Newsletter
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Kiwanis TELLICO VILLAGE LOUDON, TN

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.

♡ **Like sunlight through the branches, kindness reaches people where they are. Through our time, talents, and hearts, we help children and families discover brighter tomorrows.**

Meeting Highlights

On a crisp, clear fall day, we had 38 members attend our meeting. 9 Key club members from Loudon High School joined us. It was wonderful to see Bonnell Cooper and Lewis McElfresh. Happy 90th Birthday, Lewis.

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***Madam President Mary Procyk:* Shared thank you letters received for our club support and donations.**

- **Family of Amtryke recipient, James, who received an Amtryke on Sept. 19th.**
- **Tellico Village Library**
- **Technology Access Program (TAP). Community outreach arm of TV Computer Users Club. Provide complete computer systems to families and individuals unable to afford them.**
- **Habitat for Humanity Loudon County**



Our Holiday Social will be on Dec. 12th at the Yacht Club from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Details will be emailed from our President soon.



Safe travels to our snowbirds leaving for warmer climates. Stay well and stay safe. Look forward to welcoming you all back in the Spring.

SPAM ALERT from Rob Orkney: I received a suspicious email from porellal@netzero.net with Alcide L Porell as the supposed sender. The subject is "Quick question". I checked with Yvonne, Al's widow, to learn if she might have sent the email. She had not sent the email and was not familiar with the email address used. We know that Al is not reaching out to us. If you receive a similar email, mark it as spam or delete it. Yvonne will be checking with the Computer Users Club for actions she should consider.

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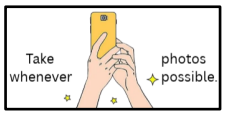

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Guest Speaker, Mike Blackwell Nov. 17, 2026



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.

WREATHS across AMERICA

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

You can help us reach our goal

Please donate at **knoxwreaths.org** • scroll down to and click on • Tellico Village Honors Veterans
or
mail **this flyer** and check payable to
Wreaths Across America
Tellico Village Honors Veterans
PO Box 50054, Knoxville, TN 37950

Volunteer for Wreath Placement on December 19, 2026 @ Noon. Questions? Call Mike Blackwell 585-729-6566 or Sherry Blackwell 585-451-8556

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Fallen Veterans | Those Who Serve(d) | Our Youth the Price of Freedom

"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 Claeyssens (1909-2003)*

Club President, Mary Procyk, was honored to present Mike with a club donation.



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Please give a warm welcome to our new member

Karen Mallin - rkmallin@hotmail.com

We are grateful you are a part of our club.

Loudon High School



Story Styer was presented a check in the amount of $200.00 by our President-Elect Bev Woodard.



