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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

Thank You United Way



Many of our Maryville Kiwanians and other friends enjoyed a wonderful evening while helping support the United Way of Blount County at their Power of the Purse event held March 5 at The Showroom in Maryville. Over 200 people came out to show their support. The Maryville Kiwanis Foundation receives generous support from the United Way for the Imagination Library project. That support is sincerely appreciated and is an essential component of our being able to continue this project

UWBC COMMUNITY PARTNER



Imagination Library - Maryville Kiwanis Foundation \$8,000

President's Corner

Fellow Kiwanians,

It is hard to believe March 20th has come and gone and Spring is here in East Tennessee. As we all know that doesn't mean the cold weather is in our rear-view mirror. We seem to always get a few more freezing nights before the winter relinquishes her grip.



Our second big fundraiser of the year, the Maryville Kiwanis Foundation Golf Tournament, will be here in a couple of weeks on Monday, April 13th. **Steve Keifer, Jerry Heiny**, and the golf committee are putting the final touches on the preparations to ensure we have another successful golf tournament. Whether you are a player, sponsor, or volunteer, we appreciate your contribution to this fundraiser as this money helps fund our Foundation Project, the Imagination Library of Blount County, which provides a free book monthly, from ages birth to five, for any Blount County child registered for the program!

The KY-TN Division 5 Governor Dinner is coming up on April 21st. The keynote speaker this year is Kiwanis International President-Elect Hope Markes. It is sure to be an exciting night. If you plan to attend, please make sure you let Heather know.

When we all work together and achieve all the things we do, I think about the quote from author, H. Jackson Brown Jr.: We are always surprised at the progress that comes from doing simple things well.

Blake Mansfield

March 3 Meeting Notes

It was a special honor on this day to welcome Jennifer Wackerhagen as our guest speaker. Jennifer has been with United Way of Blount County for 25 years and has served as President and CEO since August 2013. In somewhat of a bittersweet reminder, she indicated that she will be retiring from United Way this year. Her successor will be left with a very strong and highly respected organization.



United Way has been in Blount County for 72 years. During that time their mission has been largely the same: uniting people and resources to build a stronger, healthier and more accessible community to benefit all. They direct this mission to help our county's most vulnerable through funding programs that create a healthy, well-educated, and self-sufficient community. Much of their program is directed to the **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained **E**mployed population (**ALICE**) which identifies a large number of people at and below the poverty level. These are people that are self-sufficient until that one broken car or HVAC repair pushes them into ALICE. United Way can make them aware of resources and guidelines to access assistance.

The primary effort of United Way is raising funds to support 26 community partners across forty programs including our own Imagination Library project. The organizations receiving these grants are carefully scrutinized by mostly volunteer staff who tour the applicant agencies, read the applications, and recommend to the Board the potential grant recipients. Each applicant must demonstrate their impact being in Blount County, be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, have a Blount County Board representation, provide an external financial audit of how they spend the grant funds, and have a non-discrimination commitment. Partners must also impact youth, community health, community resiliency, and/or financial security, as well as have 25% or less dependency upon the grant funds.

It is of critical importance to United Way that they comply to each aspect of these requirements. Many otherwise worthy causes simply cannot meet these guidelines. Acquiring these grant funds is done through four major events (Power of the Purse, Golf Tournament, Sporting Clays, and Gas Day). This is combined with individual payroll reduction and corporate donations. With all of this attention to detail, United Way is able to grant 87 cents out of every dollar to grant partners, the remaining 13% goes to operation expenses.

To maintain the trust of our community and corporate donors, United Way must remain firmly bound to their mission and their processes in place to insure the best distribution of funds. Over her tenure, Jennifer Wackerhagen has been able to build this trust relationship with our community, making United Way of Blount County the successful and respected institution that it is.

March 17 Meeting Notes

Scott Maddux grew up just northwest of Nashville and in his journey to East Tennessee has always wanted to remain a Tennessean. Even before being a motorcycle dealer, he had a passion for Harley-Davidson motorcycles and music. He sought opportunities that would fulfill his dreams which eventually led to a dealership availability in Maryville, Tennessee. His vision included not only a dealership but a place where riders to gather, events could happen, and where the riding community felt at home.

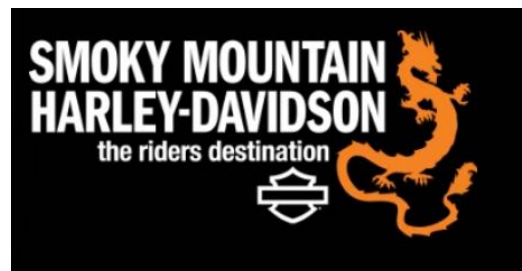


The Maryville location provided its natural beauty with incredible riding roads. That was just the start for Scott. He saw potential reaching far past the riding experience in creating the Shed Smokehouse and Juke Joint. This live music venue is located adjacent to the dealership and has hosted hundreds of concerts, welcoming fans and riders for now more than two decades. It is now nationally and even internationally recognized for its year-round calendar of rides, concerts, rallies and charitable initiatives. They have weekly live concerts with regional and national artists, charity rides, weekend motorcycle gatherings, regional H.O.G. rallies attracting up to 3000 attendees.

