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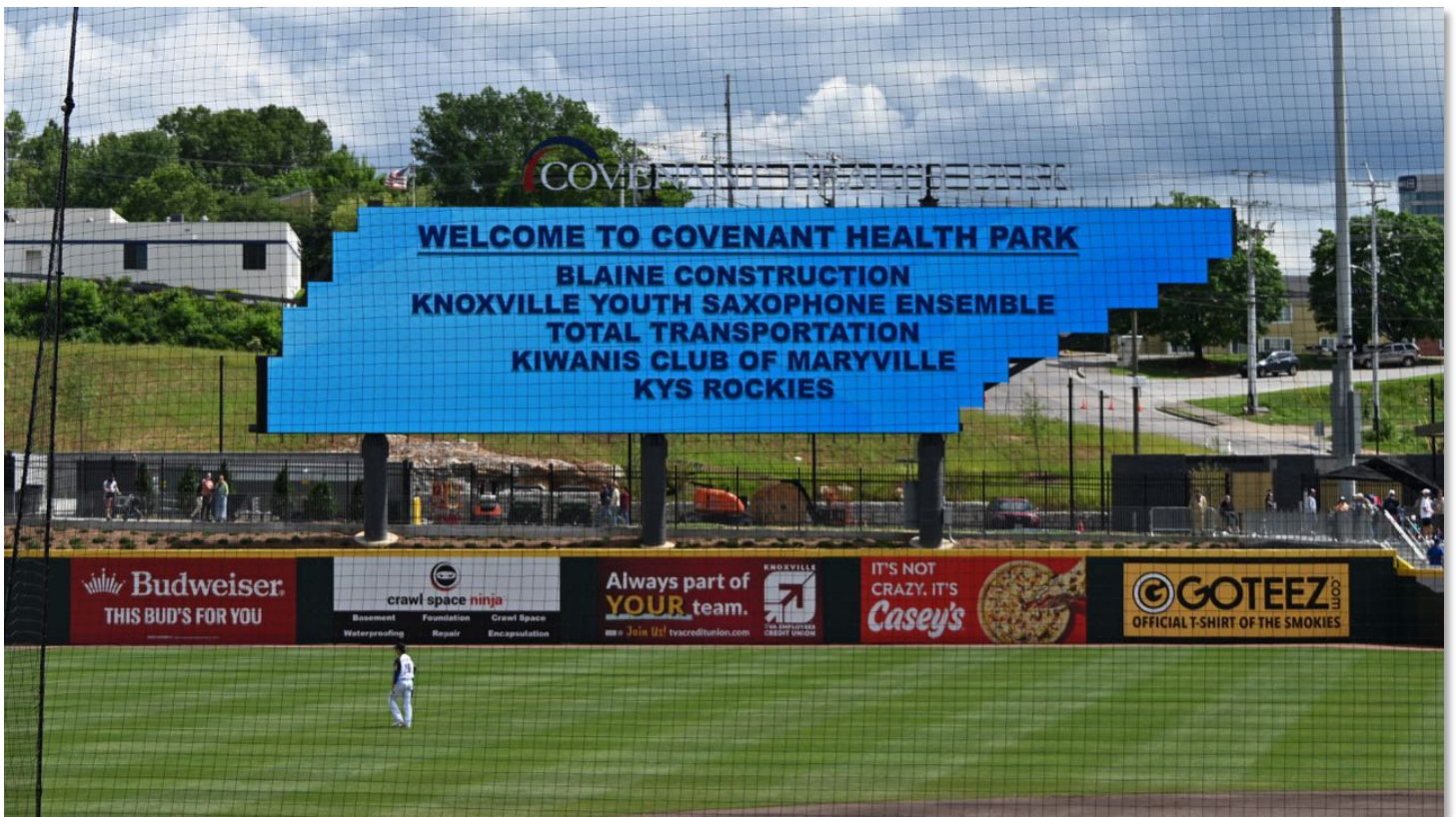
JUNE 2025

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 Welcomed to the New Covenant Health Park, Home of the Knoxville Smokies



Maryville Kiwanis is not just about fundraising and helping youth in our county. Including social activity is an integral part of the success of any organization. **Emily Mantooth** heads the Membership committee and works hard for Kiwanis in addition to her leadership position at the United Way of Blount County.

