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CLUB OF MARYVILLE

Kourier

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Meetings at noon each 1st and 3rd Tuesday at Green Meadow Country Club; lunch served at 11:30
Email: maryvillekiwanis.tn@gmail.com; Website: www.maryvilletnkiwanis.org

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

Members Matter



In the past few months, we have had the opportunity to reflect on the importance of members. Often our focus is on the activities we do to further the betterment of the children in our community. Each of us join this club with that purpose in mind. We must understand that to do all that we do it requires the dedicated efforts of individual members working together as a group.

There are many long-term members with **Newsom Baker** and **Doug Craig** being some of the longest. Both men have had recent unexpected health issues which felled them while visiting out of state, Newsom in Las Vegas and Doug in Birmingham. They both required emergency help and were transferred to local hospitals to their intensive care units. They each had medical issues that were addressed in their continuing care.

Newsom and Doug have undergone rehabilitation and now recover at home. Doug continued dialysis for several weeks and in the past few weeks has resumed coming to meetings and is off dialysis. Newsom is recovering at home and promises to return to meetings in the next few months. We all pray for their full recovery.

President's Corner

This has been a January of unrelenting cold, much like a real winter. I think we are all looking forward to warmer weather and await the spring prediction of the groundhog when he emerges from its burrow on Groundhog Day, February 2. It would also be nice to get back on the golf course and to enjoy outdoor activities.

Due to the weather conditions, we had to cancel our January club meeting when Maryville City Schools closed. That left us with only one meeting in the month of January. However, we were able to accomplish much in that meeting. An Amtryke was presented to Hayes Kubiak, a deserving 2 ½-year-old. It was a delight to see how enthusiastically he got on that tryke and started pedaling. We also got a chance to meet his parents Kayla and Kasey. Jennie Bounds, who heads up the Amtryke program for Alcoa Kiwanis was present. Our two clubs have been working together in identifying recipients for Amtrykes and meeting the needs in Blount County.



Congratulations to **Bobby Perkinson** on receiving the Legion of Honor Award. I also congratulate all those members receiving their perfect attendance pins.

Since the Youth Protection program scheduled for the January 7th meeting was canceled, Patsy Russell stepped up and presented this program on January 21st to fulfill our requirements.

We also gained a new member on January 21st. I urge all members to continue asking others you know to consider joining Kiwanis to continue our service to the children and community.

Cupid's Chase takes place Saturday, February 8th at Volunteer Landing in Knoxville. It is a 5K race that benefits Community Options, one of our corporate members. Our Aktion club will be participating. There will be an opportunity to volunteer to help at our next meeting.

Finally, Valentine's Day is coming up. It is traditionally a time to recognize others who are special to us. The history of Valentine's Day is interesting, even if some is legend. It seems it began as a remembrance of two 3rd-century martyrs who were both named Valentine. One of these, St. Valentine, was rumored to have sent the first Valentine's greeting to a young lady he tutored and fell with while he was in prison, and so, the tradition began. It could be legend but makes for a good story.

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay King". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

January 21 Meeting Notes

After the January 7 meeting was cancelled due to snow, it was nice to see everyone again on the 21st. The program for the 7th meeting was combined with our annual member awards program.

Doug Craig announced the gross total raised at the Pancake breakfast, \$24,500. This was in line with expectations thanks to the efforts of our members. Already it's time to get ready for the Golf Tournament coming up April 14th. **Steve Kiefer** and his committee have hit the ground running. All club members were reminded that getting sponsors accounts for a large amount that we can raise. We have some challenges this year with some of our major sponsors no longer available.

This past fiscal year Maryville Kiwanis members contributed 1940 service hours to our community and club. The following awards were given to club members:

Legion of Honor (25 years Kiwanis membership and each 5 years) - **Bobby Perkinson 30 years Perfect attendance:**

35 years	Bobby Burke	5 years	Tom Coulter
29 years	Ron Teffeteller	4 years	Wanda Davis
19 years	Robert Russell		Jerry Heiny
18 years	Robert Austin		Dennis Larson
15 years	Regina Jennings		Heather Larson
14 years	Newsom Baker		Amanda Nowak
12 years	Patsy Russell		Kent Willoughby
11 years	Doug Craig	3 years	Steve Kiefer
	Debbie Jones	2 years	Katie Beeler
10 years	Pete Davis		Blake Mansfield
	Julie Miller		Emily Mantooth
	Linda Ullom		Stephen Frana
	Bob Ullom		Tom Antkow
7 years	Bobby Perkinson	1 year	Carl Van Hoozier
	Tim Thurston		

Awards for Members



Jerry Heiny gives 15+ year awards to **Regina Jennings, Robert Austin, Robert Russell, Ron Teffeteller, and Bobby Burke.**

Doug Craig, Patsy Russell and Debbie Jones get 10 and 11-year awards.