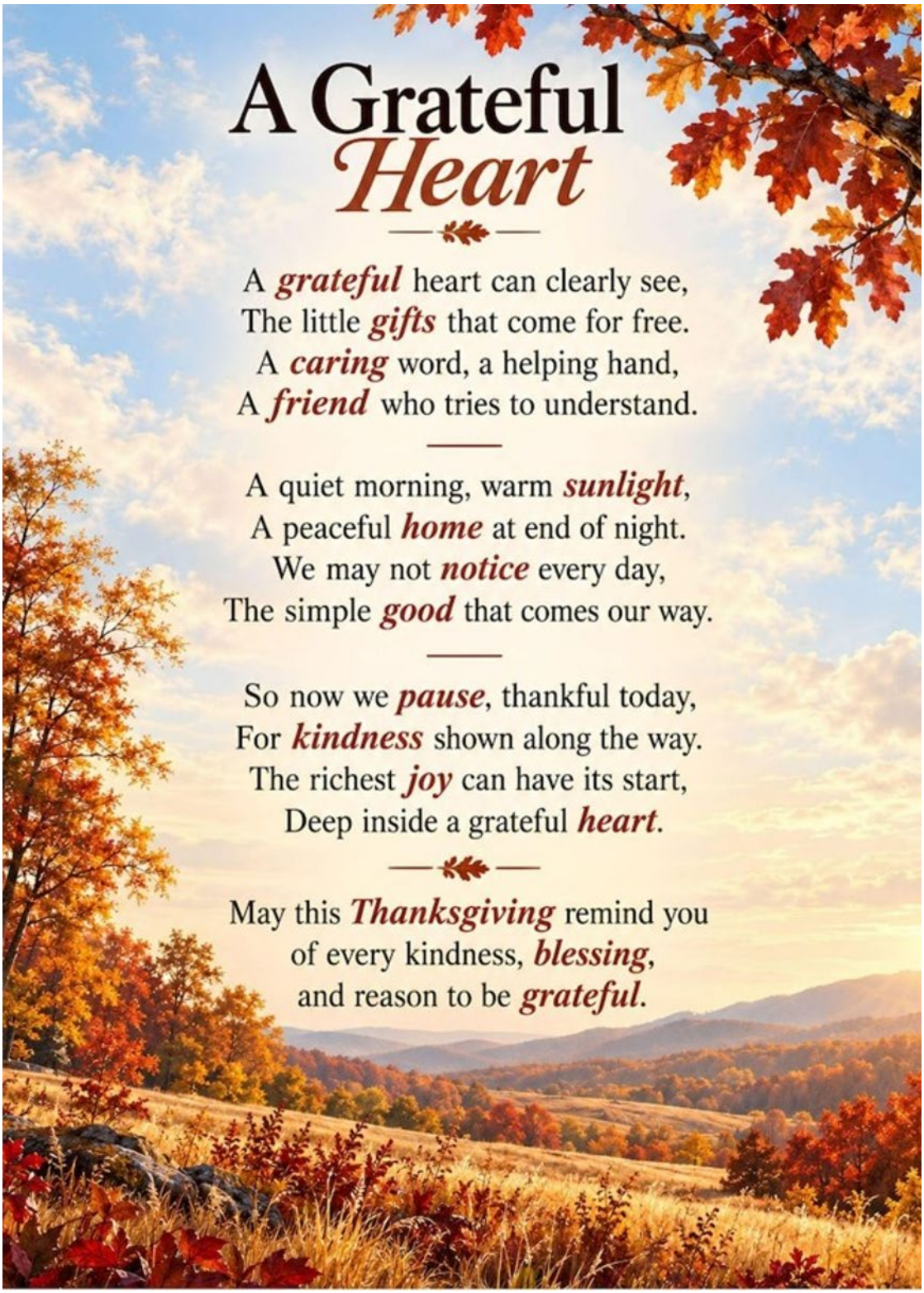
Our members were treated to a wonderful presentation by members of our Loudon High School Key Club.
Story Styer, Key Club President and Key Club Lieutenant Governor of KY-TN District Division 4 prepared the "Thank You Kiwanis" powerpoint. Story has aspirations of running for an officer role in the KY-TN District and Kiwanis International, aiming to expand her impact and continued journey of service and leadership.

The Key Club presentation was filled with excitement as each member was introduce They shared their aspirations and highlighted the pivotal role Key Club plays in their personal growth and leadership development.

David Villicana, a senior and the Vice President of Key Club, expressed his dedication to enhancing community service initiatives, attending college and attending the Circle K International (CKI) Program. A student-led collegiate service organization affiliated with Kiwanis International, focused on service, leadership, and fellowship.

Key Clubbers: Senior Dayne Allen. Junior Josi Mincey. Sophomore Colt Frye. Freshmen Bella Thomas and Xander Yates wrapped up "Thank You Kiwanis".

"We would be remiss not to thank Sarah Kile, the Key Club administrator at Loudon High School, for her dedication. Her leadership, guidance, and unwavering enthusiasm are the backbone of the Key Club."


A Grateful Heart
A grateful heart can clearly see,
The little gifts that come for free.
A caring word, a helping hand,
A friend who tries to understand.
A quiet morning, warm sunlight,
A peaceful home at end of night.
We may not notice every day,
The simple good that comes our way.
So now we pause, thankful today,
For kindness shown along the way.
The richest joy can have its start,
Deep inside a grateful heart.
May this Thanksgiving remind you
of every kindness, blessing,
and reason to be grateful.





