

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

September 1 Meeting Notes

Julie Garner Scruggs our speaker today is a prime example of our work with the children of Blount County. She attended our Leadership Adventure Camp. She has always lived in Blount County. Her faith and dedication to service are central to her life's work. She is currently the Executive Director of A Secret Place for Newborns in Tennessee which is a non-profit organization to protect unwanted newborn babies from abandonment. They do this by raising awareness of the Tennessee Safe Haven Law which was passed in 2001.

The law allows mothers of newborns to surrender unharmed babies, at a designated safe haven facility, within 45 days of birth, confidentially and without fear of prosecution. Safe haven facilities include hospitals, birthing centers, health departments, Walk-in clinics, EMS facilities, police and fire departments, nursing homes and 911 call centers.

Mothers also have the option to call 911 and request for an EMS transfer to meet her at a location of her choice to perform a safe surrender of her newborn at that location. This option is available to women statewide but specifically helps those in rural areas with limited facility access and for girls under the legal driving age.



Key information points of the Safe Haven Law include: the newborn must be younger than 45 days, must have been surrendered at a safe haven facility, must be unharmed, must be given to a professional medical staff member or left in a newborn safety device. The mother must be present and receives immunity from prosecution. The surrender is confidential. Parental rights are terminated in no less than 30 days.

During the surrender process a staff member will ask the mother to accompany them to a private area. If the mother refuses, the staff member will accept the newborn from the mother and ask if she intends to leave the baby there. The mother will be given a mother's packet, which is provided to each safe haven facility by the organization. Once the mother leaves, staff will contact EMS for transportation of the newborn to a nearby hospital to be checked out. The regional Department of Child Services (DCS) is contacted to notify them of the surrender. Once medical clearance is given, DCS will place the newborn with a permanent adoptive family. The surrender of her baby is completely confidential. The police and her family members will not be notified.

For more information any time any day about the law women in crisis can call a helpline at: 866-699-7233 or use their website:

www.secretsafeplacetn.org



A SECRET SAFE PLACE
FOR NEWBORNS OF TENNESSEE

Briefs

Member Cares:

Prayers and concerns for healing for Roy Fox and Elena Monat (Dan's wife); Tom Ankow's wife Donna, Bobby Perskinson's wife Wanda.

Twenty-four attended today's meeting and Tony Thompson was properly dressed.

Members, please sign up for interclub meetings, contact Pete Davis.

Everyone – check out or go to the Maryville Kiwanis website (maryvilletnkiwanis.org) to learn all about what we do as a 106-year-old service organization. There is much information you may not know, many, many photos, and **The Kourier**. This week you can see more photos of Ed Mitchell's retirement celebration and the dedication of his Bottle-cap bench.

We invite each of you to **GET INVOLVED!** Participate more in our activities, sign up to serve on one of our many committees.

Coming Events/Programs

Maryville Kiwanis meeting, September 15, noon, at GMCC; program: Robert Russell, US Navy Aircraft Carrier Operations & Logistics

Maryville Kiwanis Board meeting, Thursday September 17, 9am, United Way, notify Heather. Anyone can attend.

Interclub meeting at Alcoa, September 3, noon at Airport Hilton

Volunteer State Aktion Club interclub meeting 11am September 17 at 1st Baptist Church of Maryville.

We are holding an Ice Cream Social Event on September 24 from 5-7pm for members and family of Maryville, Alcoa and Foothills-Townsend Kiwanis Clubs. We will all meet at Pearson Springs Pavilion, 1467 Montvale Station Rd. Please let Emily Mantooth know by September 22 if you plan to attend and how many you will bring with you Emily's email is emantooth@unitedwayblount.org.



Our annual Installation of Board Officers Dinner will be held at GMCC on September 29 at 6pm. At the dinner the Kiwanian of the Year and Helping Hand awards will also be presented. If you can attend, please respond to the email you will receive from Heather Larson which will include details and cost. Let Heather know your name, the name of any guests if you plan to attend. Respond by email at kiwanismaryville.tn@gmail.com as soon as possible so arrangements can be made for the food and meeting setup.

Birthdays

September 3, Tom Antkow
September 5, Heath Barberry
September 16, Jerry Heiny
September 17, Stephen Frana
September 18, Debbie Jones
September 23, Randy Allen



Interclubs

Aktion Club 08/20/26. Maryville Fire Department gave a safety program. Four firefighters gave a very informative presentation.



Blount Partnership Hunger Action Breakfast at Second Harvest Food Bank

Attended by Regina Jennings, Elaine Russell, Wanda Davis, Linda Ullom, Kristi Rule, Steve Lick, (not shown: Robby Paul, Tammy Ford and Pete Davis).



News from Kiwanis International

Kids Need Kiwanis. They need adults and organizations who care. That's why people join Kiwanis, to make a difference. We love serving together to change children's lives. We and our community should serve the kids who need us most.

News from the Kentucky-Tennessee District



From Governor Montee Sneed: He wants the District to show an increase of four new Kiwanis Clubs and each division to experience at least 10 new members. If possible, reactivate or sponsor new Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, Aktion Club or KKids Clubs. Also educate our members and communities about drug abuse and child trafficking. Sponsor more Amtrykes for more of our kids. Leave a legacy by planting more trees in our community.

Mayor Ed Mitchell Retirement 08/25/26

On August 25 a retirement celebration for Mayor Ed Mitchell was held at the Capitol Theater. He has served as our county mayor for 16 years. Many of our members attended. Congratulations and many thanks Ed for your service.



More Retirement Photos



Ed Mitchell Bottle Cap Bench Dedication at Eagleton Ballpark 08/27/26



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

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 (We will highlight one each month)

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.



Service Leadership Programs

Leadership of All Ages

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