



Kiwaniis
CLUB OF MARYVILLE

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Meetings at noon each 1st and 3rd Tuesday at Green Meadow Country Club, Lunch served at 11:30

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

Pancake Breakfast - A Success



The Saturday before Thanksgiving is the traditional time for the Annual Pancake Breakfast. This is our 30th year for this, one of the major fundraisers of our club benefitting Imagination Library. Through the efforts of **Doug Craig, Debbie Jones, Howard Kerr** and a number of club members who organized the teams that did the preparation, cooking, serving, batter preparation, runners, dishwashing, setup and takedown, table preparation, selling of baked goods, and manning the ticket table along with other small tasks like filling the syrup containers and keeping the coffee prepared, another successful Pancake Breakfast was accomplished. There were tired feet and exhausted individuals that happily contributed to this group effort. On page 12 and the next several pages are pictures that identify the broad effort that goes into this event. Also the happy faces of those who attended make all this effort worthwhile. Most of all it is for the benefit of the children who are read to by their family and learn to read themselves as a result of the monthly distribution of books funded by this effort.



Kiwanis Club of Maryville

THANKS TO ALL OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST SPONSORS
FOR MAKING THIS EVENT A SUCCESS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ITS CHILDREN



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President's Corner



Colder weather has arrived, leaves have fallen, and the holiday season is upon us, ready or not. Hopefully we can put up the lawn mowers for the winter.

On November 20 I had the opportunity to attend the Maryville High School Key Club new member induction ceremony. Other Marville Kiwanis members present were Bill Henry (current Key club advisor), Pete Davis, and Patsy Russell. The Maryville High School Key Club currently has 43 members and are truly an inspiring group of young people. I was impressed with their willingness to be involved in service to the community. These students are our future leaders. I also congratulate Bill Henry on doing a great job as their advisor. Thanks go out to Tom Antkow for stepping up to take over for Bill.

We just completed our annual pancake breakfast at Maryville High School. We owe thanks to the pancake breakfast committee, our Kiwanis volunteers, the Maryville High School and Eagleton College and Career Academy Key Clubs, and the staff at the high school for all or their help. Even though Doug Craig could not be present due to illness, we appreciate his work in organizing this event. We all wish Doug a speedy recovery. While the attendance was not as high as last year, I feel it was a success. Everyone I met seemed to have a good time and enjoyed meeting members of the community.

We are having our annual Christmas lunch meeting on December 17. Please make plans to attend since it should be fun and entertaining. Santa is also planning to make an appearance.

As I am writing this, Thanksgiving Day is quickly approaching. We are thankful for family, friends, our fellow Kiwanians, and our many blessings. We are thankful to live in such a beautiful part of the world and in a country which affords us many freedoms.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Jerry Henry

November Meeting Notes

5 Holidays are near and relaxed club activities are on the forefront. Coming up first is our Annual Pancake Breakfast at Maryville High School on November 23. **Doug Craig** and **Debbie Jones** have provided the leadership in organizing this effort. We received an update today regarding Doug's serious medical issues which will keep him from being at the breakfast. **Howard Kerr** has graciously stepped into Doug's role along with Debbie and many of the individual task



leaders. Each thank Doug in his absence for all the work necessary to get us to to readiness. An abundance of prayers and expressions of

concern were expressed for the health issues that will take both **Doug Craig** and **Newsom Baker** out of participating in this year's breakfast.

The Christmas Angel Tree teams are in place and each of the five teams will allot \$140 for gifts to their individual "angel." Sign up for carolling our members confined to home was passed around today along with sign-up for the Salvation Army bell ring. Plans are being made for our annual Christmas party on December 17th.

Providing us an overview of the Sherriff's office Special Operations today was Roger Murphy. Roger is the Chaplain for the Blount County Sherriff's office and the Coordinator of the Blount County Special Operations Response Team. He is fondly remembered by all of Maryville Kiwanis for his 20 year participation in the Leadership Adventure Camp and at today's program was presented a camp-related T-shirt.

Today's program highlighted the missing persons operations performed by the Team. Many



end in success but sometimes they are not so fortunate. Finding two persons recently who were eaten by bears was testimony to where their searches sometimes lead.