Bob and Linda Ullom, Julie Miller, and Pete Davis receive perfect attendance awards for 10 years.

Awards for Members



Tim Thurston and Bobby Perkinson
7-year perfect attendance.



Club President **Jerry Heiny** awards **Bobby Perkinson** with the Legion of Honor Award.



Tom Coulter, Wanda Davis, Amanda Nowak, Denn Larson, Kent Willoughby,
and **Heather Larson** awarded 4 and 5-year awards.



Blake Mansfield, Stephen Frana, Emily Mantooth,
and **Katie Beeler** given 2-year awards.

AMTRYKE PRESENTATION

Maryville Kiwanis was pleased to present an Amtryke to 2 ½-year old Hayes Kubiak at our January 21 meeting. Thanks to donations from the community and members the club was able to purchase and assemble the Amtryke. Amtrykes are made for children with disabilities. Hayes' physical therapist recommended that he would benefit from the use of one. Hayes' parents Kayla and Kasey Kubiak expressed their thanks to the club during the presentation. For more information and photos about Amtrykes go to: <https://k00190.site.kiwanis.org/amtrykes/>



Kiwanis Youth Protection

This is a presentation required annually by KI for every club, and especially important for new members.

Patsy began by reminding us that **All adults working with youth under the age of 18 at any Kiwanis event** are required to read/understand, agree to and abide by these policies.

Chaperones, Service Leadership Club Advisors, etc. required to have background check; Secretary Larson reminds members of upcoming expiration/renewal dates.

Patsy emphasized 'The Rule of Three' and its importance: NEVER be alone with a child/youth. Always have another child or adult with you. Be aware of the necessity to be proactive so no situation results in an accusation regarding inappropriate behavior. Also emphasized was the importance of avoiding alcohol, tobacco, etc. at any event produced for the benefit of youth.

Another area of importance is to NEVER share your personal information with youth, to NEVER have a relationship with them online, etc., and to be sure to get permission if posting a photo of youth from a Kiwanis event.

There is **additional information** on the Maryville Kiwanis website: <https://k00190.site.kiwanis.org/> then click the dropdown box in the upper right corner & then 'Information for Members' which will take you to the landing spot: <https://k00190.site.kiwanis.org/members-only-2/>

*Service is the rent we pay
for the privilege of living
in this city,
this county,
this state,
this country
and this planet.*

Programs

February 4 th	Dr. Don Bruce	UT Director of Boyd Center for Business/Economic Research
February 18 th	Macrea Love	Director of Outreach, TN Valley Coalition for the Homeless

Briefs

- Cupid's Chase will occur February 8, 8:30am to 11:00am at Volunteer Landing in Knoxville
- The KT Midyear Conference is March 6-8 at the Airport Hilton. Registration is available on the KT website.
- Peggy Campbell (**Bill**) underwent abdominal surgery and is recovering at home.
- Arlene Austin (**Robert**) is recovering at Shannondale after hip and wrist fractures.
- Wanda Perkinson (**Bobby**) had surgery for a persistent hematoma following a fall back in the summer. She is back home after 3 days.
- **Kent Willioughby** reminded us of all his Vanderbilt connections after the UT women and men both lost in Nashville.

*We all grieve with recently retired member, **Wilson Borden**, on the death of his wife, **Sue**, on January 6, at the age of 89. They recently celebrated 69 years of marriage. We can reflect on the many times in our meetings, **Wilson** commenting on **Sue** and some of the medical struggles they were enduring along with his always expressed love for her and hope for her recovery. Over his years as a member, **Wilson** commented often on their over 70 ocean and river cruises. **Wilson's** contribution to our club, especially his activity on the golf committee, left a great legacy.*

Interclubs



Ron Teffeteller, Jerry Heiny, Pete Davis, and Kent Willoughby attend Alcoa Kiwanis meeting.



