

All the News that is fit to print and
then some....
January 20, 2026 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

We welcomed 42 members to our meeting. Previous guests, Jim and Shirley Bierkamp had planned to attend. However, they both have come down with pneumonia!

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Guest Speaker, Bill Waldrop - [Page 5](#)

Madam President, Andrea Johnson, announcements:

- Mid-Year KY-TN District Convention is March 13-14, 2026 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Lexington, KY. For details please visit:
<https://k10.site.kiwanis.org/2026-midyear-convention/>
- Annual KY-TN District Convention is August 13-16, 2026 at The Airport Hilton in Alcoa, TN. Details are not yet available.
- Our Nominating Committee is set to find candidates to fill the open officer and director positions for the Kiwanis Year Oct. 1, 2026 – Sept. 30, 2027 - [Page 6](#)

Diane Preston, while announcing the upcoming Ladies Tea, mentioned a gentleman had wanted to attend. Years ago a man, who resided at The Neighborhood, did attend the Tea, noted by Beth Mouse. That brought by the fact that we did host a get together called the Bull 'N' Brew for the man at The Neighborhood. Perhaps some of our male members would be interested in restarting this project.

Sign-up sheets to assist our Program Committee are always available at our meetings. Please take a moment to see what tasks need to be filled.

Reba Herzfeld informed the members that no one has stepped up to help her with the Knitters and Crocheters United 4 Kids Project. It will be very unfortunate if this project disappears due to lack of support. PLEASE contact Reba for information: RebaReneeKay@aol.com



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*Thank you to everyone following us on Facebook.
We are now at 208!*

Do you use Facebook? Are you following us?



happy birthday



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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

February 2026 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Louise Coulter	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Richard Hoffmann	13	14 
15	16	17	18	19	20 Mark Johnson	21
22	23	24	25	26 Dave Miller	27	28



TOTAL SERVICE HOURS DECEMBER 2025 - 684	
PROJECTS	
Adopt A Family for Christmas/ Santa's Helpers	A Bench for Caps Program
Amtryke	Disadvantaged Children Cold Weather Clothing Fund
Friends of Tennessee Babies with Special Needs	GetYourSelfie2School
Good Neighbor Shoppe	Good Samaritan Center
Key Club Loudon High School	Knitters and Crocheters United 4 Kids
Lending Library & Early Childhood Literacy	Lions Academy, Kenya
Robotics in the Classroom	Santa's Workshop
Tea at The Neighborhood	Tellico Working Together
Veterans Assist Program	Weekend Food 4 Kids
Springplace Apartment Complex – purchased essential household goods and personal products and baked items for residents Christmas Luncheon	
Club Administration	Club Media/Publicity Outlets
Sunshine Coordinator	



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2025 A Great Year to be a Kiwanian

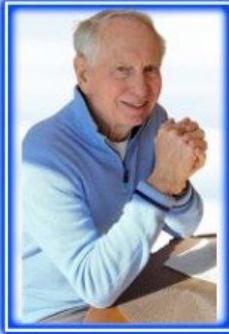
Total Service Hours: 8,703
Total Donations Distributed: \$84,618.00

Amtryke	A Bench for Caps Program
Adopt A Family & Santa's Helpers	Back to School Clothing Program
Boys and Girls Clubs	C.O.P.s Citizens Observation Patrol
Commodities Food Distribution	Disadvantaged Children Cold Weather Clothing Fund
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	Friends of Tennessee Babies with Special Needs
Friends of Tellico Village Public Library	Ft. Loudon Medical Center
GetYourSelfie2School Campaign	Good Neighbor Shoppe
Good Samaritan Center	Greenback Elementary School
Iva's Place	Judging Chalk Art at Tomahawk Trot
Key Club Loudon High School	Kid's First - Children's Advocacy Center
Kindergarten Supplies for Elementary Schools: Lenoir City, Philadelphia, Steekee, Loudon County	Kiwanis International Children's Fund
Kindergarten Round Up	Lenoir City Elementary School Book Fair
Knitters and Crocheters United 4 Kids	Lenoir City Schools Volunteer Administration Hours
Lenoir City Family Resource Advisory Counsel	Lions Academy, Kenya
Lending Library/Early Childhood Literacy	Loudon County Habitat for Humanit
Loudon County Education Foundations/Scholarships	Our Place Adult Day Center
Loudon County High School Snack Closet	Ronnie Raper Music Program
Reading and Tutoring	Shred Truck Event
Santa's Workshop	STAR Riding Academy
Special Olympics	Tea at the Neighborhood
STAY in Tellico	Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department
Tellico Village Computer Club	Trout in the Classroom
Tellico Working Together	WATER-Watershed Association of Tellico Reservoir
Veterans Assist Program	Without Limits Baseball Program
Weekend Food 4 Kids	Club Admin., Media/Publicity & Sunshine Coordinator
Annual Golf Tournament and Pancake Breakfasts	