Their signature rally is Smoky Mountain Bike Week in its fourth year. Scott's wife has been instrumental in the 'She Rides' program, now in year six. Project Ridemore is a weekly event led by staff on rides within a 100-mile radius of Maryville.

The Shed Smokehouse has evolved into a full-service restaurant open daily for lunch with: Singo: Wednesday night, Thursday bike nights, and brunch with bluegrass on the fourth Sundays. Scott's vision was always to have this venue one that all the community, bikers or not, would feel welcomed. The connotation or perception of a 'biker's hangout' simply does not apply to the Shed as you see families and folks from all walks of life enjoying the space.

The success of this venture has spawned five retail and three dealership locations in Kodak, Pigeon Forge, Tellico Plains, on the Dragon, in Gatlinburg, in Bryson City, North Carolina and soon to be in Cookeville. This growth has not been without pains. Between COVID and some corporate management that did not match what Harley-Davidson was built on, there were a few years of struggling. They have emerged strong after management change and a renewed direction guided by the enjoyment of the riding experience. Driving around our area, you often meet up with small and large groups of cyclists. They have respected our area and, in the process, have gained the respect of the community.



Awards and Gifts



Kiwanis Supports Boys and Girls Club

Kiwanis is all about the kids and supporting Boys and Girls Club reflects that mission. **Paige Thompson**, the director of Boys and Girls Club, gratefully accepts our annual donation.



Wilson Borden Gets Spotlight Award

Retired from our club, Wilson Borden remains active in his spirit of service to our community and our club. Wilson was invaluable to our club and especially to our annual golf tournament. Without being asked, Wilson yearly since his club retirement, has offered to help with the golf tournament, especially in the area of contributions. There are no words that can adequately express our appreciation to Wilson. It is community leaders like Wilson that identify what it is to be a Kiwanian. Thank you, Wilson.

Interclubs



Heather and Denn Larson, Pete Davis and Jerry Heiny at the March 5 Alcoa Kiwanis



David Buck, Chris Mahler, Fred Martin and Bruce Damrow from the Alcoa Club joined us on March 3



Pete Davis, Bobby Burke, Heather and Denn Larson attended 2 Knoxville interclubs – Knoxville Kiwanis Club on March 12 and Northside Knoxville on March 18



Linda Ullom, Marie Roush, Wanda Davis, Jerry Heiny, and Pete Davis enjoyed meeting with the Aktion Club on March 19.

Division 5 Annual Prayer Dinner



Please join us for the
Kiwanis International
Kentucky-Tennessee District
Division 5
Annual
Prayer Banquet
With
Layperson of the Year Award



WHEN: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

WHERE: Airport Hilton, 2001 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa TN 37701

TIME: Check-in/Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner/Program: 6:00 p.m.



Keynote Speaker: *Hope Markes, President-Elect, Kiwanis International*

Menu: London Broil with merlot reduction, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, choice of two desserts; coffee, tea, iced tea.

***Please let Heather Larson know if an alternative vegetarian/gluten-free etc. meal is requested.

Cost: \$45.00 per person [will appear on 3rd quarter MK invoice from Julie]

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 14, 2026



Social Committee invite to Smokies BB
Friday May 8th at 7 pm, \$21 each

Email Emily Mantooth at

emantooth@unitedwayblount.org

Indicate: Your name

Your cell

Number of tickets requested

Parking

information: https://www.google.com/search?q=Covenant+health+park+parking+smokies+game&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS863US863&oq=Covenant+health+park+parking+smokies+game&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUyBggAEEUYOdIBCDg0MzlqMGo0qAIAAsAIA&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Briefs

- A list of all members in the form of a directory is available from **Pete Davis** or **Heather Larson**. The list on the website does not have photos and does not print properly.
- We continue to seek another person to back up **Julie Miller** in the event she is not available for her Treasurer duties. It is an opportunity to become a little more familiar with club finances plus do an activity in service to our club.
- **Tom Antkow** has learned to appreciate even more the function of bones in our body as he is now well on the way to recovery from broken ribs.
- Elton Jones and his wife Patsy are now at the Brookdale Sandy Springs Assisted Living. It is located at 511 Pearson Springs Road, Room 704. He welcomes brief visits.
- **Roy Fox** celebrated his birthday by giving an \$87 check to Happy Bucks.
- **Heather Larson** has dodged a bullet with her recovery from shingles that affected the area around her eye. Over 90% of us carry the shingles virus and it can rare its ugly head literally anywhere on your body. Arguably the very worst area is around the eye since, if not properly and aggressively treated, it can blind you. A reminder for us all to get the shingles vaccine – 2 doses, it works.
- **Howard Kerr** continues his efforts to be not only a local but international voice for beekeeping. Recently over 100 people attended his training session for new beekeepers.

April Birthdays

<i>April 10</i>	<i>Emily Saalfrank</i>
<i>April 19</i>	<i>Dennis Larson</i>

Programs

	Presenter	Title
April 7	Mark Dowlen Principal	Eagleton College and Career Academy - Update
April 21	Joe Huff Executive Director	Parks and Recreation - Update

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.



Proud Sponsors of



Volunteer State Aktion Club



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



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.

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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Link to the website.

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