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CLUB OF MARYVILLE

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## MAY 2025

Meetings at noon each 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

# Welcome New Members



The lifeblood of any organization is the incorporation of new members. Reducing meeting frequency, which lowers cost and makes it easier for those working to attend, was a recent incentive to increase membership. The next few months and years will prove the wisdom of this effort. Last month we welcomed two new members, **Hunter Jones** (above left) and **Janet Gandy** (above right center). Hunter is a State Farm agent located at 303 High Street. Janet is retired and a former Naval Officer.

There have also been recent guests with an interest in becoming Kiwanians. Hopefully the efforts will allow us to continue to support the efforts for kids in our community. The Golf Tournament and Pancake Breakfast continue to be our biggest fundraisers. One of our signature projects, the Leadership Adventure Camp will be transitioned to a yet-to-be-determined project. All members are encouraged to invite prospective members to the meetings. Growth is essential to continuing our service to the children of our community.

# President's Corner

Greetings to everyone. I hope you had a happy and joyous Easter holiday. This past month has been an active one for Maryville Kiwanis.

April 1<sup>st</sup> was our annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers and directors. The nominating committee consisted of **Tom Coulter, Pete Davis, Debbie Jones**, me, and chair **Wanda Davis**. The nominees were approved by the board and then presented to the membership for a vote. Those elected are President - **Blake Mansfield**, President Elect - **Carl Van Hoozier**, Vice President - **Tom Antkow**, Secretary - **Heather Larson**, Treasurer - **Julie Miller**, Director to fill **Tom Antkow's** remaining one year term - **Kent Willoughby**, Directors for three-year terms - **Cliff Frana, Dan Monat**, and **Paige Thompson**. All these terms will start October 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to all these individuals who agreed to take on this added responsibility.



We also inducted two new members during our April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. **Janet Gandy** was sponsored by **Dian Trosclair**. She has already become active in the Imagination Library committee. **Hunter Jones** was sponsored by **Regina Jennings** and is a new corporate member for his State Farm Insurance agency. I already discovered that Hunter is a golfer. We also welcomed **Greta Schwall** as a new Honorary Member on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Greta is the daughter of long-term member **Roy Fox** and has been responsible for getting Roy to meetings. She is the fifth Honorary Member in the history of our club. Let's congratulate all our new members. Speaking of **Roy Fox**, a bench was placed at New Providence Presbyterian Church in his honor on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Roy was truly surprised as he was accompanied by his family. Also, in attendance were several of his fellow church members and members of Maryville Kiwanis. Thanks again to **Wanda Davis** and the bench committee along with **Kevin Meyer** from the Tellico Village Club and everyone who collects bottlecaps.

On April 14<sup>th</sup> we held our annual "Tee it up for the Kids" golf tournament. Except for a little wind to add to the golf challenge, it was ideal weather. The wind couldn't have been too much of a challenge with the low scores being a pair of 53's. We owe thanks to **Steve Kiefer**, his committee, and all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. The money raised makes it possible for Maryville Kiwanis to improve the lives of children in our community. Green Meadow Country Club again proved to be an excellent venue for this event. Thanks again to Scott Wilson and Jeff Curtis and the staff of Green Meadow Country Club.

Finally, our club received a gift of \$20,000 from the estate of **Ed Harmon**. \$10,000 is designated to Imagination Library and \$10,000 to Leadership Camp. Since Leadership Camp no longer exists, our board can decide which youth activity, event or project to apply this to. **Wanda Davis** is chairing an ad-hoc committee consisting of **Blake Mansfield, Patsy Russell**, and **Carl Van Hoozier** to explore new projects.

I look forward to another exciting month for Maryville Kiwanis.

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

# April 1 Meeting Notes

The first order of business was to elect our Board and Directors for the upcoming fiscal year. The following slate was presented by the nominating committee and approved by acclamation.

President	<b>Blake Mansfield</b>
President-elect	<b>Carl Van Hoozier</b>
Vice President-elect	<b>Tom Antkow</b>
Secretary	<b>Heather Larson</b>
Treasurer	<b>Julie Miller</b>
Director (1 yr)	<b>Kent Willoughby</b>
Directors (3 yr)	<b>Cliff Frana, Dan Monat, Paige Thompson</b>



**Patsy Russell** brings many hats to each meeting. Today she wore the hat of the Chair of the meeting introducing herself to update Imagination Library (IL). She reminded us that the vision of IL was to “foster a love for reading among preschool children and their families, to create excitement about books, and to feel the magic that books can create.”

Since the main program began over 264 million books have been distributed, over three million are currently sent monthly. Tennessee is one of only 12 states having statewide programs but there are affiliates in all fifty states and many foreign countries.

The Blount County program, which recently distributed its one millionth book, is paid for by the Maryville Kiwanis Foundation and the Governor’s Early Literacy Foundation. Our \$64,000 annual contribution is matched by the Governor’s program to fund the nearly 5000 books that are sent each month to Blount County children. There are many community partners who also assist with the program.

