



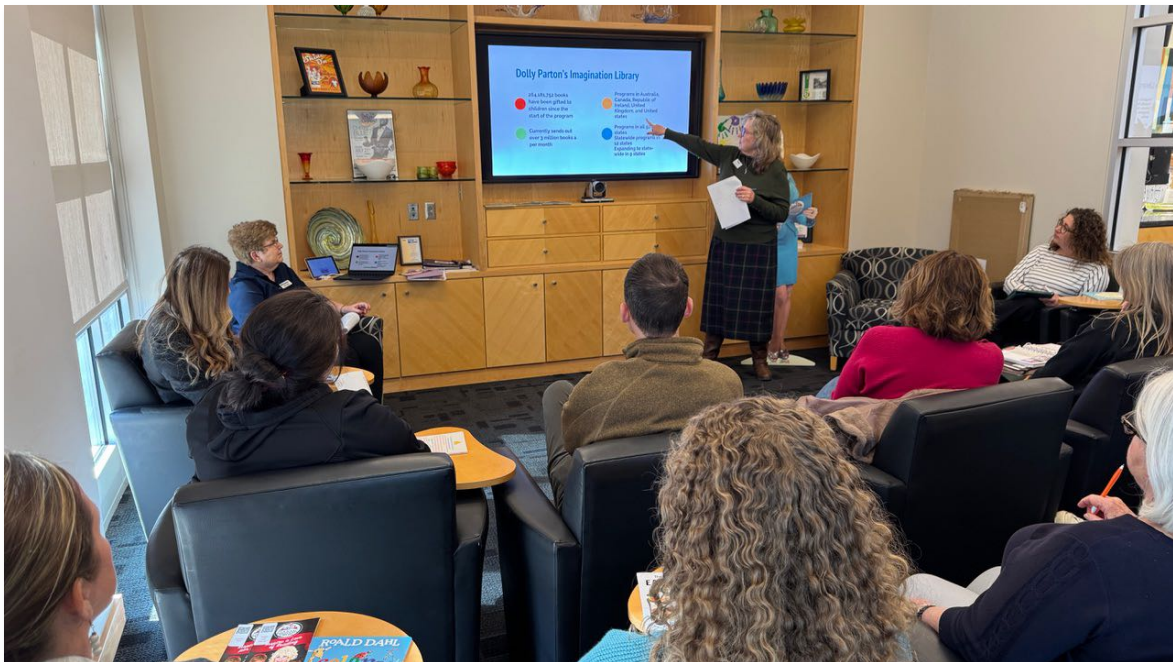
MARCH 2025

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 a better community by focusing on service to children and youth

Maryville Kiwanis Presents to United Way



Patsy Russell (sitting left) and **Regina Jennings** (presenting) go to United Way to request Imagination Library funding assistance.

United Way has aided our Kiwanis Foundation for several years in providing funding assistance for our signature project, Imagination Library. With their assistance, Maryville Kiwanis Foundation, the charitable arm of our Kiwanis Club, can provide the cost of mailing an age-appropriate book to all Blount County children ages birth through 5 years of age. This is no small feat and it takes our own fundraising projects, the assistance of a state program, and United Way to accomplish this.

Our Blount County United Way takes their responsibility of distributing donated funds very seriously and requires a detailed description from all fund recipients of how that money is used. As we watch the efforts of our U.S. government try to rein in excess spending, it is welcome relief that our local organization tightly scrutinizes the disbursement of funds donated by our local citizens. Patsy and Regina spend countless hours preparing their report and remain successful in their pursuit of funding for the children of Blount County.

President's Corner

Here we are in the middle of winter it seems. After we were teased by a brief warm spell, winter returned with a vengeance. As last month, the weather interfered with our schedule. This time with a board meeting. Having lived in East Tennessee for many years, I have come to expect this. As the saying goes, if you don't like the weather today, wait until tomorrow.



We had another Amtryke presentation on February 18th. This makes the third in as many months. Seeing the joy and happiness on the faces of the children and families at these presentations never gets old. I am always appreciative of our assembly crew consisting of **Steve Kiefer, Robert Russell, Bob Ullom, Pete Davis,** and **Kent Willoughby**. I also appreciate the collaboration from Jennie Bounds of the Alcoa Kiwanis club. We have worked together on identifying candidates for Amtrykes.

March 6-8 is the Midyear KT Conference at the Airport Hilton. This along with the Annual KT Conference are good opportunities to learn more about Kiwanis and to meet other Kiwanians. Interclubs are another opportunity to learn how other clubs operate and to exchange ideas. I encourage you to attend an interclub if you haven't before.