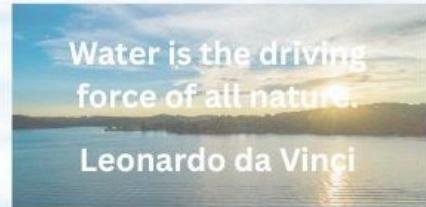




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Thank you
Bill Waldrop
Chair of the Water Quality
Improvement Committee



Over the years the Water Quality Committee has led many efforts to improve and monitor the water quality of the Tellico Reservoir Watershed. Most noteworthy of these efforts was the effort to improve the effluent from the Madisonville Water treatment plant. This effort took many years, coordination with other government and private agencies, and several court cases.

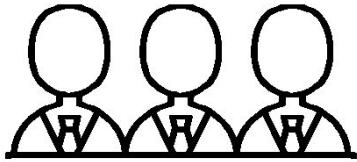
WATER has also worked with other agencies to improve agricultural practices to lessen pollution runoff into the lake. These efforts are on-going. Agricultural runoff pollution is significant in this watershed because much of the watershed is located in rural, agricultural, areas.

Perhaps the most critical and unaddressed problem facing the watershed today is residential pollution runoff from the communities that have been built around Tellico Lake. Residents must be educated in how to avoid runoff and must be encouraged to change their lawn fertilizer methods and to grow boundaries that will lessen the runoff.

IT CAN BE DONE!

The mission of WATER is to protect the environment of the Tellico Reservoir and its Watershed.
Protecting the lake Protects our Property.
<https://www.tellicowater.org/>

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**Nominating Committee:
Rick Hamm, Katey Bailey, and Beth Mouse.**

Each year a Nominating Committee (NC) is selected by the Club President. Any open Officer or Board Director position must be filled for the upcoming Kiwanis year.

The responsibility of the NC is to develop a slate of candidates.

The NC will begin contacting active members soon for potential candidates.

ARE YOU

Interested in learning what goes on behind the scenes?

Willing to actively govern our club?

Interested in helping our club move forward and stay focused?

Interested in keeping our club's mission front and center?

Willing to commit to serving the required term associated with the position?

For the Kiwanis Year Oct. 1, 2025 - Sept. 30, 2025, the President-Elect position must be filled.

There is 1 Board of Directors position open.

If you are willing to become a candidate, please contact any NC member.

Responsibilities:

The President-Elect is a one-year term position and prepares to assume the leadership role of president the following Kiwanis year by working closely with the current club president. One of the key assignments is soliciting and scheduling speakers for the monthly club meetings. Additionally, the president-elect will attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings and preside over club/board meetings in the absence of the club president.

A Director is a two-year term position and serves on the Board of Directors.

(Responsibilities cover Officers & Directors): Provide general management of the club not delegated to the membership in our bylaws or club policy.

Assure the club complies with applicable governmental rules and regulations.

Determine the good-standing status of members in accordance with club policy.

The slate of candidates will be presented to the membership 30 days prior to our Annual Meeting.

Floor and self-nominations will be accepted at that time.

Annual Meeting is set for May 5th. Members will vote to approve the nominees.

Two-thirds of our members (a quorum) must vote to validate the election.

Katey Bailey: Katey_b@hotmail.com Rick Hamm: walkerhamm@gmail.com Beth Mouse: bethmouse1950@gmail.com



Ruthie Thornton gave an update on the Lions Academy. It is our club's International Project.

The Lions Academy stands as a beacon of hope in the challenging environment of Isiolo County, Kenya.

Established in 1998, this private school has become a safe haven for children aged 5 to 18, offering education to both orphans and day students under the capable leadership of Head Mistress Harriet Nkatha.

Despite the region's semi-arid conditions and economic hardships, the Academy has persevered, moving to a new facility in 2007 funded by Ruth Thornton and her late husband, Paul of Tellico Village. Our Kiwanis Club is a strong supporter of the school.

The school has faced numerous challenges, including natural disasters and financial constraints, yet continues to provide a happy Christian environment that follows the national syllabus while imparting vital life skills.

