

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

September 15, 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

41 members joined us
at Sept. 15 meeting.

We welcomed guests, Bo McNair, Judy Hodge, Cheryl Verplaetse and Rich Murphy. Not too sure the spelling is correct on Cheryl's last name.

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Madam President, Andrea Johnson -

- Read a letter from John Nicholson, Helen's son. Helen was a long time member of our club. She served as our first female President 2010-2011. Poor health forced her to leave our membership. John relayed Helen treasured her time with Kiwanis. Her will includes a bequest of \$5,000 to our club.
- Loudon County Kiwanis Club current fundraiser Medical Kits for Young Mothers will be selling raffle tickets at Raritan Club Turkey Shoot. Andrea to email details. Loudon County Kiwanis may assistance.
- Membership - Social - Program Committees all are in need volunteers!!

Kevin #1 Meyer, Key Club Project Leader:

- Joined the Loudon High School Key Club meeting on Sept. 14. The club has outgrown meeting in the library, and has now moved their meetings into the auditorium! 65 students were in attendance at the Sept. 14th meeting. The Key Clubbers are organized, focusing on recruiting, fundraising, and service projects.
- Dues for students to join Key Club is \$20.00. The Fall Rally is Sept. 25th at Dollywood. You must be a paid member to attend the Fall Rally. The freshmen and sophomores don't have part time jobs and need financial help with the dues. If you would like to contribute, contact Kevin #1. 586-929-2333 or Kmeyer56@sbcglobal.net

It's a Great Day



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to be a Kiwanian

Ruthie Thornton, Project Leader Lions Academy, Isiolo County, Kenya. Harriet Nkatha, the proprietor, daughter Cate has returned home with her twins, a boy and a girl. Financial worries constant. Ruth will be going to Africa in November. Please contact Ruth if you can help out in anyway. Ruthpaulmay17@gmail.com A copy of the Lions Academy Brochure is attached with the Newsletter.



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happy birthday



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SEPTEMBER 2026 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Heather Burke	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	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 2026 – 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
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Bob Swintosky	26 Caren Salazar	27 Barbara McVeety	28 Pat Humphrey	29	30	31 



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AUGUST 2026 SERVICE HOURS – 539
GOLF TOURNAMENT SERVICE HOURS – 599
TOTAL SERVICE HOURS FOR AUGUST 2026 - 1138

PROJECTS

Amtryke	ABC A Bench for Caps Program
BUG Program Lenoir City Elementary	Good Neighbor Shoppe
Good Samaritan Center	Kindergarten Supplies (Donation checks delivered for)
Key Club Loudon High School	Knitters and Crocheters United 4 Kids
Lenoir City Elementary School Student Registration	Lions Academy
STAR Riding Academy	T-Bart
Tea at The Neighborhood	Tellico Village Fire Department
Tellico Working Together	Trout in the Classroom
Veterans Assist Program	Weekend Food for Kids
Annual Charity Golf Tournament	
Club Administration	Club Media/Publicity Outlets
Sunshine Coordinator	

Thank You!



Dustin McCarter
STEM Teacher



Lynn Jacomen
Principal

The presentation by Dustin McCarter at the Tellico Village Kiwanis Club on September 15th, 2026, was an enlightening glimpse into the dynamic world of STEM education at Lenoir City Intermediate/Middle School.

Under the Tellico Village Kiwanis Club initiative, the Robotics Program, launched in March 2017, has shown remarkable strides, captivating attendees with its innovative projects.

Dustin's students, ranging from 6th to 8th grade, engage in a series of complex and intriguing projects.

- Among these is the "Winter Wonderland," an immersive, synchronized display set for December.
- The "Future City" project, where 6th graders design an eco-friendly city with a disaster plan for a regional competition.
- The annual Robotics Competition in March promises to be a thrilling event, with students engineering robots to conquer a set course.
- Additionally, the Sphero Golf Course challenges students to program a robot ball around themed obstacles.
- The year culminates in Panther Innovation Week, a celebration of STEM learning through hands-on challenges.
- Complementing these projects, the school has also introduced a career exploration program, empowering students to explore various career paths and make informed decisions about their futures.



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Previous Guest Speakers: <https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/previous-guest-speakers/>



Alcide L. Porell (Al), age 92, of Tellico Village, Loudon, TN, passed away on September 9, 2026. He was born in Sanford, Maine, on April 19, 1934 to Clarence and Maria Porell.

Al graduated from Saint Ignatius High School, Sanford, Maine, received a BA in Chemistry from Saint Michael's College, a MS degree in Nuclear Chemistry from The Ohio State University, and an MS in Industrial Management from Central Michigan University. He served in the United

States Air Force from November 28, 1957 to May 31, 1979 as a Navigator and Electronics Warfare Officer in B52 and EB66 aircraft, taught at Air Force schools at Maxwell AFB in Alabama, and served in Vietnam from October 1967 to October 1968. After retiring from the military as a Lt Col, he was employed and retired from Lockheed Martin (K-25) in Oak Ridge, TN in 1996.