In support of the IL vision, a child’s first 1000 days, three years, are considered critical for emergent literary vocabulary. Without those skills, over 2/3 of children cannot read at or above the 4<sup>th</sup> grade level. As they age these children make up 70% of prison inmates and 85% of juveniles who interface with the court system.

Much still needs to be done as we strive to get to a 75% enrollment of eligible children. Signups are held frequently throughout our community by our IL Committee. People often think they are taking an opportunity away from a less fortunate child or that they can use the books from an older child. Each and every age birth to 5-year child in Blount is eligible and encouraged to participate.

## April 15 Meeting Notes



**Tom Antkow** introduced Jasmine Satterfield as our speaker. She is the Community Outreach Director of Senior Care Partners of East Tennessee (SCPET). She proudly spoke of her and her husband's Blount County heritage, claiming she was somehow related to 75% of local residents. She and her husband, Greg, have added three children to the Blount County lineage.

SCPET originated in Maryville and has grown to eight physicians, 30 nurse practitioners, and other senior care professionals to encompass Blount, Monroe, and Knox counties. Their clinics bring geriatric care to ambulatory seniors in an outpatient setting. In addition, they provide services to patients in assisted living facilities, rehab, and long-term care facilities.

In addition to routine health care for geriatric patients, they offer wound care, foot care including nail trimming, transitional care and specialty clinics. Patients that are transitioning from nursing facility to home are assisted in making that transition as smooth as possible.

There are a number of organizations that are coordinated with SCPET to provide senior care and outreach. These include the Senior Resource Network, a network of senior services available locally, the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers, and the Caregiver Superhero Society. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in three locations, the Caregiver Café, a support group, meets with interested seniors.

The population served by this group continues to grow. This group has grown from one nurse practitioner and one geriatric physician to the size it is now, and it all began right here in Maryville. All of us will eventually if not already be seniors, and all will need services such as these.





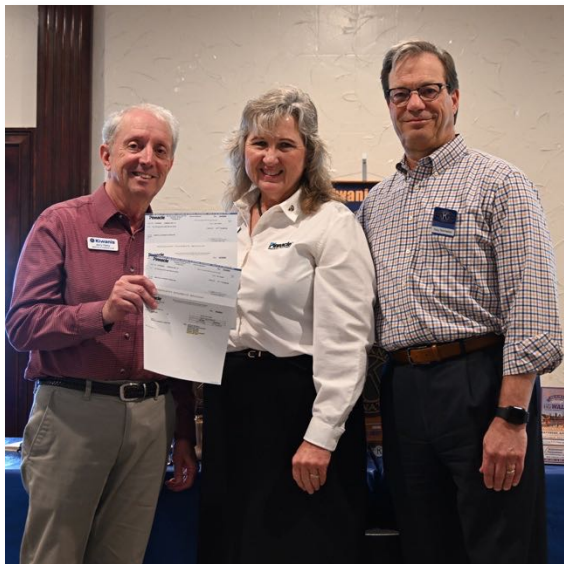
# Awards and Donations



**County mayor Ed Mitchell** gets the Starlight Award for his selfless contributions to our community and our club.



**Jerry Heiny** presents **Greta Schwall** with an honorary club membership



**Ed Harmon** was a generous contributor to Kiwanis while alive and continues that in his bequests to the Maryville Kiwanis Foundation, this time with two \$10,000 checks. **Tony Thompson** and **Regina Jennings**, Pinnacle Bank, present the checks to club President **Jerry Heiny**.

# Kiwanis Division 5 Prayer Dinner

## Patsy Russell - Layperson of the Year

The annual Division 5 Prayer Dinner was held on April 29 at Calhoun's on the River in Knoxville. Thirteen Maryville Kiwanians attended.

President-elect of Kiwanis International **Michael Mulhaul** was the guest speaker and was introduced by Kentucky-Tennessee District Governor **Claire Crouch**.

Mr. Mulhaul who hails from New Jersey and has been a Kiwanian for 33 years, gave a very inspiring speech explaining his hopes for what Kiwanis will do worldwide during his term as President. As an example, he cited his favorite hope, "*Let's Get Together and Stay Together.*" He gave everyone in attendance a Presidential lapel pin with that quote on it.



Layperson of the Year Award nominees were Jennie Bounds from Alcoa Kiwanis, Susie Jarnagin from Jefferson County Kiwanis, Monika Keenan from Newport Kiwanis and our own **Patsy Russell**. Patsy won the award, in recognition of all she has done in the last year for our community, its children, and for our club.





# Annual Golf Tournament



Our golf committee and volunteers make possible another successful tournament on April 14 at Green Meadow Country Club



The team of Andrew Dodson, T.J. Hammontree, Freddie James, and Brad Pesterfield were the Tournament Champions.



