



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

Years of Service to Kiwanis



In this picture alone there are decades of service to our Maryville Kiwanis Club. **Robert Russell** (20 years), **Robert Austin** (19 years), and **Ron Teffeteller** (30 years), were presented with certificates honoring their years of perfect attendance by President **Blake Mansfield**. Not present due to illness was **Bobby Burke** who has been a Kiwanian for 50 years and has 36 years of perfect attendance at our club. **Mike Roberson** is the longest present member of our club. These along with all club members contributed 1326 service hours just year.

The value of long-term members cannot be measured just in hours given to club activities. There is a wisdom of experience that fosters an energy to keep those newer members involved. With this coalition of younger members and those who have been long-time members the mission of Kiwanis stays current for all. As we seek to improve the world one child at a time, it unites us all in a common goal that lets us give back to our community, especially the children.

President's Corner

Now that the holiday season is behind me, I look back and feel so proud of being a Kiwanian for all the service hours that this club has donated during the last couple of months. First, we had our Pancake Breakfast in November and then the Salvation Army Bell Ringing in December. I know these venues take a lot of planning, but the members of Maryville Kiwanis always step up to help.



We have started off the year doing what Kiwanians should do as **Jerry Heiny** presented an Amtryke bike to a deserving young man at the January 20th meeting. Thank you, Jerry, and the crew that helped put the Amtryke together! Also, during this meeting, **Patsy Russell** presented the Youth Protection program and **Heather Larson** presented members with their perfect attendance pins. We also presented \$500.00 to **Amanda Nowak** for Blount County Public Library and \$1,000.00 to **Geoff Cusick** for Great Smoky Mountain Council, Scouting, Cades Cove District.

Valentine's Day will be here before you know it so make sure you not only show Love and Kindness to your special someone and family but also show kindness to all. I know Kiwanians know how to share love and kindness so get out there and make someone's day. You never know how one act of kindness may change someone's life forever!

Happy Valentines Day to all!



Blake Mansfield

Maryville



January 6 Meeting Notes

A great way to start off any meeting is with the welcoming of a new member. Today, **Steve Lick** was given his certificate and Kiwanis pin. **Wanda Davis**, Steve's sponsor, introduced Steve to the members and read a short bio.

Our meeting for this day was at Maryville First Baptist due to kitchen construction at Green Meadow. **Tom Coulter** made the arrangements and we all thanks First Baptist for sharing their facilities with us.



FINANCIAL REVIEW: On December 22, 2025, our Treasurer **Julie Miller** met with **Robert Russell** to conduct a review of the financial transactions that occurred during the Kiwanis fiscal year October 2024 through September 2025. The meticulous record keeping of Julie reflected a proper accounting of the Administrative and Foundation assets. This will be presented to the Board at the January 22 meeting and is available to all members.

Clayton Homes is a major employer in Blount County as well as having a large national presence. The size of this company built from local roots is identified by their over 41 home building facilities and 20,000 employees (team members) with over 400 company-owned Home Centers across the U.S. Throughout their history since 1956 they have embraced social responsibility as a guiding principle. Their focus has always been to provide housing for better life through ownership. They do this through three types of homes: Modern Manufactured, CrossMod, and site-built modular. This variety permits them to enter the market with individual homes as well as large municipal projects with the goal of affordable, attainable home ownership.

Ted Rutland, today's speaker, has been with Clayton for 14 years and has helped them affirm the importance of social responsibility, volunteerism, and community presence. Part of their shaping a "force for good" has been a massive volunteer program with over 260,000 hours in local communities. Employees at Clayton have the opportunity to volunteer in projects such as Habitat for Humanity while being paid.

Included in their company philanthropy are over 180 organizations in Blount and Knox counties, including our own Imagination Library effort. A partnership with *Family Promise* has resulted in 20 homes being donated with 84% of families achieving long term housing. A Digital Coaching designed by a Clayton team through *Operation Hope* provides financial literacy education for many in our community. The 5 millionth tree for reforestation will be planted on the Clayton Campus this year by their *Arbor Day Foundation*.

