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

November 3 Meeting Notes

Patsy Russell's Veterans Day program told us about the role of a military spouse recounting how Robert Russell's 24-year Navy career, from 1974 to 1998, shaped their entire family. Navy life brought repeated moves across the United States and overseas, including assignments in Rhode Island, Georgia, California, Maryland, Virginia, Okinawa, Naples and London.



Her presentation highlighted the military spouse's role in maintaining stability through deployments, solo parenting, household decisions and constant concern for the deployed service member. It also addressed loneliness, separation from family support and the challenge of repeatedly rebuilding friendships and community. Even joyful homecomings required adjustment as family roles, routines and responsibilities were renegotiated.

Frequent relocations also affected spouses' careers through disrupted professional progress, licensing barriers, unemployment or income gaps, and restrictions on overseas employment. These experiences demanded adaptability, independence, continuity and a willingness to build community wherever the Navy sent the family.

Military life also offered important benefits: travel throughout the United States and abroad, exposure to foreign cultures, lifelong friendships and a strong sense of belonging within each new military community. Patsy's program's central message was that although one person wears the uniform, the responsibilities and sacrifices of service are carried by the entire family.

She explained that by the numbers among active-duty military members, 50% are married and 35% have children, 7.2% are part of dual-military marriages, and 22% of military spouses are men.

Robert explained the history of Veterans Day and what it means to Americans. He recognized our club members and those from Alcoa who are veterans of the various branches of the military.

Message from President Carl



At the heart of everything we do is our mission to help children. Early learning and literacy are so important. Giving children access to books helps encourage a love of reading and gives them a stronger foundation for the future. That is the kind of work that reminds us why Kiwanis matters. It is not just about meetings or fundraisers. It is about investing in children and helping make our community a better place.

I also believe that the success of our club depends on something very important - the involvement of our members. I want every member to feel that they are an important part of Maryville Kiwanis. Whether you serve on a committee, help with a fundraiser, participate in a community project, or simply invite someone to a meeting, your involvement matters. We need everyone's ideas, energy, and willingness to help.

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

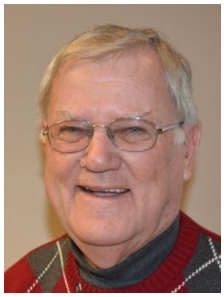
It's Pancake and Bake Sale Time in Tennessee
T-minus 3 weeks

Co-chairs Debbie Jones and Wanda Davis need your 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 and Prayers
Former member Wilson Borden needs our prayers as he battles very serious health issues.



We must also remember and pray for former longtime member Roger Jennings, Regina's husband, who passed away suddenly last week.



Thirty-seven attended today's meeting. Lynn Tittsworth was properly dressed.

Check out 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

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

November 2, David Erwin
November 3, Robby Paul
November 12, Linda Ullom
November 20, Bob Edwards
November 20, Mike Roberson
November 30, Karl Miller



Tellico Village Pancake Breakfast 10/31/26

Maryville members Pete, Debbie and Wanda travelled to Tellico Village to support their club's annual pancake breakfast.



Alcoa Interclub at Maryville 11/03/26
Pete joined Davis Nichols, Fred Martin and Chris Mahler at our meeting



We are blessed to live in such a beautiful area.



News from the Kentucky-Tennessee District





The average Kiwanian makes a positive difference in the lives of 99 kids?

Corporate members expand rosters and service. They're a way of boosting the club's roster numbers - but they're also a way to increase your visibility in the community and to connect with corporate and organizational leaders. They add new possibilities to our service and fundraising. Help us recruit corporate members from businesses in our area.

Latest Membership Numbers: The District Now has 3450 members in 127 clubs that's a growth of 54 members.

KT District Mid-Year Conference 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

Kids Need Kiwanis



Make a difference in a child's life.

Every child is one caring adult away from being a success story. **You are that caring adult.**

Division 5 News

Here are the latest membership numbers for the nine clubs in Division 5 which covers 8 counties in East Tennessee (Blount, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Sevier and Union). **There are no Kiwanis clubs yet in Union or Grainger** counties, so if you know anyone there please notify Pete Davis so he can make arrangements with their community leaders to show them the importance of having Kiwanis there to help their community and their children.

Alcoa - 46 members
Foothills-Townsend - 14 members
Jefferson County - 7 members
Knoxville - 43 members
Maryville - 59 members
Morristown - 43 members
Newport - 71 members
Northside Knoxville - 17 members
Sevierville - 14 members
TOTAL - 314 members



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
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Past-President Blake Mansfield
Secretary Heather Larson
Treasurer Julie Miller
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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