# Aktion Club Easter



**April 17 Fun, Easter Egg Coloring  
Everyone Had a Different Design**



# Bench Dedication for Roy Fox



On April 10, **Roy Fox** joined an elite group of Kiwanians to have a "bottle cap bench" dedicated in his honor. The Tellico Village club joins ours in collecting, sorting, and cleaning bottle caps to be transported to a facility in Evansville, Indiana where they are melted and reformed into components of a permanent bench. The plaque reads:

*Presented to New Providence  
Presbyterian Church  
April 2025  
honoring **James Roy Fox** for  
his contributions and service  
to Kiwanis and our community  
by Maryville and Tellico  
Village Kiwanis Clubs.*





# Imagination Library Signup

Fundraising is just one aspect of the efforts that Maryville Kiwanis does to support the distribution of Imagination Library books to every eligible child in Blount County. Part of getting people signed up to receive the free books monthly is the signups done at schools, library, and other locations on a regular basis. Even though they receive these books free, many do not understand that this is more than a charitable effort, it is intended to make sure that the opportunity to read or be read to is available to all children before they enter the educational system. It is well documented that this enables improved school performance throughout their elementary and high school years.





# Programs

May 6th                      Tom Coulter                      Photography – A Hobby for Life  
Pete Davis  
Tim Thurston

May 20th                      Tim Holder                      President's Overcoming Adversity

## Briefs

- It seems like we can't get everyone well at the same time. This time **Elton Jones** had some surgery at the end of March. This unfortunately took the wind out of his sails enough that he is in a local rehab facility for physical therapy to get his strength back. We all pray for his complete recovery and look forward to his return to meetings.
- **Denn Larson** had some mouth surgery for a benign lesion. As far as recovering goes, he says it's not so benign. We are thankful, along with the Larsons, for the good report on the pathology of the lesion.
- **Tom Coulter** is back at meetings after knee replacement. What a blessing it is that we can replace some of these worn out body parts.
- **Stephen Frana** was excited about attending races at Bristol Motor Speedway.
- **Patsy Russell** is our nominee for 'Layperson of the Year' at the Prayer Dinner.
- **Bob Ullom** recently went on an Honor Air trip escorting a plane full of veterans to our nation's capital.
- **Patsy Russell** was recognized during our April 15<sup>th</sup> Happy Bucks as our *Cookie Czar* for her organizing the tasty batch of cookies made by several members and spouses for the golf tournament.

Amy Dunaway, Executive Director of the Blount Memorial Foundation, sends the following to our Maryville Kiwanis membership:

"We are so grateful for Maryville Kiwanis support of the Blount Memorial Foundation and our mission to make a lasting impact on the health and well-being of our community (especially the children).

As a Foundation partner, we're excited to invite you to be part of this year's [Downtown Dash for Breast Cancer](#), on Saturday, May 10 at 8:30 AM in Alcoa (with a virtual Dash-in-Place option available)." Online registration ends May 5.

This event honors breast cancer survivors, remembers those we've lost, and helps raise funds to expand access to breast cancer screening and diagnostic services right here in Blount County.



## Interclubs



Maryville at Alcoa  
April 3  
**Ron Teffeteller,  
Jerry Heiny,  
Heather and Denn  
Larson**

Maryville at Townsend  
April 9  
**Pete Davis, Heather  
and Denn Larson, and  
Bobby Burke**





## Interclubs



Maryville at Greater West Knoxville  
April 17  
**Pete and Wanda Davis,  
Patsy Russell, and  
Carl Van Hoozier**

Maryville at Aktion Club  
April 17  
**Marie Rousch,  
Wanda and Pete Davis,  
Jerry Heiny, and  
Linda Ullom**



## May Birthdays

May 6	Bobby Burke
May 13	Jessica Hannah
May 31	Bobby Perkinson



# 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**

**Patsy Russell** Layperson of the Year





On a trip to Budapest in 2017, I took this night photo while cruising on the Danube. This is not the place to discuss the specifics of ISO other than the higher the ISO, the less light necessary to take a quality photo. In film days and even in the early days of digital an ISO of 400 was about as high as it went. To not get into the weeds, this picture was taken at an ISO of 6400 and with new cameras you could go all the way to ISO 124,000 and beyond. To get a photo like this in the old days you would have to use a tripod and have a



stationary spot, not a moving boat, to take the picture from. In this picture I was able to hand-hold the camera and use a fast enough shutter speed that would avoid blurring. There are payoffs in quality but, nevertheless, it is amazing what the technology provides now that would have been impossible years ago.

Colors don't maintain themselves as well at the high ISO setting but the dramatic effect of the lighted buildings against the dark night background with some stars in the sky make up for the loss of color. As in all the photos composition remains important. An angled off center and the lights glimmering off the water picture with the river fading and narrowing into the background provide added dimension. The cameras do a lot, but composition by the person holding the camera still makes a difference.

## 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			

## Board of Directors

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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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**Heritage, Maryville, Eagleton Middle School and  
Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School**



**Eagleton College & Career Academy,  
Maryville High School**

## Our Corporate Members

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  
State Farm – Hunter Jones



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**[www.maryvilletnkiwanis.org](http://www.maryvilletnkiwanis.org)**

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