The presence of Clayton Homes shines a bright light on our community helping to make Blount County that wonderful place we call home.

January 20 Meeting Notes

An organization such as ours has some bookkeeping to do at least once a year. At this meeting we addressed the Youth Protection Guidelines which is a required by Kiwanis International. On [our website](#) you can find detailed information about these policies and why youth protection matters. All Kiwanians who work with youth under the age of 18 are required to read, understand, agree to, and abide by these policies. For chaperones, Service Leadership Club advisors, and others with direct youth interaction there are required background checks for which you will receive renewal reminders.



Patsy Russell emphasized the 'Rule of Three' which means you are NEVER supposed to be alone with a youth. There needs to be at least one adult and two youth or two adults and one youth. There should be no alcohol, drug, or tobacco use at youth events. In addition, you should never share your personal information with youth including messaging or social media. Signs of physical or emotional abuse or neglect are mandated to be reported.

Awards and Recognitions

Legion of Honor – 25 years membership of any Kiwanis club awarded in additional 5-year increments. **Bobby Burke** is a 50-year Kiwanian and will receive the Legion of Honor Certificate and pin.

Perfect Attendance – This reflects attendance at weekly meetings, interclubs, board/committee meetings, and additional policy-defined opportunities to accrue attendance credits. These do not have to be consecutive years and do not indicate years of membership.

1 Year	Cliff Frana, Dan Monat, Tony Thompson, Dian Trosclair
2 Years	Carl Van Hoozier
3 Years	Tom Antkow, Katie Beeler, Stephen Frana, Blake Mansfield, Emily Mantooth
4 Years	Steve Kiefer
5 Years	Wanda Davis, Jerry Heiny, Dennis Larson, Heather Larson, Amanda Nowak, Kent Willoughby
6 Years	Tom Coulter
8 Years	Bobby Perkinson, Tim Thurston
10 Years	Howard Kerr
11 Years	Pete Davis, Julie Miller, Linada Ullom, Bob Ullom
12 Years	Debbie Jones
13 Years	Patsy Russell
16 Years	Regina Jennings
19 Years	Robert Austin
20 Years	Robert Russell
30 Years	Ron Teffeteller
36 Years	Bobby Burke

Awards and Recognitions (continued)



1 Year Awards



2 and 3 Year Awards



4 and 5 Year Awards



6 to 10 Year Awards



11 Year Awards



12 to 16 Year Awards



Blake presents a check for \$500 to **Amanda Nowak** (L) representing Blount County Public Library and \$1000 to **Geoff Cusick** of The Scouts Great Smoky Mountain Council. These both represent our continued support for our community kids activities.



Another Happy Amtryke Recipient

There is nothing quite so rewarding as the smiling faces surrounding our latest Amtryke recipient Stuart Romero. **Jerry Heiny** leads our effort with the cooperation of local pediatric physical therapists to identify children who would benefit from a mobility device adapted to their own very



specific needs. Through our Kiwanis Foundation and with the generous contribution of a donor we are able to fund these custom-made trykes which are assembled by a team of our Kiwanis members. For Kiwanis, its "all about the kids" whether through Imagination Library which can reach literally every child five and under or to individuals like this child, now able to move about on his own.

Meet Our Members

Born in Hixon, Tennessee, **Hunter Jones** found Maryville a great place to start a family. He had an opportunity to start a State Farm Agency in an area that matched the family values with which he grew up.

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

Reflecting back to age 10, he wanted to be in Sports Medicine when he “grew up.” That did not end up being the path that he followed but he has maintained an enthusiasm for University of Tennessee athletics.



WHAT NOW IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE?

For Hunter, family life is everything. Hunter’s wife, Kim, recently gave birth to their daughter, Anna Lucy, and the two of them occupy most of his free time.

Their golden doodle Cleo rounds out their family. Additionally, they are active in their church and enjoy the natural surroundings available to us in East Tennessee.

WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

Hunter’s uncle, who grew up without a father in his life, is someone he deeply admires. He did not let his life of turmoil distract him from being the first college graduate in his family, becoming a man of God and father to three beautiful children. He served as a role model for Hunter and for what we are all called to be as a man.

WHAT THREE WORDS BEST DESCRIBE YOU?

Hunter says that the three words that best describe him are:

1. competitive
2. compassionate
3. enthusiastic

WHY DID YOU JOIN KIWANIS?

Hunter says he joined Kiwanis to serve our community and its youth.

WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL MOTTO?

Success is never owned; it is rented and the rent is due every day.

Kiwanis International Convention

Register now for the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention in Manila, capital city of the Philippines, June 24-27. This year, it’s a joint event with the Asia Pacific Region’s 2026 convention. Get information about registration, hotels, education sessions and much more – including tips for your stay in our host city. Known for its mix of the modern and the historic, Manila is a perfect place for the education and fellowship of Kiwanians from around the world. Let’s gather together. Don’t forget to sign up by February 2 to get the lowest rates!

Interclubs

WHAT IS AN INTER-CLUB?

It is a meeting where two club or more clubs meet together. The clubs can be in the same city, division, district, at a Kiwanis activity or even at a convention.

They meet as stated in the Objects of Kiwanis to provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

Every club does thing differently than the way our club does. They may or may not meet every week, or as often, and at different times, and may or may not have meals. At inter-clubs we learn how other clubs function, get to know neighboring Kiwanians, and develop new ideas to use so we become better Kiwanians.

Every year at the Mid-year Conference (at Lexington this coming March) an awards patch is presented to the club that completes at least 18 inter-clubs, with one in each club in their home division (ours is Division 5) and an inter-club with at least two Service Leadership Programs. At least 25% of active club members (for us that means 16 members) must attend an inter-club. At least four members from the visiting club must attend. Historically Maryville Kiwanis has won the award many, many years. They can be seen in our club scrapbooks displayed at every meeting.



Last year 34 of our members attended at least one inter-club. One member attended 38.

Sign-up sheets are available at each of our meetings or to sign up contact **Pete Davis**. We want YOU to attend an inter-club for all these reasons. **It is important!**



AKTION CLUB Jan 15
**Tom Coulter, Marie Roush,
Wanda and Pete Davis**



ALCOA CLUB Jan 15
**Heather and Denn Larson and
Pete Davis**



NEWPORT CLUB Jan 13
**Mike Morell, Pete and Wanda
Davis, and Ron Tefeteller**

Briefs

- **Elton Jones** and his wife Patsy have moved to Brookdale Brown's Creek assisted living in Maryville. Elton's health has been declining over the past several months necessitating his retirement from Kiwanis. Elton was one of our longest current members having been in Maryville Kiwanis in for 32 years and in Kiwanis overall for 49 years. We pray that he may find strength in these days of health decline and for Patsy as she continues to be at his side as she has always been.
- **Wanda Davis** was featured on WBIR's "About Town" for her volunteer work at Second Harvest honored by the dedication of bench near the volunteer entrance. She also graced the front page (above the fold) of the December 24 Daily Times. Congratulations to Wanda for highlighting our club and for her Second Harvest volunteer work.
- **Janet Gandy** continues to undergo some medical testing. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Bobby Perkinson** has agreed to chair the Golf Committee for this year's tournament. They will be meeting before each of the regular meetings. This is our major fundraiser, and all members are requested to ask how they can help.
- **Robert Russell** announced the final totals for Maryville Kiwanis and Key Club Salvation Army Bell Ringers. The total for 4 sessions was \$2951.25.

February Birthdays

February 9	Bobbie Jo Barnes
February 11	Sarah Delpy
February 15	Mike Winstead
February 24	Susan Jones

Programs

	Speaker	Title
February 3	Lori Tucker	WATE Channel 6
February 17	Elaine Streno	Second Harvest Food Bank

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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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.

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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