



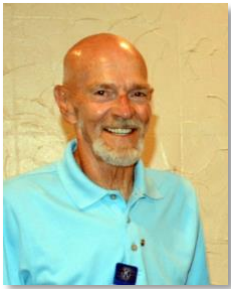
JANUARY 2023

Meetings at noon at Green Meadow Country club; lunch served at 11:30

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Dedicated to building a better community by focusing on service to children and youth

President's Corner



Fellow Kiwanians:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has a safe, healthy and prosperous year in 2023! The past year was interesting, to say the least. The year ended with a bitterly cold Christmas, but that did

not affect the Christmas spirit! Many of our friends and neighbors in Blount County suffered from the economy, illnesses, or weather, and it is comforting to know that we live in a generous and giving community where help is readily available.

We met twice in December, with the last two weeks of the month set aside for the holidays. David Murrell, the new Superintendent of Blount County Schools, spoke at our December 6 meeting. He told us about the past accomplishments and the aggressive plans for the future of our schools. After Denso and Blount Memorial Hospital, Blount County Schools is the county's third largest employer. There are 21 schools in the county, with 10,400 students, and 1,700 employees.

Marie Roush is the Director of Community Options, and she is the advisor for our new Aktion Club. She, along with three officers of the club, attended our December 6 meeting. The new club is off to a running start, already involved in projects, including making Christmas cards for patients at Children's Hospital in Knoxville.

Our Christmas celebration took place at our December 13 meeting. We welcomed two elementary school readers – Rebecca Adams and Matthew Tallent – who read “’Twas the Night Before Christmas”, and Bob Hayes, using a Bible given to him by an aunt when he was ten years old, read the Christmas story from Luke. Santa and his Helper entertained all of us and distributed gifts. Thank you Mayor Mitchell and Susan Hughes for another stellar performance!

December was busy with other activities also. Wanda Davis, Heather Larson and Patsy Russell decorated our Char-i-tree at the airport. We had five teams for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program, and Wanda Davis, Sarah Delpy, Debbie Jones, Julie Miller and Patsy Russell led the teams.

We had Salvation Army bell-ringers at local Kroger and Walmarts during the month, and Bobby Burke organized and led that effort. Rumor has it that the results were really good! Emily Mantooth organized a group to sing Christmas carols at Brentwood and the homes of Bill Campbell and Ed Harmon. A group of us attended the Aktion Club meeting on December 15, and Santa appeared there too!

Although most of us now are focused on the winter weather, spring is coming, so planning will begin soon for the Golf Tournament. We are busy planning programs for the new year, and we are anxious to get back into the cycle of weekly meetings! I hope to see all of you at our first meeting of the year on January 3!

Jon Curtis

Briefs

Patsy Russell announced that Dolly Parton Imagination Library license plates had generated \$2306 for the Foundation this past quarter.

Happy 32nd Anniversary to Wanda and Pete Davis.

Michael Torano was grateful that on Double Donation Day the amount of \$750,000 was matched for Second Harvest!

Interclubs



On December 1st 6 Maryville Kiwanians visited the Alcoa Kiwanis regular Thursday meeting. It has become a tradition for us to attend their first

meeting of the month. Going to different meeting throughout the district gives us insight into how these clubs work and what they do. I think most would say that the Alcoa Club is the best organized of all the clubs that we visit. Our clubs complement each other in many ways with the beneficiary being the children of Blount County.



December 15th was the Christmas party meeting for the AKTION CLUB which meets monthly at the Rocky's Jamaican Restaurant across from the Blount County library. This club just got started with our club's support and is already very active in

support of adults with disabilities. Our club members present a program each week which our Kiwanians enjoy as much as the Aktion club members.

Quotes

If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk a sign?

---**Luarence J. Peter**

"There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor."

— **Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol**

"What would men be without women? Scarce, sir...mighty scarce."

— **Mark Twain**

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

— **Mahatma Gandhi**

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."

— **Bill Keane**

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

— **Theodore Roosevelt**

"It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting."

— **Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist**

"It is better to remain silent at the risk of being thought a fool, than to talk and remove all doubt of it."

— **Maurice Switzer, Mrs. Goose, Her Book**

"Count your age by friends, not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears."