Alcoa Kiwanis had 8 attend our January 17 meeting. Jenny Bounds (center) is our liaison with Alcoa Kiwanis for the Amtryke program.

Interclubs



Pete and Wanda Davis, Jerry Heiny, Denn and Heather Larson at Aktion Club January 16.

Heather and Denn Larson, Bobby Burke, and Pete Davis attended the Northside Knoxville Kiwanis meeting.



Pete Davis, Denn and Heather Larson, and Bobby Burke at Knoxville Kiwanis on January 23.



February birthdays

11 Sarah Delpy

15 Mike Winstead

24 Susan Jones

**Maryville
Kiwanis**

Upcoming Events

Kiwanis International News

Convention in Pittsburgh, June 25-28, sign-up now

Kentucky-Tennessee District News

Convention in Pikeville, KY, August 14-17, sign-up now

Division 5 News

Prayer Dinner, April 29, sign-up now

Maryville Kiwanis Kamera



Taking pictures is something that now, literally everyone with a cell phone is interested in. Hardly do you go anywhere where snapping a quick photo is something that is not considered routine. Even taking pictures of yourself might have been considered vain in the past but is now seen as usual. A photographer might have drawn a shocked face when telling they had 100 or 200,000 photos. Now our kids often have taken that many.

We enjoyed last month the beautiful photos that Tom Coulter took on his medical mission. Like



Tom, I have enjoyed taking all kinds of pictures over the year since hand-held cameras have been available. In my late teens I dabbled with darkrooms, but the real fun began in the age of affordable single lens reflex camera. That has now evolved to mirrorless cameras which are becoming the standard and more affordable. The processing of photos on your own computer with programs like Photoshop has revolutionized the old darkroom into endless ways of managing your photos.

For this edition of the Kourier I will include some of my favorite pics from over the years and share some thoughts

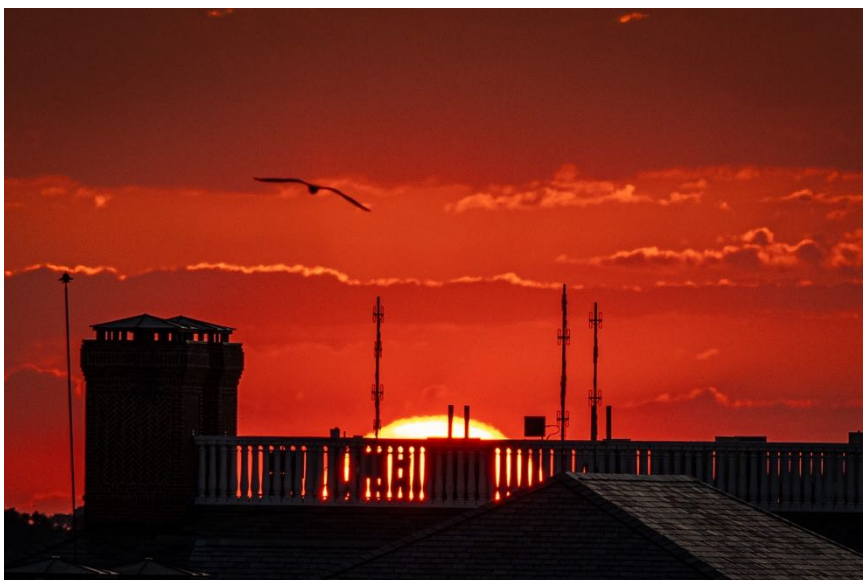
What grandparent is not proud of their grandkids! My granddaughter Mya graduates this year from Bearden this spring and will attend UT in the Fall. She has had a great academic and sports career and capturing her in action has been particularly fun for me.

With digital cameras we can take video and more interestingly for me, action shots which capture the moment by being able to take 10, 30, 60 or even more frames per second of the same quality that you would get taking them one at a time. In addition, the improved electronic sensors make taking pictures indoors without flash and maintain excellent quality. Fine tuning after the shoot makes it possible to crop to include the final content that you wish.