We are fortunate in our county to one of the best equipped and manned Rescue Teams in the state if not in the country. They have 3 boats with sonar and underwater cameras. Their two drones with heat-sensing cameras have been a great addition to finding missing persons Tracking dogs are also often used. Between 12 and 22 persons specializing in different areas of search and rescue are part of the Team.

In Tennessee, the sherriff's offices are in charge of most search and rescues. Our location provides some special challenges in that one-fourth of our county is in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Many of the searches are dementia related, simply lost, and punaways. Key behaviors of lost persons are known by extensive research and assist in finding missing persons, sometimes right in their own homes or very close by. High definition maps of the areas are available and nearly always utilized in the search process. When not actually performing a search, there is intense efforts to maintain currency in search and rescue techniques. Quick response is integral to their success. They take every call seriously and always assume that they will find the person quickly and alive.

November Meeting Notes

19 This was a special meeting that we have each year to honor our Kiwanis veterans as well as all veterans who have offered their service to our great country.

Our president, **Jerry Heiny**, gave an overview of the 2024-25 fiscal year budget. Administrative expenses totaled \$46,930 with a revenue of \$49,235. The Foundation received \$109,950 in revenue with expenses of \$107,215. There is also \$13,137 in the Amtryke fund. A full breakdown of the budget is available from the club secretary, **Heather Larson**.

With the Henry's moving, the position of Key Club advisor was open. **Tom Antkow** graciously offered to fill this position. **Bill Henry** has left a very well-organized and active Key Club for Tom to take over.

It is always a special day when our club honors the veterans. Serving our country provides an added incentive to serve others and a perfect entry into Kiwanis. There is no person better than **Robert Russell** to bring us a message honoring our Kiwanis veterans and all veterans everywhere. Robert served first in the Army and then in the Navy. His focus today centered around his Navy service in Vietnam, especially the Fall of Saigon.

The "fall" occurred on April 29-30, 1975 when North Vietnamese forces captured Saigon, the then-capital of South Vietnam. In those two days, thousands of American and South Vietnamese citizens were evacuated in a large-scale helicopter operation known as Operation Frequent Wind (OFW). All services were involved with the USS Hancock and USS Midway being key to the Naval portion of OFW. The extent of this evacuation was captured vividly with media pictures of overcrowded boats, babies passed over barbed wire, and Hueys being pushed off deck into the water to make room for additional helicopter landings. One of these experiences was the Captain of the USS Midway clearing the deck so a Vietnamese



Air Force officer, his family, and two dozen evacuees could land their helicopter. Over 3000 evacuees were brought to the USS Midway on Air Force helicopters. The USS Hancock evacuated 2300 Vietnamese refugees.

The refugees were processed and housed at Grande Island in the Philippines which also served as an on-base resort for US military and civilians stationed throughout the Philippines. Flying the American flag on the landing craft shuttle service for the refugees provided the clearance to land the boats onto the Philippine island.

It was obvious throughout his presentation, the passion and respect that Robert has for the US military. He served honorably along with all veterans and unfortunately was not received well when they returned from Vietnam. Robert expressed the wish shared by all veterans that the shameful disrespect of our military forces shown when they returned from Vietnam, will never again occur. One of the ways of honoring our veterans is the "Quilts of Valor" of which 3 attending are recipients, **Robert Russell, Bob Ullom, and Jim Warner**.



