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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

Happy Birthday Peggy



Dian Trosclair (Right) celebrates her mom, Peggy Norris' 96th birthday by entertaining her as a guest at our July 1 meeting.

A hallmark of Kiwanis over the years has been having members who have been or are active in our Maryville community. Dian brought one of those prominent members of our community to our July 1 meeting, her mother Peggy Norris. Peggy was the wife of Pat Norris, a longtime well-known businessman in our community, in addition to herself being active in many church and charitable projects. Much of her enthusiasm and energy for helping others has rubbed off on Dian, one of the newer club members. Peggy received the birthday tiara from Brenda Sellers and Regina Jennings.

President's Corner

July has certainly been a scorcher with temperatures daily in the 90's. August will probably be the same, after all we are getting into the "dog days" of summer in East Tennessee.

The Freedom Fest in Alcoa was a great success for our Imagination Library Committee. Patsy Russell organized a table at the festival and was assisted by Robert Russell, Dian Trosclair, and me. The event drew a large number of people, and we were able to sign up 38 kids for books. I believe this was a record.



Blake Mansfield, Carl VanHoozier, Wanda Davis, and Pete Davis attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh this June. Blake and Carl were our delegates. At the July 15th meeting they gave us their impressions and takeaways from the convention. They heard some interesting fundraising ideas, noted that the average club size is 21 members, and the importance of having an "elevator speech" promoting the value of membership. They also noted that Kiwanis is in 85 countries with half a million members. They were entertained by Terry Bradshaw who filled in when the scheduled speakers could not attend. They said he was amazing.

At our July 1st meeting the spotlight award was presented to Clayton, recognizing them for their contributions to our club's fund-raising efforts. Vanessa Spiller, Sr. Strategist for Clayton Wellbeing spoke about their volunteer programs. We also presented a check for \$1000 to Elizabeth Shelton representing Little River Service Unit of Girl Scouts Southern Appalachia.

Thanks to Bob Ullom, we now have new signs at the entrance to Green Meadow and on the right side of US HWY 321 coming into Maryville from Townsend.

I want to thank Blake Mansfield for running the July 15th meeting in my absence. My wife and I were taking care of our twin 6-year-old granddaughters in Carrboro, N.C. It was enjoyable but exhausting. They didn't understand that Grandpa has to occasionally take a nap. At that July 15th meeting Jonathan Smith, CEO, Prisma Health- Blount Memorial Hospital, gave our club a hospital update.

Our new projects have started to be implemented. The first was the project to address the needs of foster children. On July 12th we assisted the foster families with a pool party at Springbrook pool. Patsy Russell headed up this project and was assisted by Blake Mansfield, Carl VanHoozier, Bob Ullom, Linda Ullom, Dian Trosclair, Wanda Davis, Pete Davis, and me. We provided snacks and gifts and served food. The kids all seemed to have a good time.

The other projects which are being implemented are hygiene closets in middle schools chaired by Wanda Davis and supplies for homeless children working with Family Promise and chaired by Dian Trosclair.

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

July 1 Meeting Notes

The name, Clayton Homes, is well-known to most anyone who has lived even a short time-period in this community. While many know it is a company that builds quality and attainable homes, most may not know that it employs 15,000 home-building members throughout the country and many more in their home-selling group, for over 20,000 employees nation-wide.



To maintain such a large workforce, Clayton, founded in 1956, has devised the Clayton Wellbeing program to develop and implement well-being programs for their Team Members. The Senior Wellbeing Strategist for this bold program is Vanessa Spiller, whom we were privileged to have as the presenter of this day's program.

A program of which they are particularly proud is the Clayton Impact Program which has provided over 100,000 volunteer hours to non-profits country-wide at an investment of over \$2.7 million. Of current day employees, 71% have actively participated in these volunteer programs. In Blount County alone the 1340 Team Members have volunteered 7500 hours.

A healthy workforce is an integral part of this initiative. Starting with a fitness center, they have expanded to include programs on connection and relationships, energy and food quality, prosperity and financial well-being, and self-care and restoration.

The vision of a company that calls Blount County its home is manifested in their growth to a nationwide company. Enabling that growth is a true investment in the well-being of their employees. Their investment includes not only their employees but the communities and programs they support, including our own Imagination Library initiative.

250+

nonprofits empowered through charitable contributions

3,700+

Family Promise® families served through *A Future Begins at Home* in 2024

4,300+

people received homeownership coaching and resources through Operation HOPE® in 2024



July 15 Meeting Notes

Jonathon Smith spoke to us today in his new role as CEO of Prisma Health, Blount Memorial Hospital. He has been with Blount Memorial since 2013, transitioned to Interim CEO in 2023 and then CEO in December 2024 with the acquisition by Prisma Health. He emphasized how the leadership of the hospital remained basically intact under the new ownership of Prisma Health.