— **John Lennon**

Meeting Notes

December 6 Meeting

Forty-seven attendees including 41 Kiwanians and 4 Aktion Club officers were greeted by Kent Willoughby at the door and with the opening bell by our president Tom Coulter. Howard Kerr introduced the new Superintendent of Blount County Schools, David Murrell. Although new to the position he is not new to the school system having served as a teacher and in several administrative roles. He graduated from Heritage High Schools where his two sons now attend.

David listed a number of achievements and accolades achieved by the Blount County system. Level 5 growth measures indicate Top 10% achievement in the state. 75 teachers and 5 county schools achieved this benchmark.



Academically there is a 93.6% graduation rate. 26 AP courses and 34 CTE courses help fulfill the Vision Statement of *Graduating Students Equipped to Achieve Excellence*. He expressed the importance of both college prep and technical skills development in *Maximizing the Academic Growth of Every Student*.

The budget for the Blount County system alone is \$147M this year, or \$10,409 per pupil. Of that amount 83% is for salary & benefits, 5% for bus transportation and 4% for utilities. Major revenue includes \$50+M from the state, \$23M from property taxes, and \$24M from sales tax.

In addition to the expansion of Eagleton College and Career Academy both high schools have been renovated including new science labs with state-of-the-art technology. There are concurrent projects to repair and replace HVAC, roofing, flooring, lighting, and athletic facilities.

Safety is a top priority in the system. Each and every school has at least one school resource officer supplied by the Blount County Sheriff's Department. There are layers of technological systems in place also to address safety concerns.

S.A.R.A. is the Situational Awareness and Response Assistance activated by a distress button that takes over classroom computer screens & cellphone notifications. All visitors receive a background check and are badged. Another digital software tool called Navigate 360 ties into the 911 center providing oversight of emergency planning.

The current Blount County School system seems in good hands with David Murrell. His energy and enthusiasm are well poised to propel our Blount County students into a successful future.

Can-Paign Drive



Tom Coulter and Emily Mantooth presented a donation for the annual can-paign drive to Daniel Franklin (Center) of the Louisville Christian Assistance Center.

The December 13 meeting rang in the annual Christmas Celebration. The 56 present included 48 members and our honored guests and their parents from the 3rd grade at John Sevier Elementary. Rebecca Adams and Matthew Tallent read *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* warming all of our hearts. Bob Hayes presented the Bible Christmas Story from the Bible that was given to him by his Aunt Mary when he was just 10 years old. Bob then played the keyboard to lead us all in *Here Comes Santa Claus*. Then, much to our surprise did appear, Santa Mitchell and his favorite Elf Susan. Many noted a striking resemblance to our County Mayor and our County Election Supervisor.

Santa and his Elf had gifts to give to many present. Since he had access to the Naughty List the were more than a few pieces of coal to pass out. With all the people that Santa knows, it was impressive how he recalled individual memories of persons even back to his and their childhood. He assured everyone they still had the opportunity to get off that list before Christmas. All in all, it was a festive occasion which we all welcome to prepare for the coming Birth of Christ.

The Club will not meet until January 3 of the new year.

SEE CHRISTMAS AT KIWANIS PICTURES ON PAGES 10 and 11

1/3/2023

Speaker: Mike Winstead
Topic: Maryville schools updates
Chair: Robert Russell
Greeter: Donna Antkow
Invocation: Darrell Richardson

1/10/2023

Speaker: Tom Antkow
Topic: Adult Driving updates
Chair: Wanda Davis
Greeter: Susan Delpy
Invocation: Bob Hayes

1/17/2023

Speaker: Emergency Management Services
Topic: Emergency Management & Readiness
Chair: Heather Larson
Greeter: Dennis Larson
Invocation: Tom Coulter

1/24/2023

Speaker: Ginger Riggs
Topic: Youth Protection Program
Chair: Wanda Davis
Greeter: Linda Ullom
Invocation: Donna Antkow

1/31/2023

Speaker: Dr. Harold Naramore, CEO BMH
Topic: BMH updates
Chair: Steve Kiefer
Greeter: Wanda Davis
Invocation: Tom Antkow

Maryville High School Key Club Induction



On December 5, 27 new members were inducted into this year's Maryville High School Key Club which is sponsored by Maryville Kiwanis. They joined 29 current members. Jennifer Sobota and Rachel Minzyk are Faculty Advisors and Bill Henry proudly acts as the advisor from our club. Our members present were: David Ervin, Robert and Patsy Russell, Bill and Dale Henry, Steve Kiefer, Heather and Denn Larson, Susan Bryant and Pete Davis.