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NOVEMBER 2026 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS						
Sunday	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
1	2 Phil Rothrock	3	4	5	6	7 Rob Orkney
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Bo McNair	23	24	25	26	27 	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2026 – HAPPY BIRTHDAYS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Ray Mouse	7	8	9	10	11 Deb Santos	12
13	14 Dawn Smith	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Lucia Findley	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 		

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TOTAL SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2026 – 971 Pancake Breakfast hours are included in this total.	
PROJECTS	
Amtryke	ABC A Bench for Caps Program
BUG Program Lenoir City Elementary	Good Neighbor Shoppe
Good Samaritan Center	Key Club Loudon High School
Knitters and Crocheters United 4 Kids	Lending Library Lenoir City Elementary
Lions Academy, Kenya	Robotics – Stem Lab LC Intermediate/Middle
STAR Riding Academy	Stay In TV
T-Bart	Tea at The Neighborhood
Tellico Fire Department	Tellico Working Together
Trout in the Classroom	Veteran Assist Program
Weekend Food 4 Kids	
Fall Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 550 Service Hours (included in October total hours above) 45 Club members, 5 non-members and 28 Key Clubbers	
Club Administration	Club Media/Publicity Outlets
Sunshine Coordinator	

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We Did It!

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Look at those smiles!
Kiwanians working together to make a difference in the lives of children.
Front: Shelly Ratcliff
2nd Row: Pat Humphrey, Deb Ford
3rd Row: Dawn Scott (red top)
Back Row: Kevin Meyer, Scott Smith, Shirley Bierkamp, and Kevin Flanagan.
262 bags were packed on Nov. 6th!!

The Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village contributes 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 during the school year.

The packing begins at 9:30 a.m. and is typically completed by 10:30 a.m. Kiwanians deliver the packed bags to the classrooms. The teachers then discreetly distribute the snack bags to the children.

Second Harvest manages the purchase and delivery of the food items directly to the school.

Our Immediate Past President, Andrea Johnson, attended the Let's TALK session on Nov. 10, 2026!

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Lenoir City Family Resource Center Facebook Post Nov. 10, 2026

Talk Ask Language Knowledge

This week in Let's TALK, we wrapped up our regular Fall sessions with lots of turkey fun through reading, dancing, and learning together!

We are so thankful for each of the wonderful familes who joined us this Fall!! Next week, we will celebrate our sweet friends with a little graduation. While we will miss those who are moving on, we hope to see many of them back for our Spring sessions!

Be on the lookout for Spring Session announcements if you're interested in joining us for all the learning, growing, and FUN!

A very special THANK YOU to the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village for sponsoring this program for so many years! We especially loved having them join us this week to meet our little friends and take part in the learning fun first hand. Your continued support means so much to our program and families!

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Loudon County Schools, TN

FaceBook Post 11/11/2026

Congratulations to our Director of Schools, Dr. Millicent Smith, on being named the School System Administrator of the Year for Athletic District 2 at today's 2025-26 TSSAA A.F. Bridges Awards Ceremony!

These awards are given in recognition of the ideals of ethics and integrity in the teaching and promotion of citizenship and sportsmanship.

We are very proud of Dr. Smith, and thankful for her efforts in support of Lenoir City Schools Athletics!



Facebook Post 11/12/2026

Lenoir City Schools earned a Level 5 District Composite Score for TVAAS Academic Growth in 2025-26, the state's highest growth measure!

We are incredibly proud of our students across all grade levels for this incredible achievement, and we're thankful for the amazing teachers who supported them along the way!



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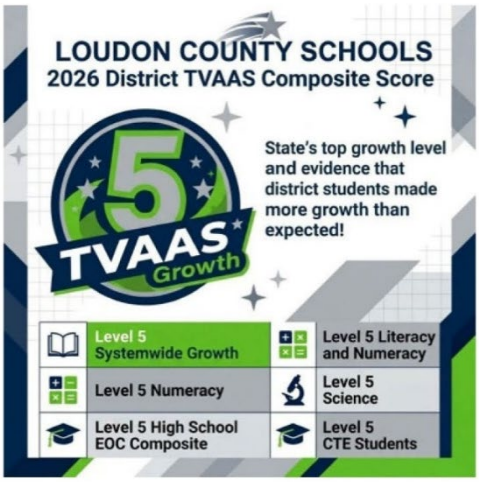
Facebook Post 11/12/2026

Loudon County Schools has earned a Level 5 TVAAS Composite Score, the highest growth designation in Tennessee!