Planning for our annual golf tournament is in full swing under the capable leadership of Steve Kiefer. Steve and the many members of the golf committee make this event happen. What a better way to enjoy a spring day on April 14th. This tournament is a major fundraiser for Maryville Kiwanis and supports our many projects which improve the lives of children and our community. We can all help in making this a success by becoming or obtaining a sponsor or booster.

I am excited to welcome **Dian Trosclair** as a new member. She hit the ground running. Bobbie Jo and Tim Barnes are our new Salvation Army representatives, replacing Cameron Henderson. Please welcome them also.

There is some sad news. I just heard that **Bill Campbell** passed away on February 22nd. I am sure many of you have fond memories of Bill as a long-time member of Maryville Kiwanis. Due to declining health his wife Peggy would bring him to meetings when he was able. Viewing and services were held February 27 and 28.

I look forward to an exciting March. I thank our members for all the hard work you do for Maryville Kiwanis and for the children of Blount County.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry King".

February 4 Meeting Notes

Announced at this meeting was the results of the financial review for all transaction during the Kiwanis fiscal year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. All financial reports were reconciled and verified and **Julie Miller** was commended for her work as Treasurer to see that everything in both the Administrative and Foundation accounts was properly accounted for.



We welcomed **Dian Troclair**, pictured between **Blake Mansfield** and **Bobby Perkinson**, as a new member at today's meeting. She introduced Janet Gandy, a former Commander in the Navy, as a prospective new member. **Bobby Perkinson** was instrumental in bringing them to Kiwanis. Also welcomed was **Bobbie Jo Barnes**, the Salvation Army Blount County Administrator and their new representative to Maryville Kiwanis.

Speaking on an Economic Update for the U.S. and Tennessee was Dr. Don Bruce, the Randy and Jenny Boyd Distinguished

Professor in the Haslam College of Business and Economic Research and Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Bruce regularly reports to national, state, and local entities on economic forecasting and research. Largely responsible for his success is his engaging style of presentation and he did not disappoint.



His opening message was "our country is on sound financial ground and is NOT going into or been in a recession." He pointed to positive real GDP growth, defined as exports added and imports subtracted, as an indicator of a strong national economy. This number has increased from 1.7% to 2.7% in this past year. Dr. Bruce pointed to a myriad of statistics that reflected positive economic outlook including interest rate management by the Feds, consumer debt balance, TN housing price index, return to normal of the housing market, new building permits, strong job and employment growth in various sectors, low unemployment and positive employment forecast both in this state and nationally.

He reminded us that a continued attraction for Tennessee is its state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income being one of the best in the country. We are behind the nation in per capita income but this is offset by the lower cost of living and lower taxes making for a continued net migration increase into the state. He cautioned us to tune out the "noise" and discern fact from fiction.

February 18 Meeting Notes

Jerry Heiny returned from a bout with a respiratory illness making him not only cough and feel bad, but unable to talk for a few days. He thanked **Blake Mansfield** for taking the gavel for that previous meeting.

This year's nominating committee was introduced:

- **Jerry Heiny** (President)
- **Tom Coulter, Pete Davis,** and **Debbie Jones** (Past Presidents)
- **Wanda Davis** (Chair and Immediate Past President)

They will present a slate of officers to be voted at the Annual meeting in September.



Homeless in our community and nationally continues to be of concern as large cities and small towns alike struggle to identify and fill their needs. This is compounded by the migrant influx with their own set of needs. Living in our small part of this country we don't often see those situations that are often shown or depicted in newscasts.

Many, perhaps most, of us had no idea that there was a government funded Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless (TVCH). Speaking at today's meeting was Macrea Love who is the Director of Outreach for this organization. The Outreach Program is on-the-ground street outreach and the mobile showers program. Macrea's experience with homeless services, program development, and community engagement began with his University of Tennessee degree in 2019.

The TVCH coordinates with local organizations, service providers, and municipalities to enhance accessibility across their 12-county service area which includes all the 12 surrounding counties of Knox. Knox County has their own service coalition. The needs of the homeless community are a magnification of everyone's basic needs of food and shelter along with basic healthcare and hygiene. Their goal is to make homelessness rare (less than 30 days) and non-recurring.

One of their greatest challenges is to provide Permanent Supportive Housing. Mental and chronic illness and substance abuse along with funding present ongoing challenges to the provision of adequate housing. One of the ways they help the person on the street is their Mobile Shower program. They have a mobile van which travels to all 12 counties that provides a shower that often alone is enough to give them dignity and incentive for job seeking or even going to the grocery store or church.

