



Kiwanis
CLUB OF MARYVILLE

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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

Kiwanis Means More



Carl Van Hoozier, Bobby Burke, Ron Teffeteller, and Tim Thurston meet at Green Meadow for an off-Tuesday lunch and chat.

As a service organization we rightly focus activities on our mission of providing a better world and community for kids. As a benefit of this we develop a means of fellowship among those who might not otherwise know each other and for business folks this might expand into networking opportunities. For others it provides a means to hear prominent people in our community talk about their specific interests in our programs.

The habit of coming each Tuesday left an opening for many accustomed to meeting weekly when we changed to two meetings per month. A few Kiwanians decided that this "extra" time was a good opportunity to get together for lunch. It varies from 4 to 8 and this has become an enjoyable biweekly occurrence.

President's Corner

As my time as president of Maryville Kiwanis draws to a close, I can't believe how fast it has gone by. I want to thank the members of the board and executive committee for their hard work and dedication. I also thank the departing board members, **Katie Beeler, Tom Coulter, Debbie Jones** and **Ron Teffeteller**, for their valuable service. I thank **Dian Trosclair** for agreeing to take Ron's place on the board since his new job prevents his attendance at the meetings. **Wanda Davis** will also leave the board as her year of immediate past president is over. Wanda has been a great help by providing guidelines for future presidents. **Julie Miller**, treasurer, and **Heather Larson**, secretary, have been a great help to me. In addition, this club couldn't function without the various committees and committee chairs. We started this year with significant changes. These changes were recommended by an ad hoc committee to address impediments in attracting new members, based on what prospective new members were saying. As a result of these recommendations, we reduced the number of club meetings to twice a month. This reduced the number of meeting obligations for new members and significantly reduced the annual cost of membership. This past year we brought in four new members. Unfortunately, we lost seven members due to a variety of factors such as relocation out of the area, health, and life changes. Sadly, one of our long-time members, **Bill Campbell**, passed away.



Our membership is aging, and we need to address the overall decline in membership. Younger people are not joining organizations or attending meetings as they used to. I have seen this trend during my many years with the Blount County Medical Society. At a Kiwanis International Convention a few years ago, it was mentioned that younger people are interested in service projects but not necessarily in attending meetings. I also understand there is a social aspect to Kiwanis, and we need to keep that in mind. Continuing to look for new projects to keep the interest of our current and prospective members is important. I commend the committee chaired by Wanda for coming up with three new projects to replace the Leadership Camp, which had a good 20-year run. These new projects address help for homeless children, chaired by **Dian Trosclair**; hygiene closets for middle schools, chaired by Wanda Davis; and projects for foster children, chaired by **Patsy Russell**. During our most recent KT Convention in Pikeville, Kentucky, it was mentioned that we need to increase awareness of Kiwanis in our communities. I think our recent pool party for foster families, Imagination Library presence at community events, and wearing our Kiwanis logo helps.

We are starting the planning of our pancake breakfast under the capable leadership of **Debbie Jones**. We have always had excellent club participation in this important fundraising event. Our other major fundraising event is the golf tournament in April. We all thank **Steve Kiefer** for heading this up for the last few years as we are looking for a new chair.

Blake Mansfield will assume the role of president after the installation banquet on September 30. I am confident he will do an excellent job and will have my full support.

It has been a great year, and I look forward to continuing serving Maryville Kiwanis.

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

August 5 Meeting Notes

Our speaker for the day was Dr. Sammie Hedrick, the Director of Medical Physics at the Thompson Proton Center. She came with a wealth of knowledge about her topic ***Proton Therapy: Precision Power Against Cancer.***

After a brief history of the evolution of the use of radiation in medicine, she took us on a deep dive into the physics of proton therapy and some of the potential benefits it has over traditional radiation therapy.



While any radiation delivered to the human body is destructive to all cells in its path, the goal of proton therapy is to deliver that radiation dose to a much smaller area at the same dose of traditional therapy. This permits less irradiation from remaining in the body as well as the pinpointing of smaller cancers. In addition, larger targets in non-touching areas can now be treated since the overall dose of irradiation is less.

Dr. Hedrick's particular area of interest is pencil beam scanning which allows even greater precision in treating cancers. With irradiation already known to be effective, this technology promises to provide better and more varied treatment options for the patient with cancer. We are fortunate to have one of only 46 centers in the United States now providing this form of treatment.

Spotlight Award

Dian Trosclair was presented this month's spotlight award for the energy and enthusiasm she provides to the many Kiwanis activities in which she participates.