Maryville Kiwanis Veterans

US Army

Bill Campbell
Robert Russell
Ron Teffeteller

US Air Force

Jerry Heiny
Robert Hudson
Regina Jennings
Bobby Perkinson
Bob Ullom
Linda Ullom

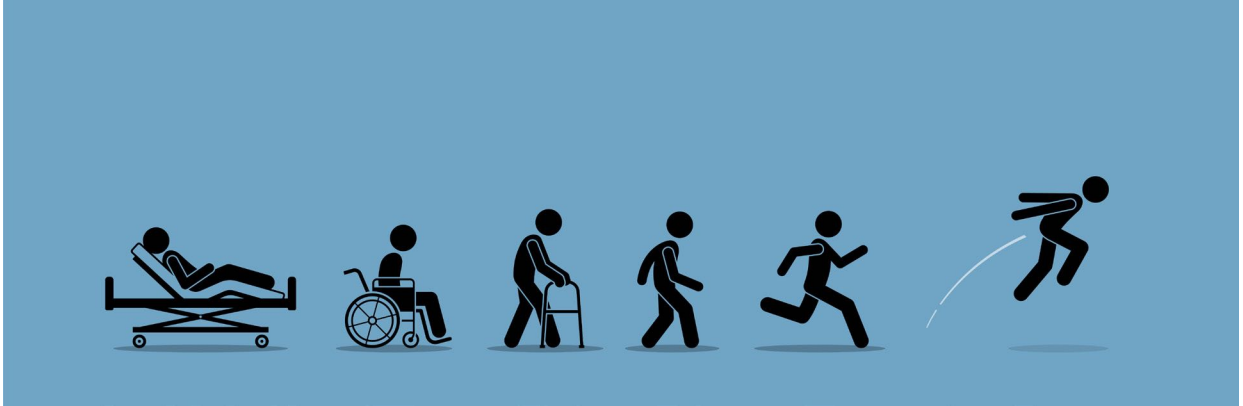
US Navy

David Erwin
Robert Russell
Bill Henry
Lynn Tittsworth
Kent Willoughby



Briefs

- **Newsom Baker** and **Doug Craig** both continue to be in our prayers as they recover from serious illness which both experience while traveling away from home. Newsom is back "home" at the Knoxville Rehabilitation Center and Doug is home requiring ongoing medical attention.



- **Katie Beeler** recently returned home from a much enjoyed trip to Portugal.
- **Wanda Davis** introduced us to her daughter, Ashley, who was visiting for a few days.
- Bell ringing for Salvation Army and Christmas Caroling are two signup activities that still have room from more volunteers.

December Birthdays

- 9 *Heather Larson*
- 10 *Elton Jones*
- 16 *Bob Hudson*
- 20 *Pete Davis*
- 25 *John Berry*
- 26 *Ron Teffeteller*
- 29 *Jon Dockery*
- 31 *Brittney Simerly*

It's Your Day

Inter-Clubs



Our friends from Alcoa Kiwanis, Ted Wilson, Chris Mahler, David Nichols, Jim Warner, David Buck attend our November 19 meeting.



Pete and Wanda Davis, Jerry Heiny, Marie Rousch, and Linda Ullom attended the November 21 Aktion Club meeting.



Patsy Russell, Bill Henry, Pete Davis, and Jerry Heiny enjoyed attending the MHS Key Club installation.



The Kiwanis club of Tellico Village fed us well at their Pancake Breakfast on November 9. **Pete Davis, Denn Larson, Katey Mailey (TV President), Heather Larson, Wanda Davis, Kevin Meyer, Patsy Russell, and Jerry Heiny** are pictured left.

Maryville High Key Club



Maryville Kiwanis proudly sponsors the Maryville High School Key Club. At their November 20, twenty-six new members were installed bringing their total to forty-three members.

Bobby Perkinson's granddaughter, Maddie Gravitte, pictured right top below is the current President. Jennefer Sabota and Rachel Minzy are the Faculty Advisors. **Bill Henry**, bottom left, is the outgoing Kiwanis advisor for the Key Club.



Kiwanians in Action



Imagination Library was displayed at the Blount County Schools Caregiver Care event at Maryville 1st Baptist Church on November 12 by **Patsy Russell**, **Jerry Heiny**, and **Linda Ullom**. Maryville Kiwanis takes every opportunity to show the community who benefits by this free distribution of books monthly to all children between birth and age 5. The funding of this distribution is the major project of our club.

Robert Russell, Jerry Heiny, Bob Ullom, Steve Kiefer, Kent Willoughby, and Pete Davis (not pictured) braved a cold morning November 22 to assemble the latest Amtryke. Serving children in our community is a primary objective of Kiwanis. Children identified as needing special assistance to become mobile are identified by local physical therapists. The club generously provides the funds and the manpower to get these Amtrykes prepared for use.