Al belonged to the Kiwanis Club, eventually serving as governor of the Kentucky/Tennessee District and formed a new chapter in Tellico Village after he moved there in 1996. Through Kiwanis he volunteered in the local grade schools. He also served as president of the American Wine Society, Al was active at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister. He was a member of the VFW, MOAA, American Legion and the Tennessee Viticultural and Ontological Society (TVOS).

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert Porell and sisters Marguerite Boucher and Beatrice Keith. Al is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Yvonne, daughters Katherine (Steven) Bohannon and Susan (Paul) Long, grandchildren, Bret (Julie) Bohannon, Jamie (Tom) Payne, Kyle (Anne) Bohannon, Beth (Howie) Lineberger, and Maria (Michael) Dickerson. He is also survived by great-grandchildren Quill, Emery, Gracie and Abigail.

Visitation

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
1580 St. Thomas Way, Lenoir City

Mass following visitation -11:00 a.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
1580 St. Thomas Way, Lenoir City

Interment - Sept 22, 2026 - 2:00 p.m.

Oak Ridge Memorial Park
1501 Bethel Valley Rd., Oak Ridge

Honoring Bonnell Cooper at our September 15th meeting was a bittersweet occasion for our Tellico Village Kiwanis Club. Having Bonnell as a member has been a true privilege. Her long-standing dedication to the Kiwanis mission is evident in her over 35 years of service with the Madisonville Kiwanis Club. Although the steep stairs at their previous location had initially led her to join our club, their new location has an elevator, which allows her to return to her original roots. While we will deeply miss her presence and vibrant spirit, we are grateful for the time we shared and wish her all the best as she continues her journey with the Madisonville Kiwanis.

We are also thankful for the presence of Lewis McElfresh in our club. He joined us on March 4, 2025, inspired by Bonnell, and, if you didn't know, they are dating! Now, Lewis will be leaving us as well, transferring to Madisonville Kiwanis alongside Bonnell. We cherish the moments we had with both and send them off with our warmest wishes for their continued success and happiness.



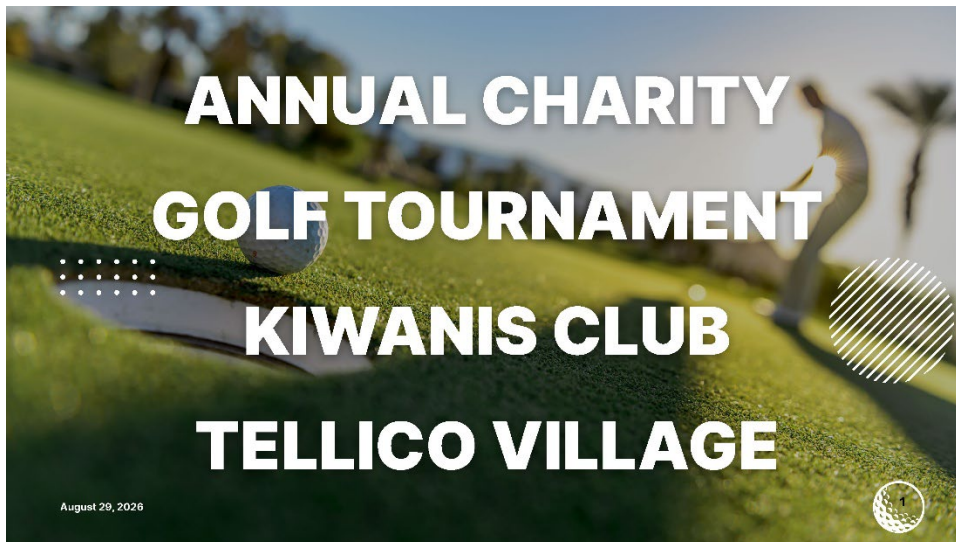
We Did It!

I emailed the pdf file recap of our golf Tournament to members on September 3rd, 2027.

You can view a video of the recap on our website. Or check out the photos on our Facebook Page.

Net Income was \$23,000.

Golfers donated: \$3,468 Iva's Place & Kids First – CAC and \$533.00 Loudon High School Key Club





On September 3, 2026, Kiwanian, Reba Herzfeld, had the privilege of presenting a \$1,300.0 check to the Loudon County Education Foundation Executive Director, Charles Elmore and its board members.

The donation was directed towards the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.



