



NOVEMBER 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 High School Key Club Halloween & Imagination Library Sign-up Event



Working together Maryville Kiwanis and Maryville High School Key Club served the children of the area at a joint Halloween and sign-up day for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Our members **Dian Trosclair, Patsy Russell, Wanda Davis and Elaine Russell** enrolled 6 new readers.

President's Corner

I hope everyone is having a great fall. The colors are in full swing, and the temperatures are cooling down. It is "Football Time in Tennessee" and I hope everyone in Blount County, not just our Kiwanis Club, realizes how blessed we are to live in East Tennessee!

We have had our first board meeting of the new fiscal year, and the board has approved our budget for the year. The budget will be shared with the rest of the membership in November. Congratulations to our new board members, **Cliff Frana, Dian Trosclair, Paige Thompson, Dan Monat and Kent Willoughby**. Thank you for serving our club!



A big thank you to all the committee chairs as well as those members that step up to manage and work the projects we complete during the year. These members are the backbone of our club and the glue that holds everything we do together.

Debbie Jones and **Dian Trosclair** are co-chairing the pancake breakfast and along with the rest of the committee are working hard to make this year's pancake breakfast a great success! Thank you to all the volunteers that help the day of the breakfast as this breakfast would not be a success without you. This year's pancake breakfast is scheduled for November 22, from 7:30-10:30 at Maryville High School cafeteria.

Halloween is right around the corner, so weather you dress up and take the kids/grandkids trick or treating or stay at home and hand out candy, make this a fun time and fun memories to share.

Blake Mansfield

Maryville



October 7 Meeting Notes

After the usual opening ceremonies **President Blake Mansfield** inducted new members **Brian Rich** (**Janet Gandy**, spouse/sponsor) and **Elaine Russell** (**Patsy Russell**, sponsor). He then recognized 'Retiring Board Director' **Ron Teffeteller**; installed Continuing Board Director **Tony Thompson**; **Julie Miller** as continuing Treasurer; and **Paige Thompson** as new three-year Board Member.



Chair of the day **Amanda Nowak** introduced her boss, Director of the Blount County Public Library, Dustin Goforth. He previously was a teacher and a sales manager. He said he pursued a career as a librarian so he could help others discover their passions.

Libraries are homes to innovators, stories, and connections. The purpose of a library is information in whatever form it takes. BCPL is Level 5 institution, highest level in the industry. He discussed the importance of librarians, cautioned regarding accuracy of A.I./Google etc.



BCPL 515,000 items available; circulates 805,000 items and has 800 programs attended by 18,000 participants. Friends of the Library funds all BCPL programming. Genealogists are on site Thursdays to assist patrons.



Lynda Lin returned briefly from Taiwan to visit her friends at our club.

October 21 Meeting Notes

President Blake Mansfield called the meeting to order with the opening bell. He then installed and pinned **Carl Van Hoozier** as President-elect.



Chair of the Day **Patsy Russell** introduced Justin Ridge who serves as the Director of Schools for Blount County Schools. He is a lifelong educator and William Blount alum, he has been a math teacher, head football coach at Greenback and William Blount, assistant principal, athletic director, and principal of the Samuel Everett School of Innovation, where he emphasized innovation and student success. His leadership approach centers on servant leadership, youth development, and meaningful collaboration with families, local businesses, and civic groups to expand opportunities for students and strengthen the broader community. He is currently pursuing Doctorate in Business Analytics.

Blount County Schools educate over 10,000 students with 1,800 staff. Their Core focus is Students first, Quality Learning, Strong Programs, Life-Ready skills. BCS empowers their teachers, hires/retains top-tier staff, offers college credits and job skills for graduates.

He reviewed sport achievements at SESI, ECCA, HHS, WBHS. BCS collaborates with Alcoa and Maryville city schools for 'One Book Blitz, Special Olympics, leader meetings. AI is important AND a challenge. Shifting priorities, changing state policies and rules without accompanying funding makes it hard for long term planning.

Improvements include updating facilities, HVAC systems, security. BCS has five Chiefs of departments: Operating, Finance, Elementary Instruction, Secondary Instruction, Career. BCS is responding to educational trends of students choosing military or blue collar as career vs. college, competition with private schools, homeschooling, vouchers. Tennessee has set the achievement bar so high that proficiency difficult to achieve with high cut off. Private schools, homeschools, don't have to meet same requirements as public schools.