The students are disciplined and driven, achieving high academic rankings, and excelling in national competitions. There are currently 120 students. Seventeen students have been accepted into college.

While the school struggles with rising food costs and relies heavily on donations due to a lack of local and national funding, the unwavering dedication of Harriet Nkatha and the community's support ensure that the children have a chance to break the cycle of poverty and pursue their dreams.

With the help of God and the prayers and assistance of others, it is important for this school to survive.

You can download a copy of the Lions Academy Brochure. It is in MemberDay>Files>Brochures



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We Did It!



On Friday, January 9th, 2026, the Weekend Food 4 Kids Project faced significant challenges.

Despite a scarce supply of food and the unfortunate timing of Second Harvest's delivery schedule, which wouldn't bring relief until Monday, the dedicated Kiwanians remained resolute.

The children's need for nutritious snacks to tide them over the weekend was paramount. A power outage added to the adversity, forcing volunteers to rely on phone flashlights to pack the bags.

Nevertheless, through determination and teamwork, they managed to fill 145 bags with the available items. These bags were then delivered directly to individual classrooms, ensuring that no child went without.

Thank you Reba Herzfeld, Pat Humphrey, Dave Preston and Diane Preston. (Left to Right in group photo.) This day highlighted the resilience and commitment of the Tellico Village Kiwanians.



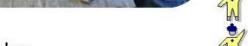
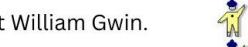
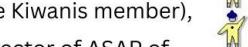
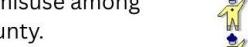
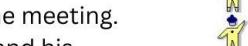


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CLUB OF OAK RIDGE TN
Chartered in 1946



Oak Ridge Kiwanis Club meeting took place on Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Oak Ridge Public Library Auditorium.

Oak Ridge Kiwanis Club President William Gwin conducted the meeting.
He recognized KY/TN Kiwanis Div 4 Lt Gov David Coulter and his
Tellico Village Kiwanis Interclub group.

Their Guest Speaker was Shayla Wilson, Executive Director of ASAP of Anderson.



Mission: To prevent and reduce substance misuse among
youth and adults in Anderson County.



Left to Right:

KY-TN Kiwanis Division 4 Lieutenant Governor
David Coulter (Tellico Village Kiwanis member),
Shayla Wilson, Executive Director of ASAP of
Anderson, and
Oak Ridge Kiwanis President William Gwin.



Left to Right:
Oak Ridge Kiwanis President William Gwin,
Tellico Village Kiwanis Members:
KY-TN Kiwanis Division 4 Lieutenant Governor
David Coulter,
Ron Uncapher, Larry Dill, and Kevin Meyer.

Thank you, President William Gwin, and members of the
Oak Ridge Kiwanis Club for your hospitality.

Inter-Clubs among Kiwanis Clubs is inspiring, builds fellowship and energizes
attendees to continue making positive impacts in their communities.

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Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee



The monthly Commodity Food Distribution event was held on January 16, 2026, at Blairland Baptist Church, 730 Steekee Rd, Loudon.

This event brought together community members dedicated to ensuring that those in need have access to essential food supplies.

The presence of our committed Kiwanians once again highlighted the spirit of volunteerism and community support that makes such initiatives possible.

Their efforts, along with those of other volunteers, were crucial in organizing and distributing food items efficiently and compassionately.



Top Middle Photo: Kiwanians alongside volunteers from Priment Loudon; a Corporate Sponsor of our Annual Golf Tournament. What a pleasure it was to work side by side.

Our Kiwanians Bottom Left to Right Photos: Beth & Ray Mouse
Mark Johnson, Beth Mouse, Ray Mouse & Andrea Johnson
Mark Johnson





On the cold, windy and dark morning of Jan. 21, 2026, two of our incredible Kiwanians were on hand to greet students as they arrive at Loudon Elementary School.



Diane and Dave Preston smiled and extended a warm greeting to the children. "Good morning, so glad to see you."

Small gestures that can make a significant difference, helping to create a nurturing and supportive school environment.

**Get Your Selfie 2 School Campaign - Youth Services Committee
Project Leaders: Ray and Beth Mouse**

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.

Upcoming Events



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GetYourSelfie2School Project

Loudon Elementary School, 2175 Roberts Rd., Loudon

Volunteers needed for February 4, and February 18.

Please arrive by 7:00 a.m. and check in at the school office. Bring your driver's license. Don't forget to wear your Kiwanis club shirt!