A. Antice



September 4, 2026 our Kiwanians packed
251 bags of nutritious snacks at Loudon Elementary School.
The bags are distributed discreetly by teachers to children in need.



Left to Right:
Janine Julian, Shirely Bierkamp,
Deb Ford, Nancy Yanasak,
and Lisa Herrinton.



Youth Services Committee

Pat Humphrey, Project Leader

We contribute both financial resources and volunteer efforts to this program, which supports students at Loudon Elementary School who are in need. Our members pack bags filled with nutritious snacks from the four essential food groups twice a month. The packing begins the Friday following a club meeting at 9:30 a.m. and is typically completed by 10:30 a.m. Teachers then discreetly distribute these snack bags to the children. Second Harvest manages the purchase and delivery of the food items directly to the school.

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MemberDay has complete details on the upcoming projects and events listed below.

If you have a project/event that needs to be entered, please email me at shorttimer65@gmail.com

Meetings and Events List

Event Time	Meeting Type	Meeting Name	Location
Sep 10, 2026 7:45 AM - 8:30 AM	Event	Lending Library	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 10, 2026 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 11, 2026 4:15 PM - 6:30 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 13, 2026 8:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Event	Full Picnic Get together	Tugaloa Beach Pavilion
Sep 14, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 14, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 15, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 15, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 15, 2026 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Kiwanis Club Meeting	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Sep 15, 2026 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Board of Directors Monthly Meeting	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Sep 16, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 16, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 17, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 17, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:15 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 18, 2026 7:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 18, 2026 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Weekend Food 4 Kids	Loudon Elementary School
Sep 18, 2026 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Event	Book Fair	Lenoir City Elementary School
Sep 19, 2026 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Event	Amtryke Presentation	12700 Comblain Rd
Sep 22, 2026 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Event	Celebration of Life - Al Porell	St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Sep 22, 2026 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Event	Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood	The Neighborhood
Oct 1, 2026 4:15 PM - 6:00 PM	Event	New Villagers - Marketing	Yacht Club Tellico Village
Oct 6, 2026 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Kiwanis Club Meeting	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Oct 6, 2026 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Event	POA Orientation	Yacht Club Tellico Village
Oct 20, 2026 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Kiwanis Club Meeting	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Oct 23, 2026 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Event	Weekend Food 4 Kids	Loudon Elementary School
Oct 27, 2026 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Event	Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood	The Neighborhood



We have an Amtryke to present to James. It will be at their home on Saturday, 9/19, at 5 pm. Their address is 12700 Comblain Rd, Knoxville.

We would like to encourage folks to carpool. If you plan to attend, please let Anne Cloud know via email - anne.cloud@yahoo.com

Hope to see a sizable number there representing our club and sharing this joyous event with James and family.



Youth Services Committee

Our club provides financial and direct assistance in providing therapeutic tricycles to 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. The therapeutic benefits are multifaceted, enhancing motor skills, boosting physical strength, and significantly improving self-esteem of young riders.



This is a kind reminder of the Ladies Tea at The Neighborhood.

We are looking for 5-6 volunteers to help us.

Date: Tuesday September 22

Theme: Big Orange Tailgate!!

Where: The Neighborhood at Tellico Village [100 Chatuga Drive West, Loudon](#)

Time: 1:30pm set up, teatime starts at 2:00pm

We need snacks for about 26-30 people. As you know, we've been trying to limit the number of sweets. Instead, feel free to bring finger sandwiches, cheese & crackers, or fruit. The usual selection of baked goods is always welcome too.

Please, let me know if you can help us that day. You may text me at [865-809-9857](tel:865-809-9857) or email me at Lucia.Findley@gmail.com

Thank you for your support,

Lucia Findley

Co-chair Ladies tea at The Neighborhood





<https://helpingbabies.org/events-2/>



You are Invited

**Jazz
BABY!**
September 24th
Thursday
5:30-8:00 PM
@The Mill & Mine
www.helpingbabies.org

Friends of Tennessee's
BABIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Friends is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working to enhance the potential of infants and young children with disabilities by offering vital support to their families and the early intervention professionals who serve them.



"Quilts by the Lake"

WHEN: Sept 25 & 26, 2026

9 am to 5 pm

Tickets for Sale at Door \$10 for one day/\$15 for two days.

Under Age 16, Free.

WHERE: "The Venue"

7690 Creek wood Park Blvd,
Lenoir City, TN 37772

FEATURING: Traditional & Artistic Quilts, Handmade Gifts & Décor Items for Purchase,
"Quilts of Valor" Award Program & Exhibit, Unique Surprises at the "Treasure Cove",
Assorted Goods from Area Vendors, Food Trucks...you can stay all day!

Raffle tickets \$2. Raffle Winners Announced 4pm Saturday, Sept 26.

Winner Need Not be Present.



