

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

December 2, 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.

Meeting Highlights

54 Members attended the meeting on Dec. 2nd. We welcomed 4 Kiwanis friends from the Sweetwater Club, Tommy Lemmons, Mike and Patricia Kapusta and Dr. Hugh McCampbell (Doc). Donna Devenuti, a returning guest, also attended the meeting. Donna is going to become a new member soon!

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MP AJ (Madam President Andrea) Announcements:

- Cheese Bar Orders from Sweetwater Kiwanis Club will be delivered to Sweetwater Club on December 11th. MP AJ is picking up our club orders from Sweetwater. She will email members to setup
- New Commodities Food Distribution is going to be done monthly instead of quarterly. A Project Leader is needed, Ken Austin is stepping down. His replacement must have a dry sense of humor, be able to tell outrageous stories, supply donuts on event days, and have access to Dolly!
- Member Surveys thank you to all who turned in their surveys. Please feel free to email Andrea if you have additional comments. You can also drop another survey into the red bin that will be at the next few meetings.
- Sunshine Coordinator – Deb Ford is our club's Sunshine Coordinator. Email her at debford99420@gmail.com if you have a prayer request.
- Pat Robinson – MP AJ thanked Pat for securing many items used for the Pancake Breakfast.

It's a Great Day



Kiwanis
TELLICO VILLAGE
LOUDON, TN

to be a Kiwanian

David Coulter - Tellico Plains Kiwanis Annual Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 20th. It begins at 3 p.m. We can have an Inter-Club if 4 of our members attend.

Kevin #1 – Benches 104 – 111 are in the works and will be delivered over the next two weeks!!

Judy Dowell – Program Committee can use help in multiple areas. Please email Judy: judy@dowell.net The Program Committee works hard, show them some support.

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We are up to 197 followers on our Facebook Page.

All I want for Christmas is to reach 200 followers.

If you use Facebook, please follow us.



happy
birthday



Kiwanis
TELLICO VILLAGE
LOUDON, TN

DECEMBER 2025 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Ray Mouse Judy Dowell
7	8	9	10	11 Dan Kuzdzal Deb Santos	12	13
14 Dawn Scott	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Lucia Findley	23	24		26	27
28	29	30	31 Lynda Nagle			

JANUARY 2026 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Beth Mouse
4	5	6	7	8 Sarah Campbell Bob Coleman Debbie Morris	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Mike Herrinton	17 Dave Preston
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Rick Hamm	28 Kim Silvestri	29	30	31



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(Thank you in Cherokee)

**Charlie Rhodarmer, Director
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum**



<https://sequoyahmuseum.org>

WHAT WE DO - We serve as a primary historical resource on the legacy of Sequoyah as a history of Cherokee homelands in his lifetime.

- We are rooted in Tennessee and tied directly to Sequoyah – his achievements with the Cherokees and humankind as a whole.
- We are rooted in history. We have served since 1986 as an educational resource in Tennessee, telling the story of the Cherokees and their impact on the evolution of our country. We have carefully preserved artifacts, to provide an authentic up-close look at life from another time as a product of Cherokee heritage.
- We are a resource like no other. Through our location, in Vonore, TN, we are tied to the local history of our area and provide not only high-quality museum displays, but also geographical artifacts from another time that are essential to telling the story of Sequoyah and the Cherokees.

HOW WE DO IT - We have served as a primary resource in Tennessee on Eastern Band of Cherokee history and education for over 30 yrs and will continue to serve in that capacity, with a renewed focus on Cherokee history during Sequoyah's lifetime, currently no other museum or resource focuses on this time in Cherokee history.

- We will be utilizing the 1833 Otis Tufts printing press and be able to demonstrate 19th century technology and allow visitors to have a hand-on experience in creating written materials from the early 1800's.
- We are a living testimonial to Sequoyah. We have displays, videos, artifacts and more, that honor the individual contributions of Sequoyah to the Cherokees.
- We are dedicated to preservation. We take great care to preserve our unique blend of local history through a tireless workforce comprised of passionate individuals, aiming to uphold the traditions of the Cherokees.
- We educate. Our displays, our Cherokee language classes, along with our educational outreach programs, offer young people and adults alike an immersive experience into the history and legacy of the Cherokees and Sequoyah. We work under the premise that to see is to believe, so we bring history to life in a way that is both informative and entertaining.