Awards, Gifts, and Recognitions



Emily Mantooth honors **Amanda Nowak** with the Spotlight Award for her efforts, particularly at the Blount County Public Library, to improve the lives of children in this community.

THANK YOU!

Pancake Breakfast

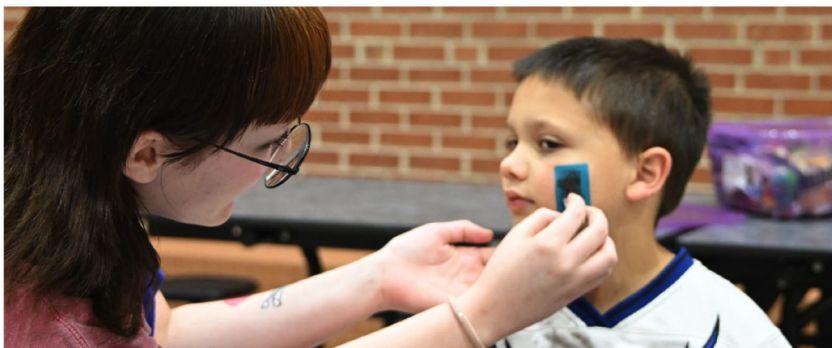


There were tons of photo opportunities at the Pancake Breakfast and **Pete Davis** managed to capture many of them. Take a look at this and the next 6 pages of photos. You will find many fellow Kiwanians and many from our community who supported this grand effort. Thanks to all who participated and to all who came to enjoy the breakfast.













Angel Tree Teams



Team Debbie



Team Julie



Team Patsy

The Angel Tree teams are formed each year to share our bounty with families in need in our community. Each team adopts a family and together purchases Christmas gifts appropriate for that family unit. While it is those children that receive the gifts, the opportunity to give is what the Christmas season and Kiwanis is all about.



Team Wanda



Team Sarah

Charitree at Airport



Each Christmas season, the Airport recognizes organizations whose selfless acts of charity help those in need. The Imagination Library project of Maryville Kiwanis is honored to be one of those organizations. **Wanda Davis**, **Patsy Russell**, and **Linda Ullom** assisted in the tree setup.



December Meeting Schedule

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Houston Oldham "Doing Business in Blount County"

Owner of Peaceful Side Brewery and Restaurant and Dancing Bear Lodge

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY meeting

Objects of Kiwanis

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

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

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

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

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

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.



Division 5 Clubs

CLUB	FOUNDED	MEMBERS	WEBSITE
Maryville Meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday noon, Green Meadow Country Club	December 29, 1919	71	www.maryvilletnkiwanis.org
Morristown Meetings weekly, Friday noon, Morristown Country Club	January 23, 1920	50	None
Newport Meeting weekly, Tuesday noon, West End Baptist Church	September 7, 1920	75	None
Knoxville Meetings weekly, Thursday noon, Foundry	April 5, 1919	47	None
Northside, Knoxville Meetings Weekly, Wednesday noon, The Foundry	June 14, 1949	17	www.northside.kiwanis.us
Alcoa Meetings weekly, Thursday noon, Airport Hilton	July 18, 1951	70	www.k04236.site.kiwanis.org
Jefferson County Meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesday noon, Perkins	March 12, 1959	5	None
Norwood, Knoxville Meetings, 3rd Tuesday, noon, Austin's Steakhouse	May 12, 1961	14	None
Sevierville Meetings weekly, Tuesday noon, Applebee's	September 28, 2000	20	www.k16031.site.kiwanis.org
Foothills, Townsend Meetings 2nd and 4th Wenesday noon, The Abbey	October 19, 2023	15	www.townsendfoothillskiwanis.org
Greater West Knox Meetings, 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm, Olive Road, Farragut	October 19, 2023	18	None

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Maryville High School**

Our Corporate Members

These corporate members have committed to have representatives at our meetings and have embraced our commitments to our community and our child enriching causes, programs, and projects."

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<p>Maryville Kiwanis Website www.maryvilletnkiwanis.org</p>	<p>The membership directory has been updated on the website (https://maryvilletnkiwanis.org/members-only). Also added link to information for all KT District Clubs.</p>
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