Upcoming Birthdays

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| January 7 | Susan Knopf |
| January 10 | Bill Henry |
| January 11 | Candy Daugherty |
| January 12 | Katie Beeler |
| January 23 | Bob Ullom |
| January 24 | Suzanne Stockfish |
| January 24 | Donna Antkow |
| January 27 | Tom Coulter |



January Meeting Sponsor

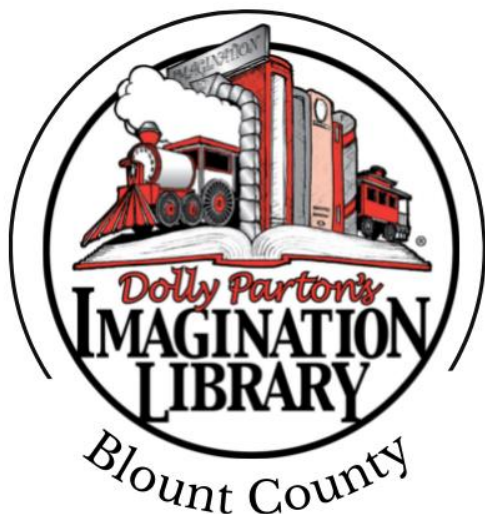
Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five. Maryville Kiwanis became the sponsor of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Blount County in 2005.

In Blount County over 5,000 books are gifted each month. In January, Maryville Kiwanis will have sent over 900,000 books at a total cost of \$899,928 since becoming Blount County sponsors.

We currently receive financial support from United Way, Clayton, DENSO, New Providence Women Community Benefit Sale, Tom Hatcher Charities, Imagination Library license plates, as well as a matching grant every month from the Governors Early Literacy Foundation.

Our one-millionth book should be mailed in July 2024, about the time Maryville Kiwanis will celebrate its 105th anniversary! This is one of the ways our club fulfills our mission, improving the world one child and one community at a time.

www.ImaginationLibraryBlount.org



Kiwanis International News

In looking for International News, our own local Alcoa Kiwanis Club made the Kiwanis Magazine with their efforts to secure funding through a grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Robert McClelland, secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Alcoa, Tennessee, wrote a successful grant application for the Pediatric Medicine Support Grant for the club's Access to Complete Pediatric Rehabilitation Care project.

McClelland commented in the Kiwanis Magazine: We presented Blount Memorial Hospital with a check for US\$9,000 (\$8,000 from The Children's Fund grant and \$1,000 from the club).



This photo was taken in one of the therapy rooms.

K-T District News

District Goals 2022-2023

All clubs complete two or more service projects during the year.

Grow the Kiwanis Youth Programs to impact more young people with service and leadership skills. Open ten new SLP organizations.

Support the Kiwanis Children's Fund and the KY-TN District Foundation in support of clubs and their work in improving the world and our communities one child at a time.

Improve the member experience through fun and meaningful meetings and projects.

Increase the KY- TN District membership in each club by at least one member (Net) for the year and adding at least four new clubs to our district.

Objects of Kiwanis

OBJECT 1

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

OBJECT 2

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

OBJECT 3

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

OBJECT 4

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

OBJECT 5

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

OBJECT 6

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.



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at Heritage, Maryville, Eagleton Middle School, and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School

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Key Clubs at Heritage and Maryville High Schools



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Division 5 Meetings

Meetings at 12 noon (unless otherwise noted)

TUESDAY

Maryville Kiwanis, Green Meadow Country Club,
1700 Louisville Road, Alcoa, TN 37701

Newport, West End Baptist Church, 116 West End
Street, Newport, TN 37821

Norwood, Austin's Steak & Homemade Buffet, 900
Merchant Dr, Knoxville, TN (3rd Tuesday)
Sevierville, Applebee's, 207 Collier Drive

WEDNESDAY

Farragut, First Wednesday, Mimi's, Turkey Creek, 6
pm
Third Wednesday, West Shrine Facility, 916 Olive
Rd, Farragut Noon

Foothills, upstairs in the Wild Laurel Club House,
Townsend, 2nd & 4th weeks only

Northside, Foundry, Worlds Fair Site

Jefferson County, Perkins, I-40, Exit 417, 1st & 3rd
weeks only

THURSDAY

Alcoa, Airport Hilton Hotel

Knoxville, Foundry, World's Fair Site

FRIDAY

Morristown, Morristown Country Club

Maryville Kiwanis Corporate Members

They support us....