Young leaders such as Emily will be an important part of the future of Maryville Kiwanis. Organizing this type of an event is not glamorous. It takes several weeks if not months' worth of planning to pull this off and make sure we have the proper number of tickets and the placement for our Kiwanians to enjoy the game. Many take their spouses. Getting a first-hand look at this magnificent new park was a treat for all. (See pics inside p. 8)

President's Corner

This is that exciting time of year when high school seniors are celebrating their graduation and making plans for the next chapter in their lives. As a Kiwanis club we are honored to present scholarships in the amount of \$1000 to each of three deserving high school senior Key Club members. The recipients this year are Maddie Gravitte and Bailey Melenson of Maryville High School, and Ben Wiggett of Eagleton College and Career Academy. We will recognize Maddie at our June 3rd club meeting. Ben and Bailey will attend our June 17th meeting. **Patsy Russell** and I were invited to the ECCA senior awards breakfast recently. Patsy was out of town and could not attend, but I was able to represent our club and present a scholarship certificate to Ben. I also had a chance to speak to Ben and his mother after the event. Several awards were given to the seniors, and I was truly impressed by the accomplishments of these young people. If this is any indication, our community and nation will be in good hands.



As you know we are no longer doing the Leadership Camp. It had a good twenty year run under the capable direction of **Randy Allen** and **Patsy Russell**. \$10,000 of the \$20,000 donation from the Ed Harmon estate which was earmarked for the Leadership Camp can be used for alternate projects benefiting children if we notify the bank handling the estate. **Wanda Davis** chaired an ad hoc committee consisting of **Blake Mansfield, Carl VanHoozier, and Patsy Russell**. That committee recommended three projects which were approved by the Board of Directors.

The *first* is a pool party for Foster Children on July 12 at Springbrook Pool from 6:30 to 9:00pm. We will also be distributing snacks.

The *second* project chaired by **Wanda Davis** is hygiene closets at 4 county middle schools. This would be an ongoing project.

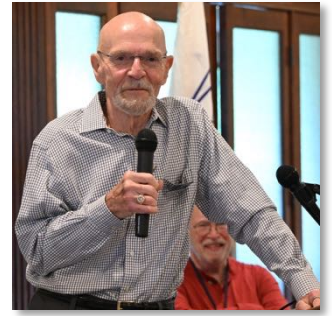
The *third* project would also be ongoing and explores ways to help homeless children in conjunction with Family Promise. This involves a Children's Corner bookcase filled with kid-appropriate books and Cubbies built for kid's coats, shoes, and school things. We could also consider hosting one of the dinners for a homeless family at a Family Promise location.

This is just a summary of these projects, and more information will be disseminated later. Wanda and her committee are to be commended for their hard work.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Memorial weekend when we remember and honor the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

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

May 6 Meeting Notes



The meeting could not have started off better that a beautiful dessert brought by **Linda Ullom** in honor of **Patsy Russell** being named as Layperson of the Year. Jerry announced the selection of three recipients of \$1000 each to high school senior, Maddie Gravitte and Bailey Melenson from Maryville High and Ben Wigget from Eagleton CCA. These will be presented at the June meetings.

The program for today was presented by three men who all enjoy photography, and all share the same exact camera, the Nikon Z8. Each of these 3 have been long time members of this club.

Tim Thurston led off the presentation with a discussion of taking pictures in the RAW format. Several comparisons were made with RAW vs. JPEG with one of the main contrasts being that RAW allows for a much greater ability to manage the final picture. RAW captures do not capture the dimension that the human eye can but can capture much more color even in the bright and dark areas. Originally these pictures took up lots of disk space – and they still do – but disk space is now inexpensively available and that is not the same concern. The processing of images from RAW also takes more time and artificial intelligence has expanded this ability exponentially. For those with a little bit of computer savvy, the processing of the picture is as much fun as the taking.

Showing several photos from his world travels, **Tom Coulter** showed how he has made these trips permanent memories. Included in his presentation were beautiful pictures from Africa, Jerusalem, Sedona, New Mexico and Kentucky. Also, he recalled his visit to Pensacola where the Blue Angels practice with some stunning photos of this flying team. With pictures, he finds it much easier to show others where he has been.

Giving several tips on how to take better pictures, **Pete Davis** displayed and shared his skills that he has developed over the years. His first love is the full-sized camera that has evolved over the years from film to digital, from one lens to many, and now from camera to phone. Pete shared some simple tips on how to hold the phone when being used as a camera and cautioned about zooming in with your fingers making the final product much less quality. There are many ways to save photos digitally but always have a backup and try to have an organizing structure that permits you to easily find the pictures later.

