

# Maryville Kourier

Meetings at noon each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 16 Meeting Notes

Our guest speaker was Bob Booker, Director of American Government Affairs for DENSO North America. He was accompanied by Amy Brock and Caylan Elliott also from DENSO. Prior to his speech Patsy Russell presented a framed copy of **The Little Engine That Could** as an example of the books that are delivered here to children each month through our sponsorship of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Blount County to which DENSO contributes each year.

During his presentation Mr. Booker told us that DENSO has been growing in Blount County for 35 years bringing hope for the future of our planet, society and people. Their goals include lasting green vitality for our environment (becoming carbon neutral by 2035), peace of mind and inspiring everyone to make a difference.

DENSO was founded in Japan in 1949 and now has affiliates in a global network all over the world with 22 subsidiaries in North America. DENSO in North America was established in 1966 and has 45 locations with over 23,000 employees. In Tennessee they occupy 2.6 million square feet of building space with over 4500 employees (about 100 from Japan). They manufacture items for many major automobile manufacturers with the largest portion being for Toyota.



## Briefs

We were glad to welcome Susan Jones and Mike Roberson back to a meeting after a long absence. Robbie Paul and Bill Steverson have been accepted as new members and will be oriented and be inducted at our next meeting. Two of our members Robert Austin and Lynn Tittsworth celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays this year.

**Cares & Concerns:** We learned that good friend and former Kiwanian Michael Torano has taken a new position with the Knoxville Symphony: but sadly, his wife Cheri is suffering from cancer and is at home under hospice care. They need our prayers. NEWS: A GoFundMe page has been set up to support for medical bills, treatments and daily expenses for Michael and Cheri; if any of our members would like to contribute. <https://gofund.me/8daec7d73>



## Coming Events/Programs

Volunteer State Aktion Club interclub meeting 11am June 18 at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Maryville  
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 20, Robert Austin  
June 30, Tony Thompson  
July 6, Emily Mantooth  
July 9, Regina Jennings



## Interclub Meetings

Maryville at Volunteer State Aktion Club June 18



## Thank You, Blount County Postal Workers!



Recently a committee of Maryville Kiwanians (Robert and Patsy Russell, Steve Kiefer, Heather Larson, Linda Ullom, Emily Mantooth, Wanda and Pete Davis) collected various items and placed them in thank you goody bags to present to 190 Blount County postal workers who help deliver about 5000 books each month to children here as part of our sponsorship of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Blount County. Pictured here are postal representatives from post offices in Greenback, Rockford, Townsend and Walland.

## Club Social Event

On June 17 a large group of members gathered for a social event to enjoy food, drink and music at The Shed at Harley-Davidson. Those attending included: Emily Mantooth, Julie Miller, Shawna Eichman, Debbie Jones, Katie Beeler, Elaine Russell, Tom Coulter, Robbie Paul, Blake Mansfield, Newsom Baker, Bob Ullom, Linda Ullom, Wanda Davis and Pete Davis.



## **Division 5 Clubs**

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

**Foothills, Townsend**, founded October 19, 2023, meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at noon at The Abbey

**Jefferson County**, founded March 12, 1959, meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

President-Elect Carl Van Hoozier

Vice-President Tom Antkow

Past-President Jerry Heiny

Secretary Heather Larson

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