As volunteers, we'll be eagerly awaiting the students' arrival, ready to greet them with high fives, smiles, and a warm, "Good morning, welcome. We are happy you are here."

These simple gestures can make a world of difference to a child, helping to create a nurturing and supportive school environment while easing any anxieties they might have as they begin their day. Let's make every child feel valued and emphasize the importance of school attendance.

Together, we can inspire them to believe that they matter!



*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

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**Kevin #1 announced upcoming
Inter-Club Kiwanis Meetings for February.
He has step-in for Phil Rothrock who is undergoing
carcinoma surgery.**

Feb. 6th – Athens Club
Tennessee Wesleyan University, 204 E College St., Athens

Feb. 10th – Madisonville Club
Cora Veal Senior Center, 144 College Street S, Madisonville

Feb. 19th – Sweetwater Club First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall, 303 Wright St., Sweetwater

We urge all new members to attend an Inter-Club.

Contact Kevin #1 for additional information or to sign-up.

Kevin Meyer: Kmeye56@sbcglobal.net



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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WF4K Spring Schedule 2026

Date	Club
Jan 9	Kiwanis
Jan 16	LWC
Jan 23	Kiwanis
Jan 30	TVWC
Feb 6	Kiwanis
Feb 13	TVWC
Feb 20	Kiwanis
Feb 27	LWC
Mar 6	Kiwanis (Double Pack)
Mar 13	Spring Break
Mar 20	Kiwanis
Mar 27	TVWC
Apr 3	LWC
Apr 10	Kiwanis
Apr 17	TVWC
Apr 24	Kiwanis
May 1	LWC
May 8	TVWC
May 12	VFW

Jan. 23rd is next date
scheduled for our club.
Contact Pat Humphrey if
you want to be added to
the list of volunteers.



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LADIES TEA AT
THE
NEIGHBORHOOD

**The next Ladies Tea at
The Neighborhood is
Tuesday, Jan. 27th, 2026.**

The theme for The Tea is



Kiwanis gals are asked to bring cookies, mini muffins, mini cupcakes etc.
With 24-30 residents attending, 7 - 8 volunteers are usually needed.

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.

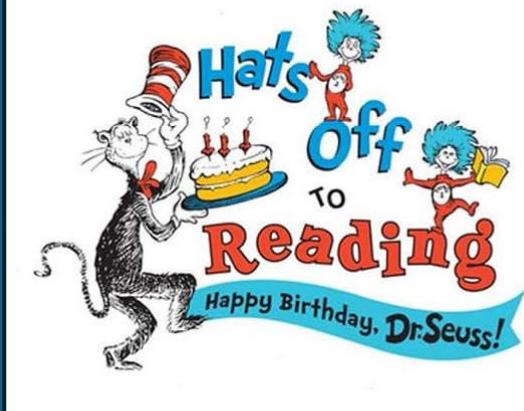
It's an event where laughter, conversation, and the simple pleasure of good company are
always in ample supply, leaving everyone with cherished memories.

For more information or to be part of this fulfilling event, please reach out to
Diane Preston. Email: prestdia@yahoo.com
Mobile: 815-685-9893

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Lenoir City Elementary School will celebrate

Read Across American on Friday, March 6, 2026!

**Two additional volunteers are needed to read to
Kindergarten students at 10:30 a.m.**

Please contact Project Leader, Ron Uncapher, for details.

ronalduncapher@gmail.com



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mark your **CALENDAR**

ALL YOU CAN *eat*

SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Set up is Friday, March 20TH
Breakfast is Saturday, March 21st**

**Signup sheets will be available
at upcoming meetings.**

**Tickets will be distributed to
members at the Feb. 3rd meeting.**

**Revenue from the two
Pancake Breakfasts
help fund our projects.**

**All members are asked to
participate.**

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Tellico Working Together - Service and Fundraising Events



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

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 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 Lutheran Church, Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village, Rotary of Tellico Village, Lions Club, General Federation of Women's 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.



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Now this is a true pure bread dog!





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Don't
Stop Praying

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Let us know if you or someone you know has asked for prayers.

Continue to pray for our nation, our military, the first responders, everyone committed to protect and uphold our freedoms.

Please keep Phil Rothrock in your prayers as he has carcinoma surgery.

Pray for skilled hands for the surgeon and a successful outcome.

Beth Mouse will be having a knee replacement on Feb 9.

Beth is nervous about this upcoming surgery and would welcome positive encouragement.

Pray fervently for our fellow Kiwanians, families and friends as our prayer are heard.



Peace Out,
Angie Antico
Editor

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