Most will recall the front-page headlines for weeks when Blount Memorial was baring their financial difficulties and potential acquisitions were being discussed. Indeed, concern whether Blount Memorial would even survive this difficulty was very real.

Out of this, came a dedicated group of individuals, including Kiwanian Dr. Steve Kiefer, who reviewed the options and, in the process, made the hospital stronger and more financially stable. Prisma Health saw the value of our local hospital and expanded from their South Carolina footprint to their first Tennessee location here in Maryville. As part of their confidence in Blount Memorial they are investing over \$275 million here.

Primarily in South Carolina, Prisma employs 32,000 and has 3600 employed providers. Already in the works are upgrades of the Emergency Room, converting the entire computer system to the more efficient and modernized EPIC system, along with new ultrasound and mammography equipment. With these upgrades and infusion of capital Blount Memorial has been rated 4-star by a nationally recognized system and been deemed a Chest Pain Center by the American College of Cardiology.

As these improvements take place, revenues, inpatient discharges, and outpatient visits have increased with number of mortalities due to sepsis and number of days awaiting an appointment. For those who have waited seemingly forever for a doctor appointment, their very aggressive goal of a 3-day way is felt within their reach. While hospitals are considered places for sick care, the Prisma Health Initiative is determined to make health promotion their goal.

Hospitals touch nearly everyone and the presence of one of the industry heavyweights promises to make our community best prepared to meet the health needs of now and the future. We all welcome them to our community.



Awards and Activities



The Girl Scouts of this Southern Appalachian District were presented a check for \$1000 as our gift to them for help in continuing their work with young girls in this area



Jerry Heiny and Wanda Davis present the Spotlight Award to Vanessa Spiller representing Clayton for their exceptional efforts at supporting community efforts.

Programs

August 5th	Thompson Proton Center	
August 19th	Bryan Daniels	Blount Partnership Update

Interclubs



Maryville at Alcoa Kiwanis Interclub on July 3 was attended by Bob and Linda Ullom, Patsy and Robert Russell, and Jerry Heiny.



Pete and Wanda Davis, Linda Ullom, and Marie Rousch attended the July 17 Aktion Club

Briefs

- **Elton Jones** is at South Knoxville Senior Living. His condition is stable, and he can see visitors. He would appreciate a call first, so he knows you are coming.
- It is so good seeing **Denn Larson** back. It appears that Heather has taken good care of him.
- Gale Frana, **Stephen Frana's** mom is home from the hospital. She appreciates the prayers and looks forward to full recovery.
- **Lynn Tittsworth** was admitted to the hospital on June 9th with bilateral pneumonia and sepsis. He was in the hospital until June 26th and came close on a few occasions to not making it. He is now recovering at Morningview Assisted Living for the next 2 months or so.
- Carol Ergenbright is seriously ill, in the hospital. Her husband, Bob Ergenbright, was a long-time Maryville



Kiwanian and secretary. Since he left to devote more time to his church choir duties, our singing before the meetings just has not been the same.



We miss you Bob and pray for Carol's recovery.

- New Kiwanis signs were placed at the entrance to Green Meadow and on Lamar Alexander Parkway approaching Maryville from Townsend.
- **Tom Antkow's** wife, Donna, has had some recent significant health problems which are now thankfully improving.
- Another bottle cap bench will be dedicated on August 28th.
- **Regina Jennings** and Brenda Sellers have for years celebrated their common birthday at the nearest Kiwanis meeting. It was no different this year when Brenda returned from her Kiwanis retirement to enjoy the crowning of the queens. We miss you Brenda and hope for your future return.



Kiwanis hosts Pool Party for Foster Children

On July 12, our Kiwanis Club sponsored a Pool Party for Foster Children in our community. The weather was hot and perfect for swimming. In addition to swimming, there was a great buffet lunch along with snacks and goodies for the kids. Kiwanians helping with this project were Dian Trosclair, Linda Ullom, Wanda Davis, Patsy Russell, Blake Mansfield, Carl Van Hoozier, Bob Ullom, and Jerry Heiny (pictured below) with Pete Davis manning the camera.



Maryville Kiwanis Kamera



Tom Coulter is just back from an ocean cruise that included Spain and Italy and some points in between. The pictures below are a couple taken from an iPhone showing that it is a great travel companion to capture moments of your journey.



A view from Montserrat Monastery in Spain



A cathedral in Split, Croatia



No visit to Rome would be complete without seeing the iconic Colosseum



If you ever visit Florence, this Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, commonly called the Duomo, dominates the landscape.

August birthdays

August 5	Geoff Cusick
August 29	Michael Torano

Happy Birthday

**Maryville
Kiwanis**

District 10 Convention

Pikeville, Kentucky
August 14-17

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, 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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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

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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