WHY IT MATTERS - History is only preserved so long as its curators are determined to do so.

- We believe it is our duty. We take great pride in preserving this moment in time in the development of our Nation. We are emboldened to move forward in the continuation of the legacy of Sequoyah, because we believe his impact was universally substantial.
- We represent the facts. We have taken great care to preserve this piece of history in a more comprehensive way. We present the facts of Sequoyah and his legacy in a unique way.
- We are committed. We have committed our lives and our careers to preserving this history in a unique way for the education and enjoyment of future citizens. We have made it our life's work to see to it that these causes are carried forward for generations to come.

C. A. Chesser

We Did It!



The main goal for the Get Your Selfie 2 School! Program promoted by Lenoir City Schools and Loudon County Schools is to unite community partners and sponsors from individuals, businesses, corporations, civic groups, non-profit service providers, and faith-based organizations to assist in promoting the importance of regular school attendance.

Tellico Village Kiwanians, Katey Bailey and Geri Denney were up before sunrise waiting for the arrival of students at the Loudon Elementary School on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025.

Greeting them with high fives, smiles and a warm, "Good morning, happy you are here."

Such small gestures can make a significant difference to a child. Helping to create a nurturing and supportive school environment and easing any anxieties the student might have as they start their school day.



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This project will start up again in mid-January after the holidays.



Kiwanians, Rick and Bev Woodard and Ken Austin braved the cold dark at 6:45 a.m. Wed. Dec. 3, 2025. Bright-eyed and bushy tailed (maybe), they were ready to greet the Loudon Elementary School students as they arrived.

"Good morning, welcome. We are happy you are here."



Youth Services Committee: Project Get Your Selfie 2 School

Project Leaders:

Ray Mouse 865-712-7820 raymouse48@gmail.com

Beth Mouse 865-712-9189 bethmouse1950@gmail.com

Our club contributes both financial resources and volunteer efforts to this program promoted in Lenoir City Schools and Loudon County Schools. The main goal for Get Your Selfie2 School! is to unite community partners and sponsors from individuals, businesses, corporations, civic groups, non-profit service providers, and faith-based organizations to assist in promoting the importance of regular school attendance.

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Lenoir City Schools Family Resource Center

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village for serving as guest readers in our Pre-K classes at Lenoir City Elementary. We truly appreciate the time you dedicated to reading to our students this morning.

The Lenoir City Schools Family Resource Center shared these photos and above comment on their Facebook Page. Kiwanians Andrea Johnson, Ron Uncapher, and Geri Denney read to Pre-K children on Thursday, Nov. 20th, 2025, at Lenoir City Elementary School.



The Early Childhood Literacy Program at Lenoir City Elementary School is designed to promote books and reading among pre-kindergarten children.

Held every other Thursday during the school year, this program complements the Lending Library initiative, providing a literacy experience. Volunteers read aloud to the children, capturing their attention and inspiring their imagination. The interactive question-and-answer sessions that follow encourage curiosity and engagement, helping to develop critical thinking and comprehension skills. This program introduces children to storytelling and aims to lay a foundation for lifelong learning and literacy.

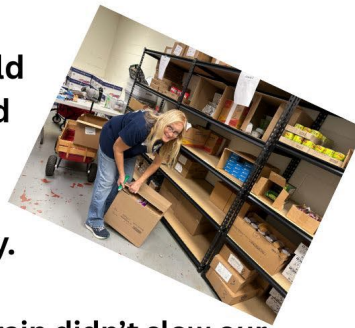
Ron Uncapher is Project Leader. To volunteer email Ron at: ronalduncapher@gmail.com

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Weekend Food 4 kids



**NO child
should
ever
go
hungry.**



Colder temperatures and rain didn't slow our Kiwanians down. They packed and delivered 142 bags of nutritious snacks Friday morning, Nov. 21, 2025.

