

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

October 20 Meeting Notes

Our guest speaker, Bill Stiver, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University in 1987 and a Master of Science degree in Wildlife Sciences from The University of Tennessee in 1991. He worked for the National Park Service for 34 years, at Great Smoky Mountains National Park managing wild hogs and human/bear conflicts, and monitoring elk and endangered bats. He retired in 2025 but is currently working part time for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency supporting the black bear management program as well as teaching a wildlife and fisheries class at Pellissippi State Community College.



He discussed the importance of BearWise®, an education program that teaches people how to live responsibly with black bears, and the Tennessee BearWise business recognition program which encourages cooperative efforts with TWRA to help resolve human/bear conflicts. They want to educate people about Bearwise Basics to help communities live responsibly with bears

Talking about black bears he explained that they have 18 years average life span in wild, mate in mid-summer; give birth January or February in dens with an average litter of 2 cubs. Cubs stay with mothers for about 18 months. In summer females weigh about 100 lbs. and males about 250 lbs. They can double their weight in fall. Their Natural diet is berries) in summer, and nuts in fall. They find non-natural food in the area communities (trash cans, etc.)

Bears are opportunistic, eating what is available. Their sense of smell is 100 times that of humans. They are highly intelligent.

Bear populations are growing along with the number of park visitors, so that means there are increasing numbers of calls about bears in the park. When bears learn to continually seek food from outside sources wildlife managers must decide to leave them, kill them or move them.



For more information go to www.bearwise.org

Message from President Carl - Looking Ahead



My hope is that this will be a fun, rewarding, and meaningful year for every member. I want the community to hear more about Maryville Kiwanis and understand the difference we are making. And I want each of you to be proud to say, "I am a member of the Maryville Kiwanis Club."

If we work together, support one another, welcome new members, and stay focused on helping children, I believe we can accomplish some wonderful things this year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. I look forward to working with all of you, and I am excited about what we can accomplish together.

Let's make this a great year for Maryville Kiwanis - and an even greater year for the children of Blount County.

Meet A Member – Steven Lick

Steve was born in Battle Creek, Michigan. He says the mountains and the people are what brought him to our area. He likes helping others. He is a retired vocational education teacher, motorcycle safety instructor and a craft creator. When not working he enjoys paying rent by earning his spot on earth. He is married to Tammy and they have 6 step-grandchildren. He admires Dolly Parton. When asked to describe himself in three words he answered collector, doer, and giver. He joined Kiwanis for the mission to help kids and the elderly. His personal motto is: Always Help.



New Members

Welcome back to Michael Torano, now representing corporate member the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra sponsored by Wanda Davis. Also welcome to Bob Edwards sponsored by Elaine Russell.



Special Recognition

Hunter Jones received his pin as a new member of the Board of Directors and Emily Mantooth received a Spotlight Award in recognition of the many services she provides for the club.



It's Pancake and Bake Sale Time in Tennessee

Co-chairs Debbie Jones and Wanda Davis need you help getting donors, sponsors and selling tickets to your friends, families and neighbors. The 32nd Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, November 21 at Maryville High School cafeteria. If you can prepare or have any items for the Bake Sale and General Store, please let Debbie or Wanda know.



Briefs

Member Cares:

Continued prayers and concerns for healing are needed for Tom and Donna Antkow and Dan and Elena Monat as they are being treated and recovering from health issues.

Thirty-one attended today's meeting. Steve Lick was properly dressed.

Everyone – check out or go to the Maryville Kiwanis website (maryvilletkiwanis.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

Tellico Village Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-11am, October 31, Tellico Village Community Church.

Maryville Kiwanis meeting, November 3, at First Baptist Church of Maryville: Program: Veteran's Day

Maryville Kiwanis meeting, November 17, at First Baptist Church of Maryville:

Program: Ed Mitchell, Lessons Learned-Future

Interclub meeting at Alcoa, November 5, noon at Airport Hilton. **Please sign up!**

Maryville Kiwanis Board meeting, Thursday November 19, 9am, United Way, notify Heather. Anyone can attend.

Volunteer State Aktion Club interclub meeting 11am November 19 at First Baptist Church of Maryville.

Birthdays

October 26, Wanda Davis and Don Roddy

October 27, Susan Bryant and Amanda Nowak

November 2, David Erwin

November 3, Robby Paul

November 12, Linda Ullom

November 20, Bob Edwards

November 20, Mike Roberson

November 30, Karl Miller



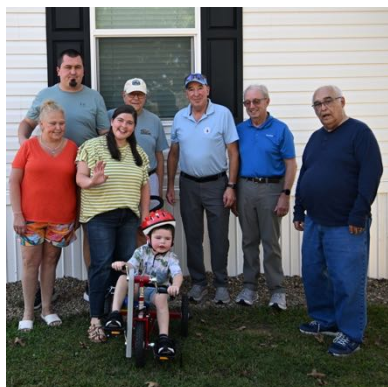
Interclubs

Maryville at Aktion Club, Marie Roush, Jerry Heiny. Wanda and Pete Davis, 10/15/26. Second photo: Wanda, Jerry, Aktion Club President Angelique Astudio and Marie with fall leaves project.



Amtryke Presentation

We presented our 12th Amtryke to 3-year-old Harrison Ray shown with his parents Emily and Dustin and his Grandma.



News from the Kentucky-Tennessee District Governor Montee Sneed



Raise awareness of Child Trafficking in your community by having a program at your club meeting.
Educate your club about Drug Abuse in your community at your club meeting.



KT District Convention on Children, March 19 & 20, 2027, in Alcoa, TN
KI International Convention, June 16-19, 2027, in Dallas, TX
KT District Convention, August 26-29, 2027, Bowling Green, KY

News from Kiwanis International

Kiwanis By the Numbers

Number of Kiwanis family members worldwide: 449,229

Service hours performed by Kiwanis family members each year: 7,000,000

Each Kiwanian makes a difference in 99 kids lives

Dollars granted by the Kiwanis Children's Fund last year \$1,080,846

Number of Kiwanis Service Leadership Program advisors 7277

Kiwanians who have been members for 25 or more years: 33457

You can make a difference in a child's life. Every child is one caring adult away from being a success story. May you be that caring adult.



Division 5 News

Newport Kiwanis club welcomed Pete and Wanda Davis to their annual Bean Dinner 10/20/26. Shown here are Newport President Tom Mooty, Past Lt. Governor Jim McSweeney, and Secretary Sam Moscato.



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 First Baptist Church of Maryville

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 Carl Van Hoozier

President-Elect Tom Antkow

Vice-President Patsy Russell

Past-President Blake Mansfield

Secretary Heather Larson

Treasurer Julie Miller

Directors Pete Davis, Sarah Delpy, Cliff Frana, Regina Jennings, Hunter Jones, Dan Monat, Amanda Nowak, Paige Thompson, Tony Thompson

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 for All Ages in Blount County



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

Cedar Ridge Builders