Please support our corporate members!

The Kiwanis Club of Maryville has several corporate memberships - companies with a commitment to have representatives present at our meetings and that have embraced our community and child-enriching causes, programs, and projects. You can find these Corporations in your Kourier each month and can locate them, along with their logos, on our website as well via the following link:

www.maryvillekiwanis.org/corporate-members.

Advanced Catalyst Systems

Blount County Public Library

Blount Partnership (Chamber of Commerce)

Boys & Girls Club of Blount County

Great Smoky Mountain Council of Boy Scouts

Life Care Center of Blount County

Maryville City Schools

Newell Brands

Second Harvest Food Bank

Smartbank

The Daily Times

The Salvation Army

United Way of Blount County

Vienna Coffee House

Maryville Kiwanis Website

www.maryvillekiwanis.org

HOME	MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION	LEADERSHIP 2022-2023	CALENDAR	NEWSLETTERS	FUNDRAISERS
SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS	ONGOING PROJECTS	PHOTO GALLERY	CORPORATE MEMBERS	LINKS	
LOG IN REGISTER					

Our website has been reorganized to make it easier for everyone to see information about who we are, what we do, where we do it, why we do it and when we do it (the 5 W's of Maryville Kiwanis).

At the top of each page, you will see all the pages available. Just click of the title of any page and it will open.

Check out the important information and lots of photos. They can be viewed or downloaded from your phone, iPad or computer.



KOURIER STAFF

Tim Thurston and Pete Davis, Co-Editors

Pete Davis, Photographer/Layout

Heather Larson, Meeting Minutes

Christmas at Kiwanis



Katie, Heather, Wanda, Debbie, Patsy, and Emily brought Christmas cheer caroling to some our members not able to get out.



Denn just found out he was not getting coal.



The Antkows enjoy a special gift from Santa and his elf.



Heather has been busy for weeks writing letters to Santa. Santa promised everything on her list.



Ed Harmon is all smiles enjoying the caroling.



Shh...The Ulloms still believe.



Santa enjoyed the readings by these John Sevier 2nd graders as much as all of us.



Santa recognized Tom Coulter's efforts leading our club.



Bill Campbell was treated to beautiful ladies (and voices)



Patsy gets a chuckle from Santa



Santa was pleased with how straight Newsom Baker's teeth were.



Debbie Jones and Bobby Burke rings bells for our annual assistance with the Salvation Army Bell ringing. Bobby does all the scheduling.



Santa remembers Sarah Delpy from when she was just a little girl.



Santa recalls how little Howard used to always leave him honey on Christmas Day.



Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year!

Christmas at Kiwanis



Special Notes

Brenda Sellers released her book: "You Slept Where? Calamities of a Clumsy Businesswoman" on December 22. I was fortunate to receive a signed first edition. Get your copy soon and support our Maryville Kiwanian.



HOW YOU CAN BECOME A BETTER LEADER

Listen - to every member, take notes, ask questions.

Inspire - urge everyone to be patient and positive, give helpful advice.

Build Confidence - believe in the change. Document everything, modify plans when necessary or possible.

Say Thank You - Simply say "thank you" to anyone and everyone who helps you achieve success

Never Give Up - There will always be a few that resist and never agree to any change. Keep trying.

Be glad you were invited to lead
Your value to your organization was recognized. You were a member contributor...become a team leader. Step and speak up, see what's possible.

Learn new skills, think about things differently.

You may need to take a break every now and then.
Unplug all your electronic devices (phone, ipad, computer). Stop messaging and emailing. Let your leadership team handle things for a short while. Go somewhere else and have some fun.

Bring About Needed Changes
Discover how to assign others to help bring about changes needed by your organization.