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Meetings at noon every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## It's Tournament Time



**President Jerry Heiny and Golf Committee Chair Steve Kiefer** are ready to show off their golf skills in the upcoming Maryville Kiwanis Golf Tournament.

April 14 is almost here and for golfers it means Masters and another great Maryville Kiwanis Golf Tournament. Teams are almost complete, and our fundraising is on target for another good year. Thanks to the Golf Committee headed by **Steve Kiefer** for coordinating all that needs to be done to make this event a success. Most of our club is involved in one way or another, including getting and giving sponsorships and volunteering to help on the day of the event. It's never too late to add your name to the list of sponsors. Looking forward to another successful event. See you there!

# President's Corner

This is truly an exciting time of year. Spring officially began on March 20 with the promise of warmer temperatures and longer days, although in true East Tennessee fashion, colder snaps can still occur.

March Madness has also begun, the time of year when many of us are glued to the television to catch the excitement of the NCAA basketball men's and women's tournaments. I'm sure we all have a favorite team to follow or just enjoy good competitive basketball.



March was also an exciting month for Maryville Kiwanis. We had two very informative programs. Dexter Justice updated the club March 4 on the various TDOT projects affecting us. The engineering involved is amazing, and so is the cost. It will be years until we see fruition, but it will be worth it. On March 18 Kevin Stoltenberg, assistant city manager for the city of Maryville, updated on several projects in Maryville. Included were plans to improve traffic flow at several locations. I am sure we could appreciate improvements. We all have experienced the effects of growth in the place we call home.

We welcomed **Janet Gandy** as a new member in March. **Dian Troclair**, another recent new member, is Janet's sponsor. Janet was unanimously approved by the Board with formal induction is planned for one of our April meetings. Janet has already started participating in the Imagination Library committee.

The Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District held its mid-year conference March 6-8 at the Airport Hilton. **Wanda** and **Pete Davis, Heather Larson, Patsy Russell**, and I attended. Our club received the Governor's Interclub Award and the Good Recording Patch.

We are on the home stretch in preparation for the golf tournament scheduled for April 14 at Green Meadow Country Club. If you are planning to participate, volunteer, or have agreed to be a sponsor or booster, I thank you. If you haven't, there is still time. We all owe **Steve Kiefer** and his committee thanks for their hard work.

It's hard to believe 6 months have gone by since I started my presidency. I have come to appreciate how everyone contributes to the success of Maryville Kiwanis, and I look forward to an exciting next 6 months.

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

# March 4 Meeting Notes



With all the activity that is evident on or local roads and highways, the presentation by Dexter Justice, the Region 1 Director of Project Management for the Tennessee Department of Transportation., was much anticipated. You can't travel from here to Knoxville without encountering obvious heavy equipment and construction. Delays are sometimes amazing, but how they do it while maintaining a heavy traffic flow is just as much a feat as the actual construction itself.

Dexter admitted that this was not only very costly but takes a very long time. Many will wonder whether they will live to see its completion. Unfortunately, as much work as is being done, it still appears the full completion is still many years away.

He reminded us of all the complexity that goes into the just the 1.6 miles around the University of Tennessee Medical Center. The budget for that portion alone is \$187 million dollars, the largest single project in the history of Tennessee. With the hospital being the regions only Level 1 Trauma center, it was critical in the planning to always maintain access to the hospital. New interchanges while maintaining the least disruptive configuration of traffic to and from the hospital were necessary. This included the removal and replacement of existing parking, use of retaining walls, collaboration with all utilities to move existing lines, stream relocation to assist with drainage, and the removal of an immense amount of rock to make way for the expanded roadway.

The work in the UT area alone was duplicated all along the corridor to various extents depending on the landscape and traffic patterns. The relocated Alcoa Highway to the east of the airport will provide for a more commercial area around the airport while at the same time improving access to and from the airport. Pedestrian greenways for walking and biking are also included in the planning. This and much more is still part of the 10-year plan going forward.