This recognition shows that our students made more academic growth than expected and reflects the hard work of our educators, staff, students, and families.



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Loudon High School

Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 2026
Key Club Members
volunteered at
Ronald McDonald House
Clinch Street, Knoxville, TN

UPcoming EVENTS

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MemberDay has complete details on the upcoming projects and events.

There is a calendar on our website. https://k15626.site.kiwanis.org/calendar/

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



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. Kiwanians deliver the bags to the classrooms. 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.

When Pat took over this project 5 years ago, the average number of bags packed was 120, last year's average was 142. The amount of bags has increased to 261 this school year.
With 261 bags distributed, representing 40% of the school's enrollment, it's evident that nearly half the student body benefits from these the Weekend Food 4 Kids Program. This significant percentage not only highlights the socio-economic challenges faced by many families but also emphasizes the critical role schools and communities play in providing essential support.

No Child Hungry

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP.

Our last two WF4K Fridays for 2026 are November 20th (double bags due to the Thanksgiving Holiday) and December 4th.

Contact Pat if you want to assist in this important project.
Email: pathumphre@gmail.com
912-531-7643

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Pancreatic cancer has a 99% mortality rate, the highest rate of any cancer. The average life expectancy after diagnosis is just 3-5 months.

Despite the lethal nature of this disease, only 1% of the National Cancer Institute's current budget is focused on pancreatic research.

Etowah native Ronnie Raper, Jr. knows about pancreatic cancer in a very personal way — his father-in-law Doyle Williams passed away in 1995, and the illness claimed his father Ronnie "Cotton" Raper in 2006.

Ronnie made a choice in 2007 to form Cotton Fest — a non-profit pancreatic fundraiser and for the last 20 years he, along with Cotton Fest board of directors, have been actively raising money for research treatment and education and have served as a reference source for pancreatic cancer patients and their families.

Ronnie embodies the principles of compassion and goodwill. He has touched the lives of many through his remarkable initiative to provide free musical instruments and lessons to underprivileged middle school students. The Ronnie Raper Children's Music Program receives an annual donation from our club.

Ronnie was a guest speaker at our meeting 4/7/26. Our members were entertained by 2 of Ronnie's students at the meeting.



Cotton Fest never disappoints. It will be a great show filled with local & regional bluegrass groups. If you have any questions, contact Ray Mouse: raymouse48@gmail.com or the point of contact on the flyer.

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CLUB OF MARYVILLE

For Blount County Kids

2026 Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, November 21, 2026, 7:30am-10:30am
Maryville High School

Tickets $5
Dine in or pick up and go!





Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Blount County
Key Clubs
Builders Clubs
Aktion Club
Second Harvest Food Bank
Salvation Army
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
Boys & Girls Club
Blount County Youth Court
Blount County Library - Children's Books

For more information call or email Co-chairs:
Debbie Jones, 865-705-9414, djones1245@hotmail.com
Wanda Davis, 865-386-3042, wandalee161@gmail.com

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METCC
MID-EAST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY CHORUS

Fourth Annual MESSIAH Sing-a-long

Sunday, November 22, 2026
4:00 p.m.
Allen Memorial United Methodist Church
800 Decatur Pike, Athens TN 37303

GUEST CONDUCTOR
Sarah Pearson
Founder and Music Director/Conductor of
The Cleveland Orchestra and Chorus of Tennessee.

Organist: Tristen Rowland
With the Bruderhöff String Ensemble

Kick off the season with this most iconic Christmas oratoria!

Free and open to the public.
Scores provided, or use your own!

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Ho ho ho!

Santa has contacted our Head Elf, Ron Uncapher.

He needs the help of Kiwanis Elves to receive, sort, wrap and dispense gifts at Lenoir City Family Resource Center.