**Left to Right:
Ginger Swintosky
Diane Preston
Dave Preston**



**Front and leading
the group:
Pat Humphrey**

Benches 101 and 102 delivered

On Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025,
2 benches for delivered to
Zack Cusick, Director of
Lenoir City Parks and
Recreation by Kevin Meyer,
Tellico Village Kiwanian and
Project Coordinator for
“A Bench for Caps Program.”



The Program, spearheaded by Kevin in 2019, is an inspiring initiative that transforms non-recyclable plastic caps and lids into functional and meaningful benches and tables, fostering inclusivity and reducing social isolation among children. Through collaboration with Green Tree Plastics in Indiana, the collected plastic is processed using an extrusion method. While providing minor funding, our club observes the project's expansion to new counties, involving other Kiwanis Clubs and charitable organizations. This expansion supports environmental sustainability and community engagement.





Bench #103 Presented Nov. 23, 2025

Lois and David Nellis exemplify community spirit through their involvement with the Friends of Chesterfield Township Library in Chesterfield, MI. Lois is Vice President and David is an Officer on the Friends of the Library board. Lois is the sister of Joanne Meyer, Kevin's wife.

Lois and David actively support the caps and lids program in their area. During a conversation, Kevin mentioned a bench donated by our Kiwanis Club to the Tellico Village Public Library. Lois and David questioned if they could acquire a bench for their library. Yes, it was possible! Kevin explained they would need to commit to saving caps and lids and be willing to sponsor the bench. Without hesitation, Lois and David agreed. Bench #103 was transported by Kevin and Joanne on their Thanksgiving trip to visit family in Michigan and presented to the library on November 23, 2025.

The bench holds special significance, dedicated in memory of Shane Stewart. A beloved former library worker who began his journey as a 16-year-old volunteer and tragically passed away in 2024.

Demonstrating a commitment to community engagement, Lois and David involved the local K-Kids Club. The K-Kids members constructed drop-off buckets, thereby nurturing a sense of contribution and creativity among young community members.



Kevin Meyer
Lois Nellis
David Nellis

Drop-off
bucket for
caps and lids
in Memory of
Shane Stewart.



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Santa
Needs
Help!



Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee



A Commodity Food Distribution took place
on Monday, December 1st, 2025 at
Blairland Baptist Church, 730 Steekee Rd, Loudon.

Made possible by the Second Harvest Food Bank
of East Tennessee.

Of course, Tellico Village Kiwanians were on hand
to lend a helping hand.



Back Row: Dave Lillemon, Mike Herrinton,
Front Row: Andrea Johnson, Dave Preston
and Diane Preston (behind Dave)





Christmas came early for Jacob



Tellico Village Kiwanis Club
presented its 88th
Amtryke Therapeutic Tricycle
on Dec. 2nd. 2025
to Jacob Hankey in Harriman, TN.



Jacob and his
mom, Patricia.

Jacob, who has autism, is 12 years old and is in the 6th grade. He was very happy to receive his tryke. Jacob was well on his way learning how to maneuver his tryke. Unfortunately, when the weather took a turn with wind chills and unexpected snow flurries, Jacob's fun was cut short.



Lisa and Tina (Jacob's
former physical
therapists) with
Jacob and his mom,
Patricia.



Jacob and his
mom, Patricia.

Kiwanians Dan Kuzdzal,
Anne Cloud,
Rob Orkney and Ken Holt



Back Row:
Kiwanians Anne Cloud,
Dan Kuzdzal, Rob Orkney,
Ken Holt,
Lisa Fraizer and husband Bob
Front Row:
Jacob, his mom Patricia,
and
Kiwanian Andrea Johnson



UPcoming EVENTS

All our upcoming events are listed in MemberDay.
See Meetings and Events Section.

Ho ho ho!

Santa has contact our
Head Elf, Ron Uncapher.

He needs the help of Kiwanis
Elves to receive, sort, wrap
and dispense gifts that have
been brought by Angels to
the Lenoir City Family
Resource Center.

Ron has shifts covered

12/1 - 12/5 and 12/8 -12/12.
Shifts 8:30 a.m. - Noon and
Noon - 4:00 p.m.
2 Elves per shift.