It is a little overwhelming to understand that we are still years away from completion. It is also reassuring that our state remains mindful of budgets and is good stewards of our money, not doing anything unless the money is available to accomplish it.

For an overview of what the final project looks like go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4j9L8cxhag8>

# March 18 Meeting Notes

Last meeting we got to look at regional infrastructure development with the Tennessee Department of Transportation. This week we got to look at projects in the City of Maryville. Talks such as these are just one of the benefits of being in Kiwanis that we all must appreciate.

The assistant city manager for the City of Maryville, Kevin Stoltenberg gave us an update on recent developments in our city. Kevin is a licensed Professional Engineer and has experience in site development, roadway design, and traffic engineering.



His presentation highlighted numerous projects within the city from five current and two future road projects to school and utility projects to the new downtown hotel. He indicated that some proposed projects have been permanently shelved by the state's 10-year plan, eliminating over 600 projects to concentrate on meeting revenue availability. The current road projects within the city are locally funded, some with federal assistance. Even though the Montvale Road widening project was removed by the state, the city has plans to improve the traffic pattern on Montvale

He commented on high accident areas such as the Broadway and Old Niles Ferry intersection receiving some signaling at an all-local cost of \$1.8 million. Turning left onto West Broadway from Lamar Alexander is a nightmare at most times of the day. A second left turn lane will be added with signaling changes and widening of West Broadway to accommodate extra lanes. This will cost \$6.5 million, with 20% local and 80% from a federal grant. Another \$6.1 million will be spent on extending Foothills Mall Drive. The Maryville to Townsend Greenway Trail will be completed for \$3.9 million. Future plans are for the US 411/129 interchange to undergo a major renovation for \$23.7 million.

Several park projects were discussed including fixing 22 of the 26 bridges on the Greenway Trails and improvements at Sandy Springs and Amerine Parks and Streambank. Bicentennial Bridge and Pavilion and Everett Park have also undergone significant improvements.

Maryville High School is undergoing a major transformation to accommodate the addition of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade back to the High School and at the same time increase available space at the Junior High, Middle, and elementary schools. The total cost for parking lot improvements, addition of the classroom wing, and renovation of the auditorium is \$48 million with an additional \$820,000 for kitchen equipment in a new kitchen.

Our wastewater plant treats 11 million gallons/day some from well outside the city. Improvements in the efficiency of this plant are underway. All this activity has required the building of a new Operations Center at the cost of \$9.1 million.

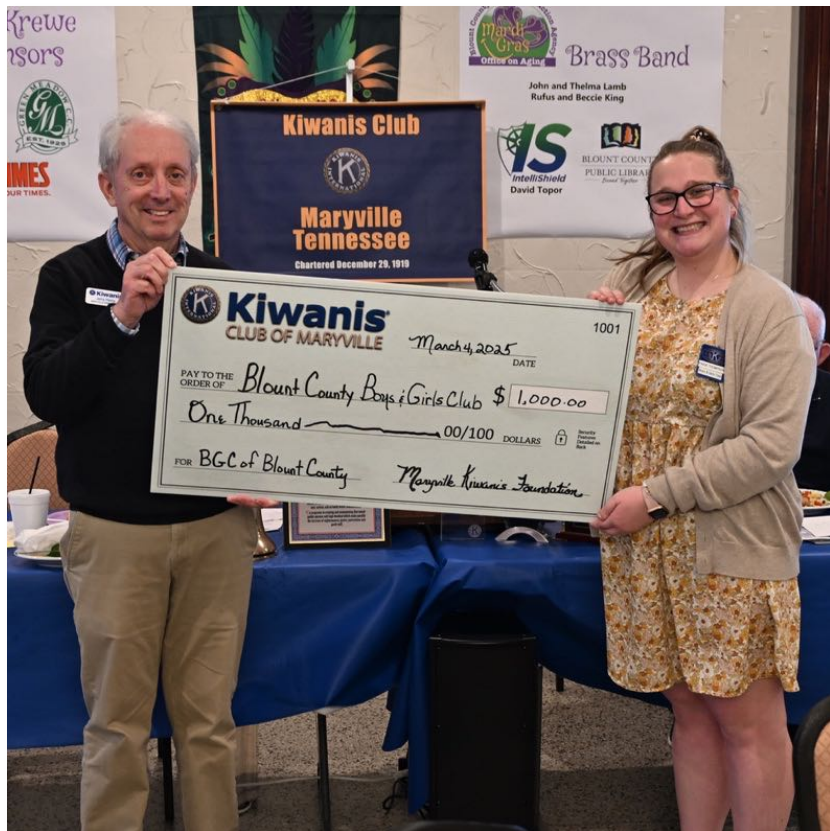
The new downtown Holiday Inn will have 98 rooms on four stories above a 2-level parking garage. Sixty-one of the 120 parking spaces will be leased for public parking and the city is funding half the cost of the garage

