

# Maryville Kiwanis Kourier

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Kiwanis Club of Maryville, TN

Meeting at noon at Green Meadow Country club, lunch served at 11:30

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The Kiwanis Club of Maryville is dedicated to building a better community by focusing on service to children and youth.

## KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DAY PROJECT ONE WEEK LATE

We had a great turn out for our Kiwanis International Service Day Project which had been scheduled for October 27 but postponed a week because of bone-chilling rain. Therefore, on November 3, another chilly day but absent the rain, 11 Kiwanians or friends and family members came out to make the Maryville Kiwanis section of East Lamar Alexander Parkway from the Thompson-Brown House to a mile closer to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park a clean, pristine, and tourist attracting section of the roadway. As the group finishes up each quarter, they have a Maryville Kiwanis Social breakfast, and most of those who cleaned up eat up, too. The short-term activity is actually a lot of fun, providing camaraderie and good bending and reaching exercise as well as helping our community have a stretch of highway of which we can be proud.



Trash Picker-Uppers, L-R: Pete Davis, Doug Craig, Regina Jennings, Akmaral Murat, Roger Jennings, Bob Ullom, Howard Kerr, Linda Ullom, Steve Frana, Patrick Collins, Tim Thurston

### President's Korner



Hello again Maryville Kiwanians! November was a very busy month. Thanks to all of you who helped make the Pancake Breakfast a success. Steve Frana and Stephanie Tipton worked hard with all the committees. We had about 60 of you along with students from our Builders, Key, and Circle K Clubs volunteer to work that day. We served around 750 plates that day and the cafeteria was full. Special thanks to all who purchased or sold tickets, and who helped find sponsors to help fund the breakfast. I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

December is upon us. Don't forget to try to be there at GMCC on December 18 for our annual Christmas Celebration with Santa and his helper. The holidays are also upon us; I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May each of you have many blessings during this season of happiness and joy, no matter what your religious beliefs may be.

Pete Davis, President

# Briefs

## MEMBERSHIPS

Although we had welcomed her a considerable time earlier, on November 13 we officially welcomed new member Maureen Diffley by giving her an official Kiwanis International pin which was presented by President Pete Davis.



## November Member Moments

### Member Moment:

Patsy Russell introduced Maureen Diffley, Salvation Army Director in Blount County. Maureen speaks fluent Russian. She wanted to become a journalist, but in the late 90's, while she was a foreign exchange student in Russia, she learned about the Salvation Army. After college she returned to Russia working for the Salvation Army HIV, AIDS and drug rehabilitation program as a developer of program curriculum at the age of 22. Later she returned to the US, for a brief time working outside the Salvation Army, but she soon realized her calling and rejoined the Salvation Army.



**Member Moment:** Dan Monat introduced John Berry, who moved to Tennessee from Texas and life in the construction business to seek a degree at The University of Tennessee. John taught at UT Hearing and Speech Center and was the only tenured instructor at the University. John is a prayerful man who looks for God's guidance in all that he does. After a miracle of timing let him find ways to help people from mildly to profoundly deaf have normal human speech and studying how to accomplish that, John founded Blount Hearing and Speech in 1975. He and former Maryville Kiwanian and *Daily Times* publisher Tutt Bradford started the Hearing and Speech Foundation in 1981. They have served over 6,000 people in the Foundation and over 22,000 people with Blount Hearing and Speech. The event in life that has had the most impact on him was moving to East Tennessee and marrying his beautiful wife Sarah. He was a seminarian studying to be a Catholic priest for six years. His birthday is Christmas Day. John has two adopted children, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren and brings enthusiasm, integrity, and love to all of them.



## Kiwanis Club of Alcoa Gala/Social and Interclub



(Seated L-R) Bobby Burke, Steve Frana, Debra Jones, Patsy Russell, Wanda Davis, and Linda Ullom  
(Standing L-R) Pete Davis, Wanda Perkinson, Bobby Perkinson, and Bob Ullom. Photo by Alcoa Kiwanian Jim Warner.