However, unforeseen
circumstances can happen.
Email Ron if you want to be
put on a substitute list.
ronalduncapher@gmail.com



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TACKY SWEATER CONTEST!

We look forward to celebrating with you!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

DECEMBER 6, 2025
1:00PM – 4:00PM
Tellico Village Yacht Club
100 Sequoyah Road, Loudon, TN

SHARPEST DRESSED CONTEST!

LOTS OF FOOD & FUN!

Bring your holiday spirit to our Christmas get-together.



Community Services Committee: Project Tea at The Neighborhood

Project Leaders:

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

Diane Preston 815-685-9893 prestdia@yahoo.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.



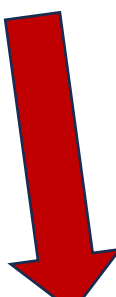
Springplace Apartment Complex
304 Locust St., Lenoir City
Christmas Lunch for the residents is on
Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

Kiwanians will be passing out the gift bags filled with
items donated by our members.

As with any planned event, sometimes things happen
that are not in our control.

If you would like to be added as a backup, contact
MP AJ (Madam President Andrea):
andreasmail@ymail.com

AJ Antonio



MP AJ just sent out this notice:

We have had some changes and there is a need for volunteers to help with the following:

- 3-4 volunteers to help pack bags on Monday, Dec 8th from 1-3pm at Andrea's house in Tanasi.
- 2-3 volunteers to help with set-up & delivery of Christmas gifts to Springplace Apts on Wednesday, Dec 10th. The lunch starts at noon and runs until 2pm. We will distribute the bags during this time.

Please reply if you are available to help with either of these.

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.

For our Kiwanis families who have lost loved ones, please pray God's presence will give them peace.

For our Kiwanis members who face difficult health issues, a card, or email would let them know they are remembered.

Randy Heiden – taken by ambulance to the hospital on Dec. 2nd. No details yet.

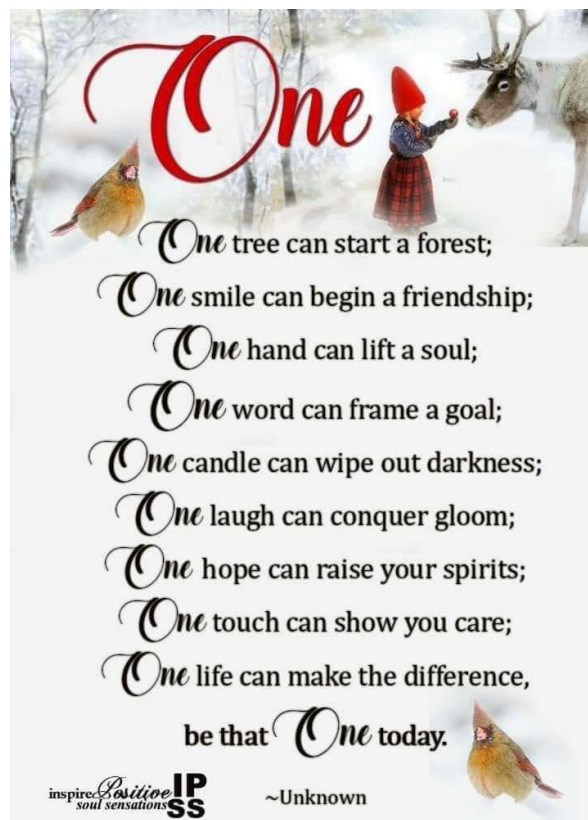
Al Porell – our club's founder is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 prostate cancer.

Phil Rothrock – Has skin cancer on his face. Removal is scheduled for Dec. 4th.

Reba Herzfeld – Reba's brother, Mike Kreizberg, is continuing his rehab and in-home care.

Helen Nicholson – was an active member from 2002 until early 2025. She was our first female club president 2010-2011.
(Address: Lakewood Place, 1125 Grove St., Apt. 312, Loudon, TN 37774)

You can download a copy of current Membership List. It is in MemberDay>Files>Membership Lists>Membership List.pdf



Peace out,
Angie Antico
Editor