Most of those attending were exhausted by the time all the projects were discussed. We have a forward-looking city who are dedicated to making this one of the best places to live in the USA.



# Awards and Donations

**Jerry Heiny**, at the March 4 meeting, presents **Paige Thompson** with a \$1000 check for the Boys and Girls Club of Blount County.



**Geoff Cusick**, on behalf of the Cades Cove District of the Great Smoky Mountain Council (Scouts), accepts a \$1000 contribution from Maryville Kiwanis at the March 18 meeting.

# Awards and Donations



**Howard Kerr** gratefully accepted from **Emily Mantooth** this month's Spotlight Award for his many years of contributions to our club and this community.

**Newsome Baker**, just returned from his serious medical mishap, receives his 14-year perfect attendance award at the March 18 meeting.





# K-T Midyear Conference



Attending the K-T Midyear Conference March 6-8 were **Patsy Russell, Jerry and Barb Heiny, Denn and Heather Larson, and Pete and Wanda Davis.** Our club tries each year to complete the requirements of the Governor's Award for Interclubs. We attend club meetings at each of our Division clubs and 25% of our members at least participate in interclub attendance. At least 4 members must attend for it to be counted as an interclub. Under the direction of **Pete Davis,** we fulfilled all these requirements and more. Thanks to Pete and all those members who make this possible.



# A Tour of Pellissippi State Community College



Members who signed up were treated to a personal tour of Pellissippi by Anna Graham. There are over 50 programs of study and the opportunity for affordable education and preparation for a career or further higher education at Pellissippi. Staying informed about what is happening in our community is an important aspect of Kiwanis participation.





# Programs

We have two meetings in April. On April 1, in addition to Patsy's presentation on Imagination Library, we will elect our new slate of officers for the upcoming fiscal year.

April 1	Patsy Russell	Imagination Library update
April 15	Jasmine Satterfield, Director	Senior Care Partners

# Briefs

- **Newsom Baker** returned to the March 18 meeting for the first time since his medical mishap. He even has driven his new Corvette and looks to be back to his former self. Welcome back and stay healthy!
- Thanks to the hard work of **Patsy Russell** and **Regina Jennings**, we once again secured a contribution yearly from United Way for the next three years of \$8000 per year. There is much behind the scenes that goes into this accomplishment. This was a \$500 per year increase from the previous United Way contribution.
- **Tom Coulter's** knee replacement reportedly went well. He is rehabbing and hopes to return to meetings soon.
- **Bob Ullom** reminded us of how much he enjoys reading with the kids at Lanier Elementary with the Kids Konnect Program. Through this program, any Kiwanian can spend one hour or so once a week during the school year, gaining service hours for our club, and more importantly enriching the life of a young person. Like many things, you get back much more than you give when participating in these programs for our youth.
- **Janet Gandy** applied for and was approved for membership. She is a retired Navy Commander, and her spouse is also retired military. Her skills as a teacher and in youth mentoring attracted her to Maryville Kiwanis. We welcome Janet to Maryville Kiwanis.
- The annual meeting for our election of officers will be held April 1. The Board has approved a slate of officers, and these will be voted on at the meeting.
- Our Division 5 Lt. Governor Marvin Stewart was present at the Thursday, March 20 Board meeting, held at the United Way.