Volunteers are needed.
2 Elves per shift.
1st Shift 8:30 a.m. - Noon
2nd Shift Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 30 through Friday, Dec. 4
Monday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 11

If you want to be on Santa's Nice List, contact Ron
ronalduncapher@gmail.com

Santa knows he can count on our Kiwanians to bring holiday magic to families in need.



Our Head Elf,
Ron Uncapher
Has a few open slots left on Santa's Helper List.

He doesn't want to inform Santa that he could not muster up enough volunteers to help the BIG Guy out.

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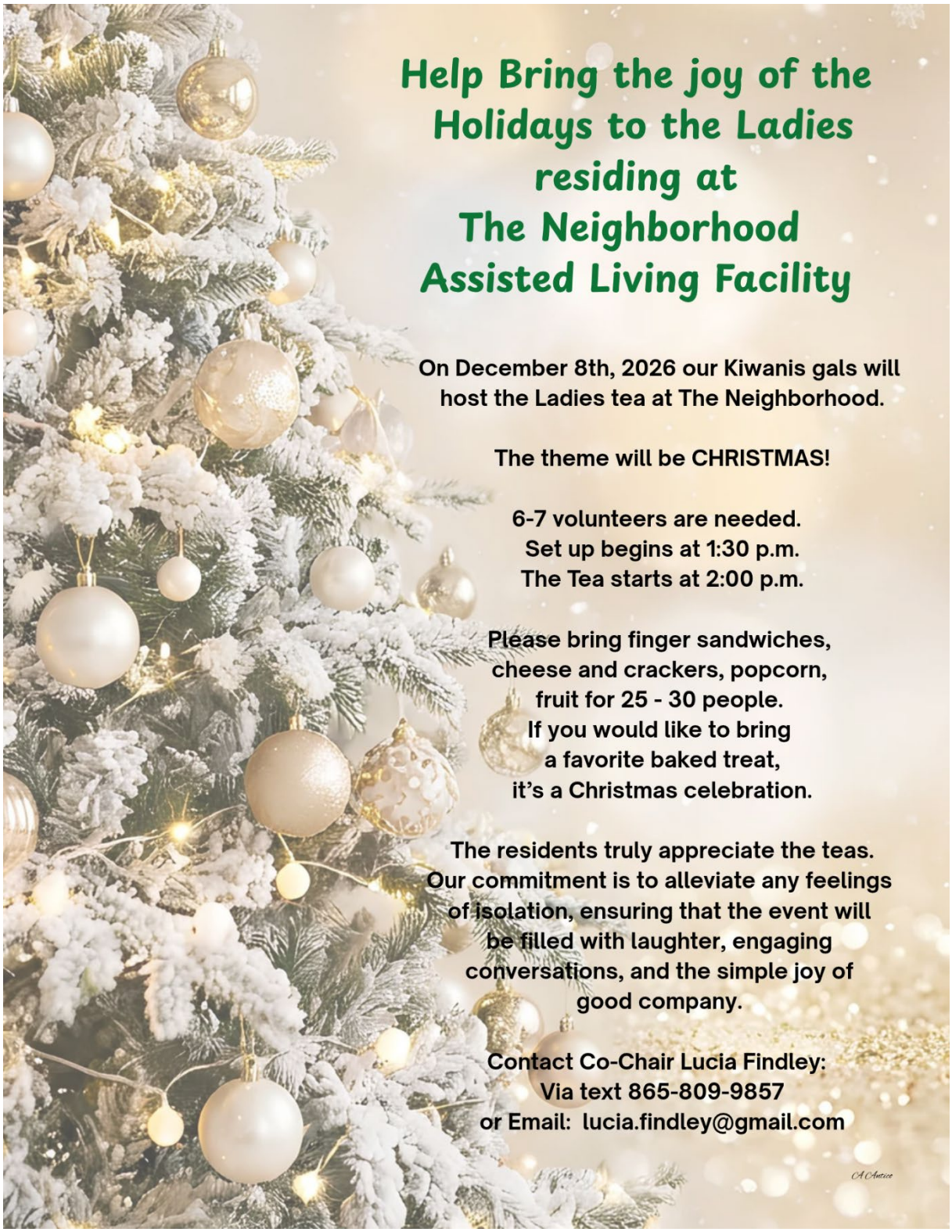
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Hosted by FOTB
December 5, 2026 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Rio Revolution Church
3419 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville
Friends of Tennessee's
BABIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Very, very large church. Just past the drive-in theater going toward Townsend.
Robin the Director will have a table for Kiwanis. Reba is in need of
2 additional members to help at the event.
If you have a passion for knitting, crocheting, sewing, or buying,
the Knitters and Crocheters United 4 Kids Project, founded by Reba Herzfeld in 2024,
is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference this holiday season.
This heartfelt initiative aims to provide warmth and comfort to disadvantaged families
with newborns and infants by crafting items such as booties, mittens, hats, beanies,
blankets, and drool bibs. Bibs are especially needed, and Reba has patterns.
Not creative, no problem. Purchased items are appreciated.
Please remember to remove any labels.
Reba at 404-403-0567 or via email at RebaReneeKay@aol.com.
Your contribution will be deeply appreciated and remembered by the families.