Sometimes we look outside of our own area to help those in need. Understanding that many needs are present right here at home is an eye-opener and the focus of much of the activity of service clubs such as ours throughout this country and world.

Awards and Donations

Tom Antkow and **Steve Kiefer** get attendance awards for 2 and 3 years respectively.



Michael Torano (R), on behalf of Second Harvest Food Bank, accepted a check for \$5000 presented by **Blake Mansfield**, for "Pack the Bag - Blount County Food for Kids" which supplies over 1626 students in 26 public schools in Blount County with a bag of nutritious food for the weekend.

Awards and Donations

Blake Mansfield practiced for his upcoming Presidency at the February 4 meeting in Jerry's absence with an illness. A donation to Cupid's Chase Race was accepted by **Marie Rousch** for the *Aktion Club*



Helping make the Cupid's Chase Race raise over \$20,000 were our own Kiwanis Cupids, **Debbie Jones**, **Wanda Davis**, and **Marie Rousch**. This Year's event was held February 8, one of our beautiful "spring" days this month, at Volunteer Landing.

Awards and Donations



Jerry Heiny presents a check to **Amanda Nowack**, representing the Blount County Library, to buy books for their new Tween Department.

Jerry Heiny is the recipient of the Spotlight Award this month presented by **Emily Mantooth** for his dedicated efforts in the Amtryke program.



Amtryke team

This team of **Steve Kiefer, Kent Willoughby, Jerry Heiny, Robert Russell, and Pete Davis** combine their medical, managerial, military, and police skills to put together these Amtrykes for kids recommended by their pediatric physical therapists. They claim they got this one together in an hour



At our February 18 meeting, Beau was presented with an Amtryke specifically designed for his needs and assembled by our crack team above. He jumped right on it and, no doubt, will be wearing out the rubber on the tires soon. Accompanying Beau were his parents Cara and David and his therapist Spencer Ann Mitchell.

Programs

The programs for this month generally provoke some of the greatest interest of any presentations throughout the year. Make plans to attend these infrastructure and development updates for our County.

March 4 th	Drew Rutherford Steve Borden	TDOT will discuss updates in Blount County
March 18 th	Bryan Daniels	Executive VP, Blount Partnership Blount County Development Updates



Briefs

- The latest on **Newsom Baker** is that he has been able to attend church and will return to Kiwanis soon.
- **Tom Coulter** will be getting a knee replacement soon. He said he has two new hips and they seem to be working well so now he is going for at least one knee. Our prayers are with him for a prompt recovery.
- **James Ray Pack** was a member years ago, until December 2005. He recently died February 4th. Our sympathies extend to his friends and family.
- **Ted Wilson**, an Alcoa Kiwanian, who regularly attends our meetings, announced that he will be returning to Jackson, Michigan to be closer to family. Ted always had a story to tell and was a welcome attendee at our meetings. We wish him well on his journey and relocation.

Remembering One of Us



On February 22, **Bill Campbell**, a member of our club since August 2003, passed away. At 91 years of age, he was one of our oldest members and his faithful attendance in spite of failing health was remarkable. More recently his wife of more than 60 years, Peggy, has come to meetings with him and over the past few years we have had the opportunity to meet most of his family whom he proudly brought to our meetings. His smile was infectious and especially bright when he would introduce a member of his family.

Bill had a 25-year career in the military followed by over 20 years with Lockheed Martin. As a retired Lt. Col., he returned to this area, where he grew up. His interest in children's causes led to volunteering in many youth activities with his own kids and eventually to his participation in Kiwanis. He and Peggy were the parents of 5 children, grandparents of 17, and had 2 great grandsons.

Bill left a mark on this community and our Kiwanis Club but when all is said and done, probably would like to be remembered best as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.



Interclubs



Maryville at Alcoa February 6
**Robert Austin, Denn and Heather Larson, Bobby Perkinson, and
Ron Teffeteller**



Alcoa at Maryville February 18
Ted Wilson, Davis Buck, Jim Warner, David Nichols, Chris Mahler

Interclubs



Maryville at Newport February 11
Heather and Denn Larson, Pete Davis, and Ron Teffeteller



Maryville at Sevierville February 24
Ron Teffeteller, Bobby Burke, Heather and Denn Larson, and Pete Davis

April birthday

April 1 Denn Larson



Maryville Kiwanis

Kiwanis International News

Convention in Pittsburgh, June 25-28, sign-up now
Keynote Speaker Henry Winkler

Kentucky-Tennessee District News

KT Midyear Conference March 6-8 at Airport Hilton
Convention in Pikeville, KY, August 14-17, sign-up now

Division 5 News

Division 5 Council Meeting March 3rd at 6 PM, Sevierville
Prayer Dinner, April 29, sign-up now

By: **Pete Davis**

I have been taking photographs since 1963. One of my favorite and best teachers in high school got me interested. Wow, that's 62 years ago! A lot has changed since then.