August 19 Meeting Notes

There is probably no one more familiar with the business and economic development of Blount County than Bryan Daniels, President and CEO of Blount Partnership, a position he has held since 2001. Bryan reminded us of the roots of this organization, which was started by Maryville Kiwanis and tightly connected to the club for its first 25 years, during which the Kiwanis President was also its chairman of what was known then as the Chamber. Of course, it is completely independent now but should be a source of pride for the impact of Maryville Kiwanis on the community.



The Partnership's focus extends across many initiatives from broadband, to housing, to workforce and economic development, to tourism, to small business development, and all areas under this large umbrella. He highlighted the impact of tourism with over \$576 million spent in Blount County in 2023 resulting in over 4800 jobs. This certainly impacts our workforce directly but also generates a per-person tax savings of \$1028.

With Blount Partnership assistance, Blount County has become an event destination for things such as the Scottish Festival, Broadway Maryville events and festivals, Freedom Fest and the Taste of Blount. A full listing of these events can be found at <https://www.smokymountains.org/events>.

In Blount County and many, perhaps most, areas of the country, affordable housing is a critical need. Addressing this need has not been easy and has had an effect on the growth of our younger population. While the job market is plentiful and the wages are competitive, finding affordable housing remains difficult. We have maintained as a county about a 1% growth rate, but this growth is disproportionally affected by influx of older and retired individuals and a net decrease in the number of young folks. This is a trend which does not support the overall well-being of a community. Finding ways to develop housing at an entry level is being actively pursued with one alternative being *Fast Frame Steel Structures* which can be designed and ready to build in as little as days.

Another way of approaching young people to stay in our community is the Annual Job Signing Day which surrounds high school seniors with ways to enter the job market especially through non-college training/internship programs. Our concentration of aviation facilities like Cirrus, Aero, and the 134th has provided the opportunity to open a Regional Aviation School at Pellissippi State to meet the need for mechanics, avionics and commercial pilots.

Determining and keeping up with the needs of our vibrant community is essential and we are fortunate to have the Blount Partnership take the lead in this challenging area.



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Improving the world
one child and one
community at a time.

Drop in and learn about
Maryville Kiwanis at Swa'ra Brewing
1532 E. Broadway Ave. Maryville
September 11, 5:00-6:30 pm



Awards and Activities



The *KT District 10 Convention* was held August 14-17 in Pikeville, KY. In attendance from our club were Patsy Russell, Pete and Wanda Davis, and Jerry Heiny. At the convention our club received two major awards.

1st place
2nd Place

Club Brochure
Club Newsletter

Programs

September 2	Shane Smith	Quality Financial Concepts	Today's Financial Markets and Services
September 16	Bruce Applegate	Alcoa City Manager	City of Alcoa Updates
September 30	Installation of Officers	Evening Meeting	No noon meeting

Interclubs



Heather and Denn Larson, Jerry Heiny and Dian Trosclair attended the August 7 Alcoa Kiwanis meeting.



Pete and Wanda Davis, Marie Rousch, Linda Ullom, and Jerry Heiny were at the August 21 Aktion Club meeting

Briefs

- Gale Frana, **Stephen Frana's** mom, passed away. Condolences to the Frana family.
- **Lynn Tittsworth** and **Elton Jones** are stronger by the day. We're all thinking about you both.
- **Bob Ullom** "rewarded" himself with a new Lexus after successful surgery for his prostate cancer. .
- In the ongoing "proud grandparent" battles, **Robert Russell** reminded us that his itty-bitty premature twin granddaughters are now beginning college while **Jerry Heiny** announced his granddaughter started kindergarten.
- **Bobby Perkinson** still is working on being a pro as he participates in the World Amateur Golf Tournament held yearly in Myrtle Beach. He will be celebrating his previous wins there with many others former winners.
- **Janet Gandy** and her husband Brian Rich were excited about their children being back home from Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Three prospective members attended the August 5 meeting. Certainly, a welcome trend.
- **Hunter Jones** can't stop smiling at the prospect of becoming a new girl dad very soon. He received a Kiwanis onesie and some other gifts from the club.
- Rick Young, a former club President, and Ken Schwall, father-in-law of **Greta Schwall** have recently passed away.

Kiwanis Dedicates a Bench to *Dr. Newsome Baker*

On August 28, Newsom Baker was honored by many of our Maryville Kiwanis members, and members of Broadway United Methodist Church by having a "bottle cap bench" dedicated in his honor, at the church. He has been a member there since 1976 and has served on the finance committee and is a current member of the choir.



15 Maryville Kiwanians joined Newsom and his wife in celebrating the bench dedication.

Newsom was born in McKenzie, Tennessee. He is a graduate of Bethel College. He received an M.S. in Orthodontics, and Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Tennessee.