May 20 Meeting Notes



Jerry Heiny gaveled in the meeting with the striking of the bell. Passing out the big checks is part of his duty and today another \$1000 check was given to CASA with Russ Nellis, a Board member, accepting.

Introducing Dr. Tim Holder was **Robert Russell**. His background of public speaking, radio show host, author, history professor and actor were readily apparent in his engaging and interesting presentation. His Ph.D. is in history with a special interest in Presidents.

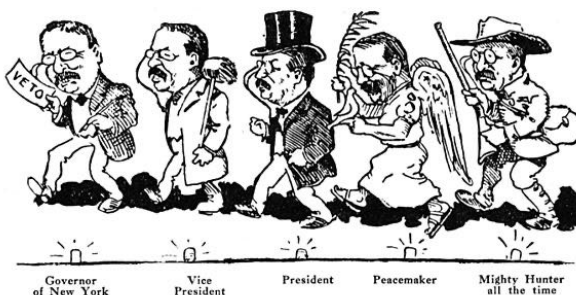
His discussion today centered on Four Lessons learned from Four Men of History:

Lesson 1: *Don't take everything personally.* He told the story of how Andrew Jackson provoked a dual threat which never materialized. Later though, Jackson died from a wound acquired in a duel. He just took things too personally at times and paid for it with his life.

Lesson 2: *Seek Wise Advice.* Charles Guiteau after a somewhat unremarkable career as a failed evangelist, lawyer, and insurance salesman decided that he played a pivotal role in the election of James Garfield. He expected to be rewarded with a consulship but instead was banished from bothering Garfield. Claiming it was God's will, he assassinated Garfield and subsequently was hanged.

Lesson 3: *Bootstrap your Way into Life* George Washington began a life of privilege which was ended by his inheritance resulting in eventual bankruptcy. He had to pivot, became a successful surveyor, joined the militia, met and married Martha, and, as they say, the rest is history.

Lesson 4: *Pray for Stronger Backs.* On October 14, 1912, Theodore Roosevelt was campaigning in Milwaukee and shot by John Shrank to prevent him from running for a third term after a first term begun by McKinley's assassination. His steel eyeglass case and a 50-page copy of his speech slowed the bullet which still ended up lodged in his chest. He spoke for another hour before asking for medical attention. His first elected term began after he assumed the presidency from the assassinated McKinley. He didn't run the next time but came back four years later to win again.



Awards and Donations



CASA, represented by Board member, Russ Nellis, is presented by our president, **Jerry Heiny**, a \$1000 check from the Maryville Kiwanis Foundation. This is part of the generous contributions that are allocated yearly by the Maryville Kiwanis Board.



Rick Hudolin, a board member of the Blount County Youth Court, accepts a \$1000 donation from the MK Foundation.



Robert Russell presents **Cliff Frana** this month's Spotlight Award for his contribution to Kiwanis and the community.

Programs

June 3rd

Bill Clabough

Land Conservancy
40th Anniversary

June 17th

Tim Burchett

Congressional Update

Briefs

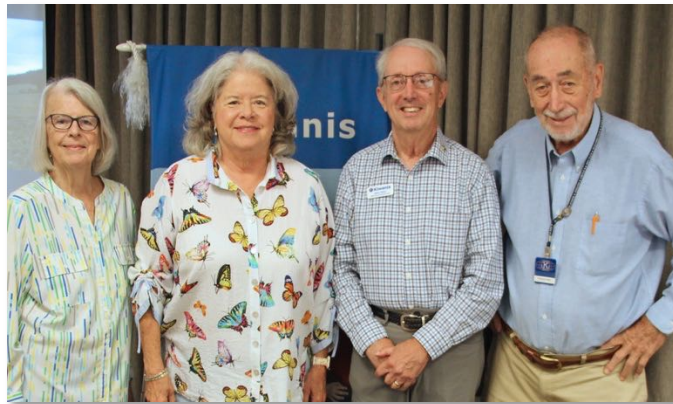
- Our “sick list” still includes **Denn Larson** and **Elton Jones**. We pray for their recovery and look forward to seeing them back at meetings soon.
- It was a real shocker to hear that **Doug Craig** has resigned after being a faithful member for 11 years. He has been a valuable member with many leaderships roles including President just a few years ago. His presence will be sorely missed. Thank you, Doug, for your years of service and friendship to us all. We pray for good health and welcome you back at any time.
- Continuing to recover at home is **Denn Larson**. His recovery has taken longer than he and all of us would have hoped and his return is eagerly anticipated.
- We look forward to **Elton Jones** getting his health back. He has had a recent setback sending him back to UT Hospital. Keep him in your prayers.
- **Debbie Jones** broke her foot, missed the May 20th meeting, but promised to be back soon.
- **Susan Jones** has been back at both meetings in May. Her tender individual greetings to many have been missed. We welcome her return.
- The grandparent tributes to their graduating grandkids poured in at both May meetings. **Robert and Patsy Russell, Tim Thurston, Roy Fox, and Bobby Perkinson** all claimed to have the most intelligent and wonderful grandkids. Congrats to all the graduates.