Photos by **Tom Coulter**.

From Kiwanis International

reMember – Try Recruiting Former Members

Approximately 27,000 members are removed from Kiwanis club rosters each year. They generally don't leave because they dislike Kiwanis. Most leave simply because life gets in the way. With reMember recruitment, your club can reconnect with them — and with current members you haven't seen in a while.

Getting started

Sometimes it can feel daunting to move past the first step or two. For example, what should you do with your list once you've created it? While reviewing your list of former and current "missing" members, try to answer a few questions about each one:

- Were they working at the time and are now retired — or on a different career path from 5 or 10 years ago?
- Did they leave or drift away from the club to care for a family member—and is that situation different now?
- How could your club have adapted to keep them?
- How could you approach each former member with a plan for a renewed engagement in your club and the community?

Tips and ideas

A reMember initiative works best for Kiwanis clubs that keep former and missing members in mind on an ongoing basis.

Other Kiwanis opportunities

Some people will be unable to rejoin your club — but remain open to other Kiwanis opportunities. Here are a few tips for keeping people connected to the Kiwanis family:

- If a member has moved out of your community, connect them to a Kiwanis club in their new community. If you have meeting capabilities that allow remote attendance, you don't have to limit yourself to former members who still live in the community.
- Was your club "not quite right" for a former member who would otherwise fit a neighboring club? Connect them with another Kiwanis opportunity.
- Promote satellite membership for those whom the current club model does not fit. How can they do service and make an impact in your community?
- Districts or divisions are encouraged to create a former member virtual club. Begin with former members as charter group.
- Ask for a donation. Among members who leave, many still believe in the Kiwanis mission and would likely donate to your club if asked.

Other Activities



We were invited to participate in the DENSO Associate Appreciation Fair on October 19. **Jerry Heiny, Heather Larson, Elaine Russell, Dian Trosclair, Patsy Russell and Debbie Jones** were there to talk about our club's support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Blount County while enrolling 5 children.



Tom Coulter, Marie Roush and Heather Larson met with the Volunteer State Aktion Club on October 16.

Bottle Cap Bench

On October 27 **Randy Allen** was recognized for his many years of service to Maryville Kiwanis and the Blount County community by the presentation of our latest bottle cap bench at Heritage Middle School.

Randy was born in Ohio. He got his degree in business and marketing from The Ohio State University. Randy owns his own business in Maryville helping with insurance needs. He has been a member of Maryville Kiwanis since 1996. He started the Builders Club at Heritage Middle School and was the founder for Kiwanis Leadership Adventure camp and led this group for 20 years.

The bench was made of recycled bottle caps and lids that were collected and cleaned by Heritage Middle School Builders Club. The attached plate reads:

Presented to Heritage Middle School
Honoring Randy Allen for his service to Kiwanis and our Community
by HMS Builders Club and Maryville and Tellico Village Kiwanis Clubs
October 2025



Briefs

In our prayers: **Tim Thurston** is recovering from surgery at home.
Tom Antkow's wife Donna also needs our support.

Stephen Frana has moved into his camper on his sister's property.

Don't forget:



Saturday, November, 22, 7:30 - 10:30am
Maryville High School



AND



Maryville Kiwanis Kamera

Wanda and Pete Davis recently returned from a trip to Europe on a river cruise from Budapest, Hungary, through Germany, Austria and ending in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Pictures like these provide a lasting memory of their trip. **Bob and Linda Ullom** were also on the cruise. These pictures prove that the eye of the person behind the camera is the most important component of a beautiful picture.



November Birthdays

November 2 David Erwin

November 12 Linda Ullom

November 14 Newsom Baker

November 18 Tim Thurston

November 29 Mike Roberson

November 30 Karl Miller



Happy Birthday!



Programs

Date	Speaker	Title	Topic
November 4	Robert Russell	Veteran's Day Program	Veteran's Day
November 18	Bryan Johnson	TVA Community Relations Manager	Tennessee Valley Authority

Division 5 Clubs

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

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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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Volunteer State Aktion Club



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

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**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

Blount Partnership (Chamber of Commerce)
Second Harvest Food Bank
Smart Bank
The Daily Times
The Salvation Army
Vienna Coffee House
State Farm – Hunter Jones



Maryville Kiwanis Website

www.maryvilletnkiwanis.org

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Link to the website.**

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