

Maryville Kourier

Meetings at noon each 1st and 3rd Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Maryville; lunch served at 11:30

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Dedicated to building a better community by focusing on service to children and youth

September 15 Meeting Notes

Kiwanian Robert Russell presented an inside look at the organization and operations of a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier - one of the largest and most complex military organizations in the world. The presentation focused on three carriers on which he served: **USS Coral Sea (CV-43)**, **USS America (CV-66)**, and **USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69)**.

A modern carrier is essentially a mobile airfield and floating city, stretching more than 950 feet in length and supporting thousands of sailors and an air wing of approximately 60–75 aircraft, but the carrier does not operate alone. It is normally at the center of a Carrier Strike Group that can include cruisers, destroyers, submarines, and logistics ships. Together, these forces give the United States the ability to project power, deter aggression, control the seas, respond rapidly to crises, and provide humanitarian assistance around the world.

The presentation also took members onto the carrier's flight deck, where aircraft are launched by catapults and recovered using arresting gear in a carefully choreographed operation involving hundreds of sailors. During Robert's service aboard **USS Dwight D. Eisenhower**, Carrier Air Wing Seven included: F-14 Tomcats, A-6 Intruders, A-7E Corsair IIs, EA-6B Prowlers, E-2C Hawkeyes, S-3A Vikings, SH-3H Sea Kings, and aircraft providing carrier onboard delivery and logistics support. The different colored jerseys worn by flight-deck personnel identify their responsibilities: yellow for aircraft directors, purple for aviation fuel crews - the famous "Grapes" - blue for plane handlers, brown for plane captains, green for maintenance and technical personnel, red for weapons crews, and white for safety, supervisory, and logistics functions.

A major focus of Robert's presentation was the carrier **Supply Department**, whose mission ultimately supports a simple objective: **put bombs on target and keep the ship and its aircraft operating**. Supply personnel manage food service, repair parts, aviation supplies, ship stores, laundry and dry cleaning, barber shops, financial services, postal operations, hazardous materials, computers, receiving, shipping, and more than 100 storerooms. They feed thousands of sailors several times each day while simultaneously maintaining the repair parts and consumable supplies needed for the ship, its nuclear propulsion plant, and embarked aircraft. At sea, the carrier is replenished while underway with fuel, food, ammunition, mail, and repair parts, allowing it to remain on station for extended periods without entering port.



USS Coral Sea



USS America



USS Dwight D Eisenhower

Briefs

Member Cares:

Continued prayers and concerns for healing are needed for Roy Fox and Elena Monat (Dan's wife) and Tom Ankow's wife Donna.

Thirty-seven attended today's meeting. Denn Larson was properly dressed.

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**.

GET INVOLVED with the club members and activities! Sign up to serve on one of our many committees.

Coming Events/Programs

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.

Maryville Kiwanis meeting, October 6, at First Baptist Church of Maryville; program: Mark Bennett; topic: Maryville history.

Maryville Kiwanis Board meeting, Thursday October 15, 9am, United Way, notify Heather. Anyone can attend.

Interclub meeting at Alcoa, October 1, noon at Airport Hilton. **Please sign up!**

Volunteer State Aktion Club interclub meeting 11am October 15 at First 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.



Birthdays

October 9, Paige Thompson

October 13, Dan Monat

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Interclubs

Alcoa Kiwanians Fred Martin, Bruce Damrow, David Nichols and Mike Morrell visited our club 09/15/26.



News from the Kentucky-Tennessee District

The Division 5 Council meeting was held in Kodak on September 14. Lt. Governor Mike Morrell, Secretary Heather Larson, Treasurer Marvin Stewart, Claire Crouch, Bruce Damrow, Blake Mansfield, Wanda Davis and Terry Weber, attended representing Alcoa, Maryville, Newport, Jefferson County and Northside Knoxville clubs. Claire received an award from Kiwanis International as Governor of the Distinguished Kentucky-Tennessee District. Lt Governor Mike Morrell gave a thank you and farewell speech to end his term and then turned over the Lt. Governor banner to incoming Lt. Governor Pete Davis.



News from Kiwanis International **KIWANIS BY THE NUMBERS**

449,229 - The number of Kiwanis family members around the world

7,000,000 - Service hours performed by the Kiwanis family each year

99 - The average number of kids each Kiwanian reaches

1,080,846 Dollars (US) granted by the Kiwanis Children's Fund in 2025

Make a difference in a child's life.

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