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

Division 4 Council Meeting

All members are invited to attend.

Mary Procyk needs help setting up.

Contact Mary: mprosouth61@gmail.com

865-601-48658



Greg Moses
Division 4 Lieutenant Governor
Kiwanis Club of Athens

I have scheduled a Division Council meeting for Saturday, September 26, to help us all prepare for the forthcoming administrative year for our clubs.

The meeting will be held in the Friendship Hall of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, located in Tellico Village (address is [143 Chota Center, Loudon](#)). Thank you to Mary and our friends in the Tellico Village Club for hosting this event.

I understand I am competing against college football and will lose that battle every time, so we will meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for everyone to make it to their various kickoffs.

As always, we will start by having each club share information about their club and their upcoming events for the year (if your club cannot be represented, send me anything you would like to share with the group and I will be happy to do that for you).

Our other agenda items will include recognizing David Coulter for his year as lieutenant governor and a discussion of Kiwanis International and District goals for the year and the governor's visit.

Hopefully, fingers crossed, we will also have nominations for and an election of lieutenant governor for the 2027-2028 year.

If there are any items anyone would like covered in the agenda, or if you just have a question about anything in general, please don't hesitate to reach out to me and I will give you an answer immediately if I feel good about my qualifications to do so or I will research for you until I find the right answer.

Attached, you'll find the governor's goals for the year along with a form for a new initiative, the Governor's Community Champion Award. Also attached is a copy of the 2026 Kiwanis Leadership Guide, which is a valuable resource for club officers.

As I start to plan my visits to each club in the division, if you have particular dates you would like for me to come (or, maybe more importantly, if you have dates you most definitely would prefer I don't show up), let me know and I will be glad to try to work those dates into my schedule for the year.

If I can be of any help, or if you need to admonish me for any reason, please reach to me at gregorybmoses@gmail.com or [423-829-5317](tel:423-829-5317) (my day job keeps me busy so I tend to do better with text messaging, or you can leave a message if I don't answer--otherwise I may think you're trying to sell me an extended car warranty and I won't call you back).

PLEASE – PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

PLEASE – PLEASE SELL YOUR TICKETS.

WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO PUT A
SPELL ON ANYONE!



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START
THINKING ABOUT YOUR
HALLOWEEN COSTUME.
REMEMBER –
NOTHING GHOULISH!

CELEBRATE Halloween



Fluffy
pancakes



Perfect
scrambled
eggs



Delicious
sausage
patties

All You Can Eat
Fall Pancake Breakfast hosted by
the friendly witches and wizards of
the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village.

Community Church at Tellico Village
Saturday, October 31, 2026
7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

\$15.00 per person
Kids 12 and under eat FREE.

Menu includes cauldrons filled
with: Pancakes,
(gluten free available on request),
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage,
Fruit Cups, Juice,
Coffee, Tea and Water.

Tickets must be purchased in advance
and are available at:
Sloan's Hardware,
United Community Bank,
The Village Salon, or any
Tellico Village Kiwanis member.



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KIWANIS NEEDS YOU

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September 2026

- 3 – Adopt-a-Class Charity Baker Ladies Luncheon**
- 3 – New Villager Social- Service Info Tables**
- 12 – FOTVL Book Sale**
- 12- TVRA Litter Angels**
- 19 – Lions Walk for Life (Strides) 8 am Wellness Ctr**
- 24 – FOTVL Ladies Tea Fundraiser**

October 2026

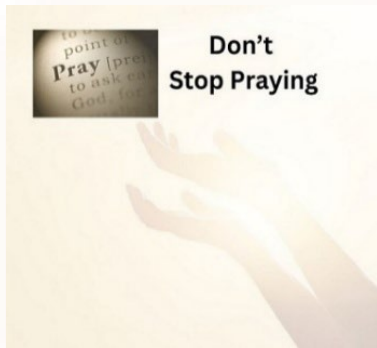
- 1 – New Villager Social- Service Info Tables**
- 3 – Our Place - Walk to Remember**
- 5 - Lions Octoberfest – YC start 4 pm**
- 6 – TV Welcome Orientation- Service Info Tables**
- 10- TVRA Litter Angels**
- 11 - GFWC Home Tour**

November 2026

- Adopt-a-Class Winter Holiday Card Fundraiser**
- 5 – New Villager Social- Service Info Tables**
- 14 – TVRA Litter Angels**
- 19 – 100WWC Giving Circle – 4 pm at YC**

December 2026

- 1 – TV Welcome Orientation- Service Info Tables**
- 3 – New Villager Social- Service Info Tables**
- 5 – FOTVL Book Sale**
- 12- TVRA Litter Angels**



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.

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



Peace Out,
Angie Antico
Creator/Editor