Visiting Kiawah was something we did many times during my practice years. Composition is a large part of photography. I like this photo because of the kids bending forward like their father while mom is proudly upright with a hand on the back. This was an early pic of my oldest son, Tim's, family that I kept posted in my dictation area my entire practice time.

This was also taken at Kiawah just last year. With the new mirrorless cameras, you can focus at distance right on the eyeball of a person or animal. In the morning and evening these pelicans are flying constantly giving plenty of opportunity to practice your camera skills.



The beauty of color that is part of a sunrise is so nicely captured by the camera. You can take this picture at 3-minute increments and get totally different color schemes and you can add filters to the lens or even in post processing to bring out different colors. Including a single bird gives another element of interest and then the building in the foreground adds a perspective and a sense of reality.

Tom Talks

A valued member of our club, Tom Antkow, writes often on the editorial page of The Daily Times. Tom also recently assumed the position of club representative to the Maryville High School Key Club. This is one of his recent letters published in the Daily Times this month.

Welcome to 2025. The more things that change the more they stay the same.

One thing that hasn't changed in our county or the rest of the Country. Drivers are still horrible! As is the case in most parts of the U.S. folks believe that they are the best drivers on the planet. That is usually in the eye of the beholder. Just ask any spouse, partner or passenger. Most passengers with a driver's license prefer not to be a passenger.

Operating farm equipment is quite different than driving on the roadways. Heavy machinery does not really qualify as a multi-passenger motor vehicle. Ever seen rush hour traffic or red-light runners blasting down the corn rows attempting to avoid cows? Does not exist as far as I know.

I've spent the past 50 years as a driving instructor, trainer, classroom educator, in-car high school driver-ed teacher, State driver's license examiner, evaluator, driver rehab specialist, and public speaker, and even hosted a radio show about driving. Now, I'm spending my remaining days in private practice assessing whether senior drivers are still fit to operate a motor vehicle.

I thought I had seen and heard it all about being behind the wheel. I'm still surprised every day I venture out on the road. In my opinion, there are three "primary personalities" for drivers: Distracted, Reactive and Defensive. The "defensive" part means they usually take "offense" when anyone has the audacity to critique the way they drive. Not that they are driving "defensively" to safeguard themselves or others from harm on the roads.

Some food for thought. How is it possible that the most common type of crash is a rear-end collision? Driver educators call it, "butt sniffing?" Why do most crashes happen at intersections engineered to control the flow of traffic mechanically, without human beings screwing things up?

I have lived in six states. Tennessee is my seventh. I have driven through countless more. Without a doubt. The most common thing I hear when folks find out I have a driver education background or that my expertise is traffic safety. "Those dang out-of-state newcomers are the worst, most discourteous drivers on the planet! I wish they would go back to where they came from and take their bad habits with them."

Here are my New Year wishes for all occupiers of the roadways. Let us resolve to signal BEFORE we brake. Turn signals and brake lights are not just for you. Create more space between yourselves and the drivers in front of you. Space is good. "Butt sniffing" is bad. Social distancing works better for driving than for Covid. Slow down to less than 10 mph above the posted speed. Keep your eyes above the steering wheel. Not on your lap, cell phone, or lunch. Wait until you get home to talk on the phone, read, or send that text. You won't die if you don't take that call or answer that dang text when you are not moving. If you decide not to do most of the above, you could end up in intensive care or die.

Finally. "Courtesy is, as courtesy does." Unfortunately, I just heard that most New Year resolutions only last about a month. Happy motoring!

Tom Antkow

Division 5 Clubs

Club	Founded	Members	Website
Maryville Meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday noon, Green Meadow Country Club	December 29, 1919	66	www.maryvilletnkiwanis.org
Morristown Meetings weekly, Friday noon, Morristown Country Club	January 23, 1920	50	None
Newport Meetings 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 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday noon, Perkins	March 12, 1959	5	None
Sevierville Meetings weekly, Tuesday noon, Applebee's	September 28, 2000	20	www.k16031.site.kiwanis.org
Foothills, Townsend Meetings 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday noon, The Abbey	October 19, 2023	15	www.townsendfoothillskiwanis.org
Greater West Knox Meetings 3 rd Thursday, 6:30pm, Olive Road, Farragut	October 19, 2023	18	None

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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.



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Life Care Center of Blount County
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