Help Bring the joy of the Holidays to the Ladies residing at The Neighborhood Assisted Living Facility
On December 8th, 2026 our Kiwanis gals will host the Ladies tea at The Neighborhood.
The theme will be CHRISTMAS!
6-7 volunteers are needed.
Set up begins at 1:30 p.m.
The Tea starts at 2:00 p.m.
Please bring finger sandwiches, cheese and crackers, popcorn, fruit for 25 - 30 people.
If you would like to bring a favorite baked treat, it's a Christmas celebration.
The residents truly appreciate the teas. Our commitment is to alleviate any feelings of isolation, ensuring that the event will be filled with laughter, engaging conversations, and the simple joy of good company.
Contact Co-Chair Lucia Findley:
Via text 865-809-9857
or Email: lucia.findley@gmail.com



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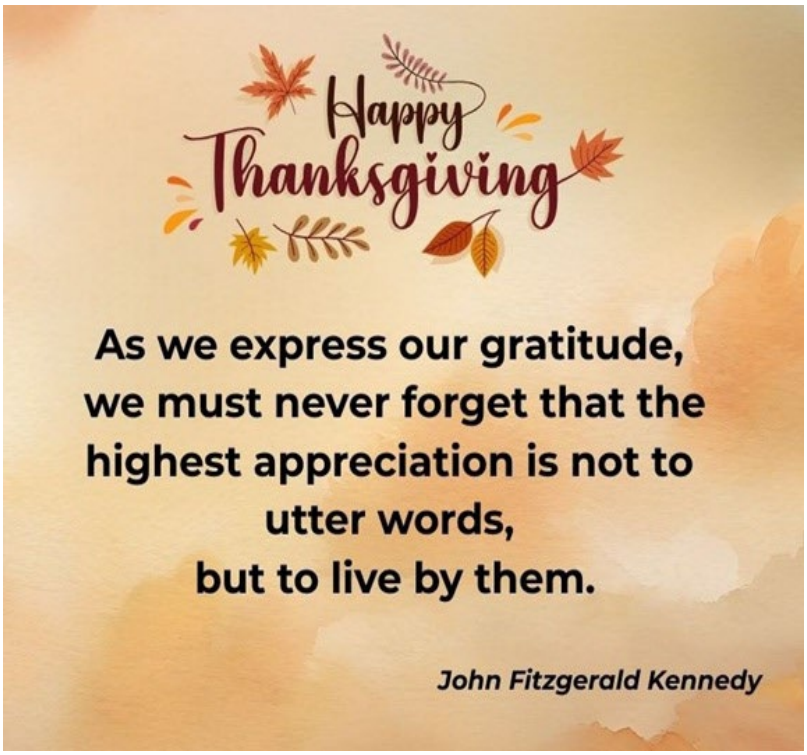
Please inform us if you or someone you know has asked for prayers.

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

Keep our fellow Kiwanians, families, and friends in your daily prayers.

Louise Coulter – Suffering from intense back pain. She is scheduled for surgery on December 8th. Please pray the new medication helps to ease her pain.



Peace Out,
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