



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

Kiwanian of the Year



Jerry Heiny as outgoing President had, as one of his final tasks, the honor of presenting the Kiwanian of the Year recognition to Linda Ullom. The only question one might have about this award is why it took so long. If you are at any Kiwanis sponsored event, look around, Linda is likely there and often in a leadership role. She and husband, Bob, have brought an energy and hard work ethic to our club and they devote that same energy to the Civitan Club and to their church and other community activities.

It is not an understatement to say that she and Bob are one of the anchors of our club that prides itself in several couples who are actively involved in club activities. We are better because of them and I'm sure Bob would say he is better because of her. Congratulations Linda on an honor well-deserved.

President's Corner

I'll start by telling you it is truly my honor to be president of Maryville Kiwanis. Thanks to **Jerry Heiny** and all those that helped me over these last two years in preparing to lead this club. Jerry has selflessly helped me when I needed him, and I am truly grateful.

As most of you know I have been in banking most of my life, 37 years, and I lived in Jackson Tennessee for 25 of those years. What you do not know is that while in Jackson I was a Rotarian for several of those years. After moving to Maryville, I wanted to get back involved in the community. After looking at my options, I decided to join the Kiwanis Club of Maryville in 2018 for one main reason, we focus on helping the kids in our community. With four grown children and nine grandchildren it is all about the kids.



We have had some obstacles this past year and we have had some successes. We let the Adventure Camp that has been part of our club for 20 years go in 2024, but we have started three new projects. The three new projects are helping the foster children of Blount County, chaired by **Patsy Russell**, helping the Blount County Schools with hygiene closets chaired by **Wanda Davis** and Helping the homeless children of Blount County chaired by **Dian Trosclair**. And I offer my thanks the others that are helping with these new projects.

I have attended the last two year's Kiwanis International Conventions. I learned so much during this time. I learned that Kiwanis is truly a global club with thousands of members in many countries. The one thing that was consistent when attending the classes at the International Convention was clubs are struggling with declining membership. Our ad hoc committee chaired by **Emily Mantooth** has been working hard coming up with ideas to help increase membership and it seems to be working as we have added several new members over the last couple of months. Congratulations!

I'll finish by telling you I look forward to working with each and every one of you over this next year. Let's make it a Great Year!

Blaine Mansfield

September 2 Meeting Notes

Speaking on *Today's Financial Markets & Services* was Shane Smith, a Certified Financial Planner and more recently a Chartered Financial Analyst. He has been part of Quality Financial Concepts in Maryville since 2011.

It is not unusual to hear a good financial planner to say you should focus on the long term. Shane gave several examples of the wisdom of this strategy and several where emphasis on short term gains resulted in no better, and oftentimes worse, performance for one's portfolio.

He emphasized how young professionals may not realize the importance of early entry into financial planning. In the past, reliance on the pension plan was depended on to provide that cushion between work and retirement. With pension plans now giving way to individual retirement accounts (IRA), the burden falls more squarely on the shoulders of the employee to plan for the future. Employers most often provide some contribution to the IRA but only as an incentive for personal contributions.

We should all heed his caution that our future well being is dependent on how we manage saving across the spectrum of our earning years. Each age and the specifics of your job stability, health, and your own specific goals play an important part in why a professional planner is necessary.



Division 5 Council Meeting



At the September 15 meeting current Division 5 Lt. Gov. Marvin Stewart of Jefferson County transferred the banner to new Division 5 Lt. Governor Mike Morrell of Alcoa Kiwanis. Mike is a past president of both the Alcoa and Maryville clubs. Mike joins the long list of a number of Maryville and Alcoa club members who have held this position.



August 19 Meeting Notes

Our club affords a great opportunity for all to keep up to date with many aspects of our county and city governments. Both Maryville and Alcoa have their own government structure and fortunately for us all, they each are well-managed and complement each other much more than compete with each other.

Coming to Alcoa from a position as Assistant City Manager for Covington, Kentucky, Bruce Applegate brings an impressive resume in city governments to his position as Alcoa City Manager since 2021.