On November 11, nine Maryville Kiwanians and two Wandas (spouses of members) joined our club's "sister/brother" club, the Kiwanis Club of Alcoa, in an evening of fun, good food, and fellowship for the Alcoa club's annual gala. Not a formal gala, everyone attended in clothing most comfortable to them. They ate at the same table together so had a Maryville Club social and got to celebrate a double interclub as well since eight members creates a double. What a great evening among close friends. Pete Davis said of the gathering, "Such a fine group!"

### Long-Distance Interclubbing Commitment



L-R: Linda Ullom, Patsy Russell, Bob Ullom, and Robert Russell who on a recent trip to South Carolina taken together, Patsy and Robert Russell and Linda and Bob Ullom visited the Kiwanis Club of Pawley's Island. Patsy said, "We were warmly welcomed and enjoyed learning about the many projects of this active club." They were a very nice bunch of totally committed Kiwanians.

## INTERCLUBS GALORE IN NOVEMBER

Some of our interclub “Old Faithfuls” started November off very well by attending a meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Alcoa on November 1. L-R: Bobby Burke, Lynn Tittsworth, Peter Towle, Pete Davis, Robert Austin

The Alcoa club meets on Thursdays at the Airport Hilton, which is less than three miles from the Green Meadow Country Club where our Maryville Club meets, so it’s not geographically or even time-wise difficult to attend. You only have to remember to sign up to attend on the interclub sign-up sheet so the Hilton’s chef prepares enough food for everyone. When the Maryville Club grew too large for local venues many moons ago, the Alcoa club formed and has remained an important part of our “core family” ever since, so it’s like a family reunion to get together with them each month.



## MEETING NOTES

Our November 6 meeting was handled by Pete Davis from the beginning to the end, including the reporting. He reported on the financial standing of the foundation. We have budgeted revenues of \$144,000 and expenditures of \$115,105. Last year’s pancake breakfast served about 700 meals and involved work by about 70 of our members, and we earned \$22,105. Our golf tournament fielded 25 teams and earned \$37,257. The Leadership Adventure Camp had 35 campers. The foundation made donations to the Spelling Bee, Back Pack Program, Big Brothers & Sisters, books for the Blount County Library, Boy & Girl Scouts, Newspapers in Education, Eliminate, Key Club Scholarships, Youth Court, and supported Builders Club, Circle K, and Aktion Club. New plans for this year include donations to Girls Inc. and to Pellissippi State and Maryville College for scholarships. Pete had members work in groups than as a whole to discuss possible new income sources and projects.



Fifty-four attendees enjoyed our meeting on November 13. Randy Allen and Patsy Russell greeted members and guests for the day. Linda Ullom gave the invocation. Robert Russell collected our Happy Bucks. Using a video created by President Pete Davis, we honored all members who had served in the military in their lifetimes (if they got material in to Pete on time). Wilson Borden came to the meeting properly dressed wearing both Kiwanis Pin and name badge. Patsy Russell, Program Chair of the Day, introduced Jake Jones, the Principal of Heritage High School, a comprehensive high school that combined Everett, Porter, Townsend and Walland High Schools. Heritage, which was built in 1977 with such rare features as a beautiful swimming pool and a planetarium,

opened for teaching in 1978. The school presently has about 1500 students: two percent are African American, one percent Asian, ninety percent Caucasian, and seven percent Hispanic. Students can choose one of nine courses of study, with 29 pathways to reach their goals. The curriculum offers 13 advanced placement courses which allow students to enter college with college credit in those classes.

The school also offers 21 honors courses, which help students surpass a grade point average because they are weighted as more challenging and difficult than ordinary courses. The geographic area is huge and requires approximately 45 buses daily to deliver them. Forty percent of students now pursue two-year post-secondary degree, and another 32% take a four-year college route. Mr. Jones asked that Kiwanians consider being mentors to students who are first-generation-college-bound.