Interclubs



Mike Morrell, Chris Mahler, and Fred Martin attended the May 20 Maryville Kiwanis meeting.



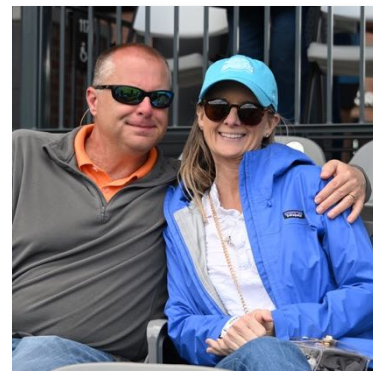
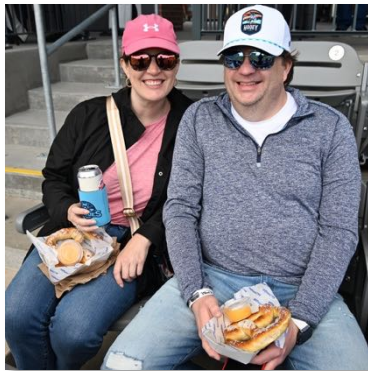
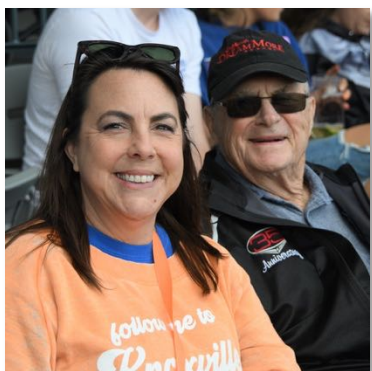
Two of our newest members **Janet Gandy** and **Dian Trosclair** joined **Jerry Heiny** and **Howard Kerr** at the May 9 Alcoa Kiwanis meeting.



Pete and Wanda Davis, **Marie Rousch** and **Linda Ullom** were at the May 15 Aktion Club meeting

Events

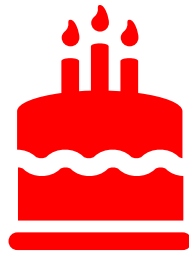
Great Day at the new Smokies Park (Covenant Health Park) in Knoxville's Old City A joint effort of Maryville and Alcoa Kiwanis Clubs



June Birthdays

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| June 7 | Dian Trosclair Carl Van Hoosier |
| June 9 | Robert Russell |
| June 14 | Patsy Russell |
| June 20 | Robert Austin |
| June 30 | Tony Thompson |

Happy Birthday



Maryville Kiwanis

Kiwanis International News

Convention in Pittsburgh, June 25-28

Keynote Speaker Martin Sheen

Kentucky-Tennessee District News

Convention in Pikeville, KY, August 14-17



Hints for Shooting Portraits

When shooting portraits be sure to check your lighting so that there are no harsh shadows. In this shot taken in the fall at Cade's Cove, the lighting on both our faces was natural without flash; the sun was above and in front of us and slightly to the right. I shot it on a tripod at 1/500 second exposure time, f5.6 f stop, 48 mm wide angle focal length so that I could get the mountains in the background slightly out of focus. I was even able to get Wanda to smile. It's one of my favorite shots of us.

Pete Davis

Division 5 Clubs

| Club | Founded | Members | Website |
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| 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, Crowne Plaza Hotel | | | |
| Northside, Knoxville | June 14, 1949 | 17 | www.northside.kiwanis.us |
| Meetings weekly, Wednesday noon, Shoney's on N. Broadway | | | |
| 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 | |
| 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
Vienna Coffee House
State Farm – Hunter Jones



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