The City Manager is an appointed position of the elected Commissioners and is responsible for ensuring Commission policies are carried out, presenting the annual budget, and the recruitment, hiring, termination, and supervision of Department heads and staff.

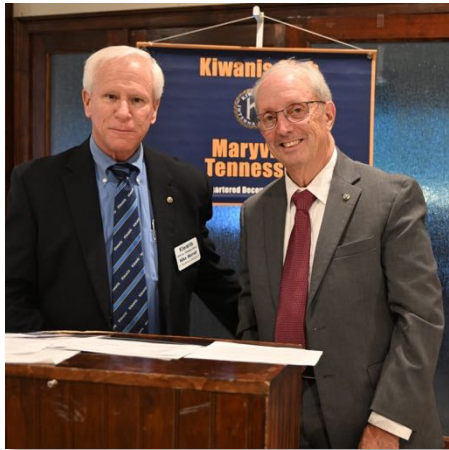


The City of Alcoa now has over 15,000 residents who support a budget of over \$180 million. A great deal of planning goes into the 600+ page Capital Planning Sheet from which the annual priorities are identified. As part of these plans the City brings in businesses that add to the sales tax base and are coordinated with resident and apartment complex developments. Each trip up Alcoa highway past the airport brings into view the tremendous development taking place along Tesla

Avenue and the Covenant Campus with other expansion along Topside Road, Springbrook Farms, Pellissippi Place and the Middlesettlements area.

Both Alcoa and Maryville are known statewide for their educational excellence and sports domination. It is a tribute the management of both cities that they have largely contributed to making our community a vibrant and attractive place to live.

2025-26 Installation Banquet



Jerry Heiny (L) received the compliments of all on a job well-done as **Blake Mansfield** (R) accepts the duties of the new president of Maryville Kiwanis for 2025-26.



Above L: the Board of Directors outgoing members **Tom Coulter**, **Debbie Jones**, and **Katie Beeler**. Above R: welcome the new Board member **Kent Willoughby**, **Dian Trosclair**, and **Cliff Frana**.



Enjoying a good time with others is certainly part of Kiwanis. The night made for some new acquaintances and renewal of old ones. We all wish Blake the best in his important year to come as we try to increase membership and maintain the fundraising successes of previous years.

Interclubs



Mike Morrell, David Nichols, and Fred Martin at the September 2 Maryville Kiwanis Meeting.



At the Alcoa Kiwanis interclub September 4 were **Patsy Russell, Jerry Heiny, Heather and Denn Larson**



Marie Rousch, Wanda Davis, Linda Ullom, Jerry Heiny, and Pete Davis attended the September 28 meeting of the Aktion Club (Members pictured below)



Briefs



The beautiful presence of our cherished long-time member **Suzanne Stockfisch** will be sorely missed at our meetings. Her ever-present smile brought peace and comfort to each person who encountered her. While you couldn't imagine an unkind word uttered from her mouth, she was strong in her convictions and loved her country.

Suzanne's husband of 54 years died in 2016. She is survived by two daughters and four grandchildren. She also leaves behind the peace and beauty that she brought to our meetings. We thank her for sharing this portion of her life with us and are forever grateful.

- **Denn Larson** has recovered from his recent surgery with his heart beating in normal rhythm.



Maryville Kiwanis Kamera



Katie Beeler recently returned from a trip to Spain and Italy with a few stops in between. She used her iPhone and a small simple Nikon to capture some memories from Portugal (above) and Italy (below). Pictures like these provide a lasting memory of her trip. These pictures prove that the eye of the person behind the camera is the most important component of a beautiful picture.



October Birthdays

October 9 Paige Thompson

October 13 Dan Monat

October 17 Kent Willoughby

October 26 Wanda Davis

October 27 Susan Bryant

October 27 Amanda Nowak

Happy Birthday

Programs

October 7	Dustin Goforth	Director, Blount County Public Library	Updates on Library
October 21	Justin Ridge	Director, Blount County Public Schools	What's New at BC Public Schools

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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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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