I started out with a borrowed 35mm single lens reflex camera, used an old Speed Graphic plate film camera (5x7 and 8x10 inch plates). I bought my own first camera a Yashica Mat twin lens reflex camera, which I used many years and wish I still had.

I bought my own and loaded and developed my own black and white film in bulk rolls and made my prints in a darkroom with an enlarger and all the chemicals. Color film was too expensive and took more work to develop so I stuck with black and white.

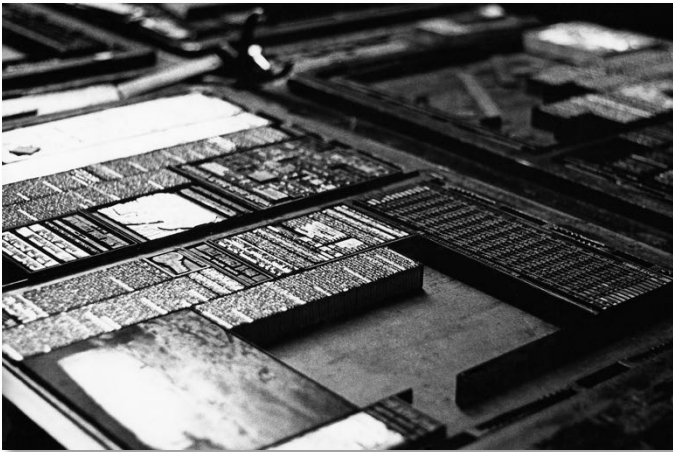
Back then cameras were not automatic like everything today. When shooting pictures I had to take into consideration everything from aperture readings, focal lengths, direction of lighting, shutter speed, film speed, objects in motion, depth of field. I used a light meter to measure the amount of light in each shot so I could set everything manually on the camera. Now everything can still be set manually if I choose, or automatically in the fancy new mirrorless single lens reflex camera like the Nikon Z8 that I, Tom Coulter and Tim Thurston all have and use. My camera goes everywhere with me.

I save all my pictures on my computer with backups. I have thousands. I try to shoot all my pictures, so I don't have to do a lot of manipulation on the computer using Photoshop.



This is one of my favorite Kiwanis pictures of two of Lynn Tittsworth's granddaughters reuniting after a week at the Leadership Adventure Camp in 2016.

Below are pictures from a trip to far west Texas in 1970 near where "The Last Picture Show" was filmed. I shot these with my Yashica Mat camera, all settings were done manually.



Division 5 Clubs

Club	Founded	Members	Website
Maryville	December 29, 1919	66	www.maryvilletnkiwanis.org
Meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday noon, Green Meadow Country Club			
Morristown	January 23, 1920	50	None
Meetings weekly, Friday noon, Morristown Country Club			
Newport	September 7, 1920	75	None
Meetings weekly, Tuesday noon, West End Baptist Church			
Knoxville	April 5, 1919	47	None
Meetings weekly, Thursday noon, Crown Plaza Hotel, Knoxville			
Northside, Knoxville	June 14, 1949	17	www.northside.kiwanis.us
Meetings weekly, Wednesday noon, Shoney's, 4032 N Broadway, Knoxville			
Alcoa	July 18, 1951	70	www.k04236.site.kiwanis.org
Meetings weekly, Thursday noon, Airport Hilton			
Jefferson County	March 12, 1959	5	None
Meetings 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday noon, Perkins			
Sevierville	September 28, 2000	20	None
Meetings weekly, Tuesday noon, Applebee's			
Foothills, Townsend	October 19, 2023	15	www.townsendfoothillskiwanis.org
Meetings 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday noon, The Abbey			
Greater West Knox	October 19, 2023	18	None
Meetings 3 rd Thursday, 6:30pm, Olive Road, Farragut			

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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 relationships, 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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Maryville City Schools
United Way of Blount County

Newell Brands
Blount Partnership (Chamber of Commerce)
Second Harvest Food Bank
Smart Bank
The Daily Times
The Salvation Army
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