to feel welcomed and appreciated.

Kiwanians will need to first sign in at the office.

You'll then be ready to greet the students as they begin arriving at 7:00 am. offering a simple, warm greeting like "Good morning. Happy you are here," along with a friendly smile, can significantly ease any anxieties the children might have as they start their day. It's a small gesture that can make a significant difference, helping to create a nurturing and supportive school environment.

If you're available and interested in contributing to this meaningful initiative, please reach out to Ray or Beth Mouse. Ray: raymouse48@gmail.com 865-712-7820
Beth: bethmouse1950@gmail.com 865-712-9189.

As per Ray, we will be needed again in October.

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.

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Next Inter-Club is
September 26th at Noon
Kiwanis Club of Athens
Tennessee Wesleyan Collage
Glenn Lowe Dining Room
Athens, TN

Contact David Coulter if you
are interested in attending.
Davidcoulter46@gmail.com

Members who wish to carpool
can meet in Sloan's parking
lot 11:30 a.m.

2025 Fall Fest

Free Community Event

Tellico Village Wellness Center

Sunday, September 28th 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Shuttle Available from Village Square 3:30 to 8:30

Handicap Parking Available at Wellness Center

Food

Music

Games & Fun

Meal Ticket \$20 Includes:

Hamburger or Veggie Burger
& Hotdog, Cole Slaw,
Potato Salad, Baked Beans
Soda or Water

Additional Fee:

Tic Toc Ice Cream Truck

Wine & Beer

Tunes By:

Second Wind Band

Entertainment

TV Line Dancers

Corn Hole

Booth Decorating Contest

Vendor Tables

Sponsor Tables

Putt Putt

Photo Booth

Meal tickets are now available for pre-purchase at

Chota Rec or The Welcome Center

for \$20 per person. (cash or check)

Beer, Wine & Ice Cream available for purchase day of event. (cash only)

Corporate Sponsors:



Proceeds Benefit The Timeless Tellico Foundation

PANCAKE

BREAKFAST

23 days left until Our Fall Pancake Breakfast

Mary Procyk, Co-Chair, stated we need Pancake cookers. Other slots are still open. PLEASE volunteer to help out. Oct. 7th is the last meeting before the PB.

Kevin Flanagan, PB Ticket Master, noted there are still 8 members who have not picked up their tickets. We ask all try and sell your tickets. If not, consider purchasing them, and donating them to others.

Ginnie Murdock, has taken over the role of Dining Room Coordinator for the PB. Help is need to set up tables and chairs on Oct. 10th and break down the dining room on Oct 11th after the PB. Need a few strong (or semi-strong) men!

Contact Co-Chairs if you have any questions. Ginger Swintosky or Mary Procyk.

Ginger – gswintosky@gmail.com

Mary – mprosouth61@gmail.com



All Abilities Fair is Saturday, Oct. 18th at the Oak Ridge Civic Center, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

It is sponsored by the City of Oak Ridge and the United Way of Anderson County.

This free, family-friendly event will connect community members with more than 40 organizations providing resources, education, and hands-on activities for people of all abilities. The fair will feature a wide variety of interactive opportunities, including:

- Wheelchair basketball demonstrations
- Art exhibits
- Disability law and advocacy resources
- X-Treme Challenge courses
- Low vision and mobility resources
- Adaptive technology demonstrations
- Independent living aids and aging-in-place resources
- Education programs and panel discussions

Tellico Village Kiwanis Club will have an Amtryke Table at the event.



Amtryke Project: Our club provides financial and direct assistance in providing therapeutic tricycles to special needs children unable to operate traditional bikes. These unique tricycles can be

either hand and/or foot operated and can accommodate riders with varying degrees of physical limitations. The therapeutic benefits are multifaceted, enhancing motor skills, boosting physical strength, and significantly improving self-esteem of young riders.

As of October 2024, we have presented 86 Amtrykes valued at over \$49,000 to children ages 18 and younger who are living with disabilities affecting their motor skills and strength.

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Tellico Working Together - Service and Fundraising Events



Late June 2025

- 25 – TWT Meeting 10:45 Baptist Church
- 28 – FOTVL Fundraiser – Fiction Book Sale
- 28 – Good Shepherd Center Elite Tunes Concert YC 7 pm

July 2025

- Adopt-a-Class Back-to-School Donation Drive
- Lions Children's Hospital Donation Drive
- 3- New Villager Social – Service Information Tables
- 7-11 - CCTV/Central United Methodist Church – Sponsor Children's "Camp in the Community"
- 8 – HOA Social – Service Information Tables
- 19 – FOTVL Fundraiser – Paw Parade
- 27 – CCTV Ice Cream Social
- 30 – TWT Meeting 10:45-Noon at Baptist Church

August 2025

- Adopt-a-Class Back-to-School Donation Drive
- 2 – FOTVL Annual Puzzle Sale
- 2 – Shepherd of the Lake "Rally" – next to Church from 10-1
- 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 Gala – The Venue, 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
- 4 – New Villager Social - Service Information Tables
- 5 – FOTVL & TV New Villagers Fundraiser - Bourbon Tasting
- 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 Tables
- 4 – Our Place - Walk to Remember and Car Show– Lenoir City Park 9-1
- 6 – Lions Fundraiser - Bratfest at YC
- 7 – TV Welcome Orientation – Service Groups Information Tables
- 11 – Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- 12 – GFWC Fundraiser - Home Tour
- 14 – HOA Social – Service Information Tables
- 18 – FOTVL 4R's Fundraiser
- 23 – United Way of Loudon County Fundraising Gala – The Venue
- 25 – Good Shepherd Center – Cherochala Skyway Festival, Tellico Plains - booth
- 29 – 100 Women Who Care – 4 pm at YC

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
- 14 - FOTVL Annual Business Meeting with performance by Tellico Singers- Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

December 2025

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

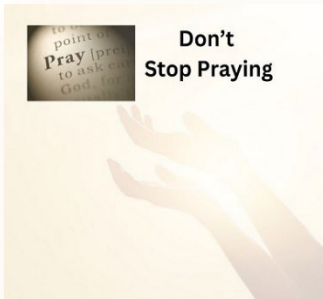
January 2026

- 8 – New Villager Social- Service Information Table
- 13 – HOA Social – Service Information Table
- 31 – Good Shepherd Center – Mardi Gras Dance Party – YC

February 2026

- 3 – TV Welcome Orientation – Service Information Tables
- 5 – New Villager Social – Service Information Table
- 10 – HOA Social – Service Information Table
- 19 – 100WWC Giving Circle – 4 pm at YC

Community Services Committee Project Leaders are **Dan Kuzdzal 865-657-9331** djkuzdzal@yahoo.com and **Randy Heiden 865-408-1605** randynancyh@outlook.com Our 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.



Let us know if you or someone you know has asked for prayers.
Pray for our nation, our military, the first responders, everyone committed to protect and uphold our freedoms.

Please remember our members who are facing difficult health issues.

Al Porell – our club's founder.

Helen Nicholson – one of our first woman member and former club president.

Please keep Reba Herzfeld in your prayers. Her brother, Mike Kreitzberg, fell on vacation while on a cruise.

He had to be airlifted to Amsterdam, then flown home to Florida.

He was placed in a medically induced coma. Reba has texted that he is awake.

He faces a long, difficult road ahead.

Pray for Mike's healing. Pray for his wife, Jana, and Reba.

**Sometimes it takes
only one act of
kindness and caring
to change a
person's life.**

—JACKIE CHAN



*Peace out,
Angie Antico
Editor*