

Maryville Kourier

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

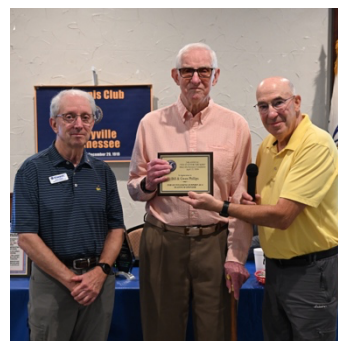
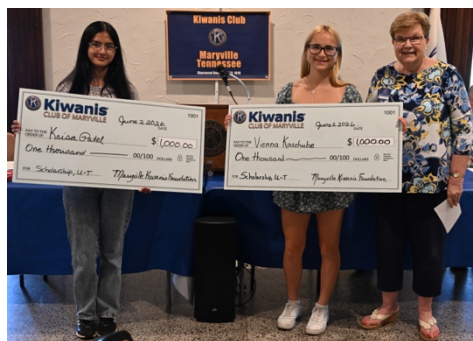
June 2 Meeting Notes

The meeting was held at GMCC with guest speaker Tom Taylor, Chairman of the Board Maryville Housing Authority (MHA) which provides affordable, income-based housing for residents of Blount County, operating 755 public housing units across five properties in downtown Maryville. Its mission is to offer safe, clean, and financially accessible housing while supporting family stability and self-sufficiency. MHA manages both public housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, giving low-income households multiple pathways to secure stable housing. There are about 400 homeless in Blount County. Average income in the county is \$74,000. 9% of county residents live in poverty.

MHA's programs include youth services, senior activities, and partnerships with local schools, churches, and community organizations. These partnerships support initiatives such as homework assistance, back-to-school supply events, and social activities for families and seniors.

For those seeking housing, both the Public Housing and Section 8 waitlists are currently open, with average waits of 12–15 months for public housing and around 2 years for vouchers. Eligibility is based on household size and income, following HUD guidelines - for example, a four-person household in Blount County must earn below \$58,400 to qualify as low-income. MHA's main office is located at 311 Atlantic Avenue, Maryville, TN 37801, and applications can be submitted online or in person.

Scholarships were presented by Patsy Russell to Krisa Patel and to Vienna Kaschube both from Maryville High School. Tournament co-chairmen Steve Kiefer and Jerry Heiny presented a plaque to Bill and Gwen Phillips long time donors to our Tee It Up for the Kids Annual Charity Golf tournament.



In Memoriam

Bill Dempster, Air Force veteran, 92 years of age, passed away on May 15 in Connecticut.

Bill was a proud longtime member of the Kiwanis International (Maryville Kiwanis), dedicating his time to serving his community and supporting programs that improve the lives of children. He had a deep love for animals, and over the years he welcomed several rescue dogs into his home, forming a special bond with each one and giving them the care and companionship they deserved.

Memorials may be made to Maryville Kiwanis Foundation and mailed to 576 Foothills Plaza Drive, PMB 154, Maryville, TN 37801.



Coming Events/Programs

Volunteer State Aktion Club interclub meeting 11am June 18 at 1st Baptist Church of Maryville

Maryville Kiwanis meeting, June 16, noon, GMCC; program Bob Booker, DENSO, community update

Club Social Event, Wednesday, June 17, 5-7:00pm at The Shed at Smoky Mountain Harley-Davidson, contact Emily Mantooth to sign up.

Maryville Kiwanis Board meeting, Thursday June 18, 9am, United Way, notify Heather

Foster Children Pool Party, Friday, June 19, 6-8pm, Springbrook pool

Interclub meeting at Alcoa, July 2, noon. We need members to sign up, contact Pete Davis.

Maryville Kiwanis meeting, July 7, noon, GMCC; program Jill Pope, Daybreak, Dementia Respite

Birthdays: June 7, Dian Trosclair and Carl Van Hoozier
June 9, Robert Russell
June 14, Patsy Russell
June 15, Steve Lick

Briefs: Happy Bucks at our meeting were given for scholarship recipients, Alcoa interclubbers, our speaker, prospective members and Imagination Library books.

Meet A Member

Judith Elaine Clonts Russell was born in Summerville, GA. Married to Robert G. Russell lived in Knoxville, then Townsend, and Maryville area for the convenience. Growing up she wanted to be an educator. She retired from Knox County Schools.

When not working she enjoys historical research, especially for the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and personal genealogy research. She and her late husband, Bob Russell (a former Maryville Kiwanian), and were married for 62 years. They had 2 sons, one grandson, and one great grandson. She really admired her "Mammaw" who taught her "can't never could do anything." Three words that describe her: Resourceful, Creative, and Inquiring. She joined Kiwanis because she wanted to broaden her circle of friends and be more involved in serving her community. Her personal motto: "Do it, and then talk about it!"



Division 5 Clubs

Alcoa, founded July 18, 1951, meetings weekly at noon at Airport Hilton

Foothills, Townsend, founded October 19, 2023, meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday at noon at The Abbey

Jefferson County, founded March 12, 1959, meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesday at noon at Perkins in Dandridge

Knoxville, founded April 5, 1919, meetings weekly at noon, at Crowne Plaza Hotel

Maryville, founded December 29, 1919, meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday at noon at Green Meadow Country Club

Morristown, founded January 23, 1920, meetings weekly at noon at Morristown Country Club

Newport, founded September 7, 1920, meetings weekly at noon, West End Baptist Church

Northside Knoxville, founded June 14, 1949, meetings weekly at noon at Shoney's on N Broadway

Sevierville, founded September 28, 2000, meetings weekly at noon at Applebee's

Board of Directors

President Blake Mansfield

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Past-President Jerry Heiny

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Treasurer Julie Miller

Directors Tony Thompson, Patsy Russell, Kent Willoughby, Emily Mantooth, Dian Trosclair, Cliff Frana, Amanda Nowak, Paige Thompson, Dan Monat

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 friendships, 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.

News from Kiwanis International and Kentucky-Tennessee District

Kentucky-Tennessee District Convention, August 13-16, 2026, Alcoa Hilton Hotel

Service Leadership Programs

Volunteer State Aktion Club (for adults with disabilities)

Builders Clubs at Heritage Middle School, Maryville Junior High School, Eagleton College & Career Academy

Key Clubs at Eagleton College & Career Academy, Maryville High School

Corporate Members

Blount County Public Library

Boys & Girls Club of Blount County

Community Options, Inc.

Great Smoky Mountain Council of Scouts

The Salvation Army

Vienna Coffee House

State Farm – Hunter Jones

Blount Partnership (Chamber of Commerce)

Second Harvest Food Bank

Smart Bank

Life Care Center of Blount County

Maryville City Schools

United Way of Blount County

Interclub Meetings

Maryville at Madisonville May 26

Tom Antkow, Debbie Jones, Wanda and Pete Davis



Alcoa at Maryville June 2

Bruce Damrow, Fred Martin, David Nichols, Division 5 Lt. Gov. Mike Morrell and Chris Mahler



Maryville at Alcoa June 4

Jerry Heiny, Kent Willoughby, Elaine Russell and Pete Davis