# Interclubs



Maryville at Morristown March 14  
**Denn and Heather Larson, Pete Davis, Bobby Burke,** Matthew Ulrick  
(Morristown Club President)

## *Interclubs Are Important*

Meet with Kiwanians from other clubs throughout the year.  
Every club does things different. See how they operate.  
Help us earn an award from the K-T District  
If you haven't yet been to one and would like to sign up contact Pete Davis.



# Aktion Club Interclub



**Heather Larson, Linda Ullom, Wanda and Pete Davis, and Jerry Heiny** attended the March 20 Aktion Club Interclub where all learned about National Women's Month and many famous women throughout history





# Aktion Club Cooking Class



It never stops being fun going to the Aktion Club for a variety of activities with the Aktion Club members. They are always eager to do something new and so pleased when they accomplish a task. On March 13 **Michael Torano**, Senior Manager of Engagement and Marketing at Second Harvest Food Bank of East TN treated the Aktion Club to a cooking class. In addition to Michael, members that attended were **Pete Davis, Jerry Heiny, Diane Trosclair, and Wanda Davis**. At the end, the Aktion Clubbers treated us to their culinary skills. It was yummy.





*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**

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

**Division 5 News**

Prayer Dinner, April 29, sign-up now

# Maryville Kiwanis Kamera



These photos were taken by **Pete Davis** showing his appreciation for zooming in or getting close up for pictures. The one above was shot with a Nikon D7100 zooming in while still preserving picture quality and focusing. Also noticeable is the bokeh effect which is the blurring occurring behind the squirrel. Making the opening (aperture) larger makes for a shallow depth of field where only the squirrel and the tree are in focus.



In the picture of the pinecone buds above you see a similar effect without having to zoom. This was taken with a Sony Mavica which is now discontinued but obviously can still take good pictures. Most photographers would say the skill of good pictures is the eye behind the camera rather than the newness of the equipment.



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**Tim Thurston** took these pictures with his Nikon Z8 camera on a recent visit to West Point to visit his first-year (plebe) Cadet grandson. To be only 60 miles or so from New York City, West Point is in a sparsely populated section of the state. Adding to its beauty is the adjacent Hudson River (above), which curves around at the edge of the campus. Interestingly it was at this curve that a large chain was drawn across the river to prevent the British from getting further upstream during the American Revolutionary War, permitting cannons on both sides of the river to attack ships attempting passage.



This picture shows some of the cannons used to protect the then-fort at West Point. In the picture above post-processing (done on a computer) permits some enhancement of the fog. The picture below is as shot with little enhancement. Some purists would say that post-processing is a form of cheating to make the picture better than it actually is. The ease of programs such as Lightroom and Photoshop make, for me, that part of picture taking as enjoyable as taking the picture itself.

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Both of these photos were taken by **Tom Coulter** on a 2018 trip to Kenya, and they were made with a Nikon D750 camera with a Nikon 70-200/f2.8 lens.

The boy looking out the window is one of the orphans at the Connect With A Child orphanage/school in Nairobi Kenya. About 400 students, from pre-kindergarten to high school ages, reside there.

The photo of the motorcycle was made in Siaya, Kenya. Connect With A Child has a high school there. Most of the roads there are dirt and are very bumpy. It is not unusual to see motorcycles like this with three or four, and sometimes five, passengers. The bikes are relatively small and under-powered. Riding one of those in the US would be risky!

# Division 5 Clubs

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

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

Advanced Catalyst Systems  
Blount County Public Library  
Boys & Girls Club of Blount County  
Community Options, Inc.  
Great Smoky Mountain Council of Scouts  
Life Care Center of Blount County  
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  
Vienna Coffee House



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