Newsom has been a member of Maryville Kiwanis since 1978 and served as our president 1992-1993 and served on many committees. He currently serves on our

Blount County Imagination Library committee.

He has served the community in many other capacities, member of the Blount County Chamber. Volunteering with Community Food Connection, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, and Special Olympics.

Newsom, we thank you for all your hard work over the many years serving Kiwanis, Broadway United Methodist Church and your Blount County community.

The Tellico Village Kiwanis club joins our club in collecting, sorting, and cleaning bottle caps to be transported to a facility in Evansville, Indiana where they are extruded and reformed into components of a permanent bench. This was the 10th bench presented by Maryville Kiwanis.



Several church members including **Wanda Davis** and **Patsy Russell** join **Newsom** and his wife around the just dedicated bench.

Maryville Kiwanis Kamera



Suggestion for you photo hounds: Pick a few of your favorite pictures and create a photo collage. Suggestions might include by your area, seasons, family, event, or whatever you like.



Another suggestion: try getting the collage printed in a large format on metal (see below from Thurston home) to hang on your walls or as a gift for friends or family. Many programs are available for download to make collages, some free, some for charge. Some of these are Shutterfly, Canva, Collage Maker Pro, and Photoshop.



New Service Project Takes Off

During August Maryville Kiwanis was able to start **four hygiene closets** at Samuel Everett School of Innovation, Carpenters, Union Grove and Heritage Middle Schools.

Four teams (below in pictures) help make contact and deliver merchandise to each school. Each team will periodically check in with their school to check inventory and see if any additional items are needed.

With funds we received from the Ed Harmon estate we were able to purchase many of the items the schools had asked for, such as underwear, sweats, deodorant, body wash, leggings, etc.

All schools were so grateful for the items they received. Thank you to our membership for your support.



Pictured left:
Carpenter's Middle School.
Linda Ullom, Nurse Bethany Smith, Principal Molly Lion Not pictured **Emily Mantooth**.



Pictured right:
Samuel Everett School of Innovation.
Wanda Davis, Teresa Canfield, guidance counselor, Principal Sandy Pack, 8th grade teacher Sandy Fuchs, and **Debbie Jones**



Pictured left:
Heritage Middle School
Nurse Nicole Robertson, **Marie Rousch**, and **Patsy Russell**



Pictured right
Union Grove Middle School
Amanda Nowak, **Julie Miller**, Nurse Amanda Emory.

Kiwanis Children's Fund Makes Major Contribution

The Imagination Library Committee has received a \$7,500 grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund to provide Imagination Library books for children in Blount County.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund raises money and provides support for Kiwanis clubs around the world. Any Kiwanis club in good standing can apply for a grant to support a club project. The causes that are supported by this fund are:

- *Health and Nutrition* recognizes the importance of brain growth especially from prenatal to age 5. Clubs that have this emphasis are granted funds to support their efforts.
- *Education and Literacy* focus on activities those children worldwide who lack basic literacy skills. It has been shown that 88% of students who fail to receive a high school diploma lacked age-appropriate skills at 3rd grade. Our own clubs efforts fall in this category as we provide books monthly to be read to all children from birth to age 5.
- *Youth Leadership Development* projects helps young people to develop leadership skills.

Our now ended Leadership Development Camp fell in this last category. As we look for ways to make our club more relevant and at the same time recognize these causes, addressing projects that fall in the *Health and Nutrition* and *Leadership Development* are important areas to consider.

Maryville Kiwanis has long supported the Kiwanis Children's Fund with an annual donation. Go to kiwanischildrensfund.org for more information.



September Birthdays

September 3	Tom Antkow
September 5	Heath Barberry
September 16	Jerry Heiny
September 17	Stephen Frana
September 18	Debbie Jones
September 23	Randy Allen
September 26	Janet Gandy

Happy Birthday



New Member Introduction

Our newest member **Emily Saalfrank** has been a Kiwanian long before becoming a member of a Kiwanis Club. She is the North America 1 area director for Global Membership Engagement on the staff at Kiwanis International. In her role, she works with nine different Kiwanis districts, supporting members in leadership, membership and education. She has been on staff for eight years.

Emily grew up in Blount County and now lives in Friendsville, Tennessee. Her job requires a lot of travel, but she always enjoys returning to her East Tennessee home. She enjoys going on adventures with her husband Zack. They have two children daughter-Colby Jane and son Dansby.

We look forward to her membership which brings a new level of Kiwanis connection to our club. Encouraging club growth has been a recent emphasis and who better to have as a member than a person involved in Kiwanis International Global Membership Engagement.

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			

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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**

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

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

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