On November 20, our greeters Robert Austin and Steve Frana helped welcome the majority of the 53 present for the meeting. Steve Frana gave the invocation. Newsom Baker wore both pin and name badge so was considered properly dressed. Linda Ullom collected Happy Bucks. Steve Frana introduced Natalie Mong from the Smoky Mountain Raptor Center. Natalie and her assistant explained how the center works year-round caring for injured raptors and about trying to teach the public about the issues that these awesome birds of prey face. One of the issues involves some Tennessee trash: food, cigarettes, cups, and bottles near our roadways must look edible from the heights, because the birds will swoop down to capture the enticing garbage and will often be hit by vehicles. The center currently cares for 11 birds and performed rehab on 47 birds last in 2017. The center has another important pursuit: they are helping increase school science scores by sharing their data and demonstrating their birds that cannot be rehabilitated with students. They work in partnership with Maryville College and the Top of the World. Catch and release is their goal with all birds (only a few cannot be totally able to return to the wild). They are able to rehab up to 65% of their birds. They introduced A. J., an American kestrel falcon, whose rate of flying speed can be up to 200 miles per hour! Natalie explained that owls who cannot be fully healed cannot be released to the wild because they will then make some noise while flying in the dark and their prey can then hear them and escape. They must feed their beautiful raptors a tasty diet of rats, mice, rabbits, and squirrels.



In spite of having long-awaited comedian-columnist Eric Golub show up after bad weather canceled an earlier planned presentation, only 37 members, four guests, and two visiting Kiwanians attended our meeting on November 27. Maybe everyone was still in tryptophan torpor from Turkey day a few days earlier. Those present had Kathy Jackson and Clay Kriese as greeters. Lynn Tittsworth gave the invocation. Clay Kriese collected the Happy Bucks for the day. Randy Allen wore his pin and name badge so escaped being labeled improperly dressed. Pete Davis introduced Mr. Golub. Eric Golub entertained attendees with many rapid-fire jokes, mixed in with some satire and philosophy. His jokes were all clean and touched on nearly every topic imaginable. He said that present politics make him sick and spoke “of how the US

President tries to consolidate power [possibly to avoid impeachment] while in Kiwanis, the President tries to **get** someone to impeach him. He told us that his grandparents were happily married for 67 years because his grandfather made all the monetary decisions for their family while his grandmother made all the other decisions.”

# ANGELS IN DISGUISE

Five teams formed in November to buy Christmas gifts for children whose parents have let their wants and needs be known to our local Salvation Army Office. Pictured below are members from each team that worked hard to collect money and then do the gift shopping and some bagging or wrapping for children who might otherwise be deprived at Christmas time. There will be many happy children in Blount County come Christmas thanks to our Kiwanis Angels. The title of each group below is arbitrarily assigned by the reporter.



*Angel Team I: Ben Cate, Doug Craig, Bobby Burke, Robert Austin, and Debbie Jones*



*Angel Team II: Linda Ullom, Robert Russell, Patsy Russell, Bob Ullom*



*Angel Team III: Steve Frana, Brenda Sellers, Julie Miller, and Bill Campbell*



*Angel team IV: Newsom Baker, Tom Coulter, Jon Dockery, Anna White, Debbie Jones, Steve Kiefer, Regina Jennings*



*Angel Team V: Pete Davis, Teri Braham, Candy Daugherty, and Ben Cate*



## At Christmas

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



## KLUB KALENDAR

Date	Speaker/Program Chair of the Day	Invocation (at podium, please)	Greeters (11:30 a.m., please)
Dec. 4	State Rep. Jerome Moon/My Life of Service Chair: Robert Russell	Bob Hayes	TBA
Dec. 11	Righ O'Leary/Feeding the Orphans Chair: Regina Jennings	Patsy Russell	TBA
Dec. 18	Annual Christmas Program	Suzanne Stockfisch	TBA
Dec. 25	Christmas Break/No meeting		
Jan. 1	New Year's Day/No meeting		

## OTHER KEY DATES

Date	Event	Time	Location
Dec. 6	Interclub with Alcoa Kiwanis	11:30 to eat 12:00 to meet	Airport Hilton
Dec. 14	Board Meeting	12:00 noon	Green Meadow Country Club
Feb. 16-19	K-T Mid-Year Conference Airport Hilton. Every Blount Kiwanian should think about being part of a huge club representation.		
Mar. 28	Chamber Coffee hosted by Maryville Kiwanis		Green Meadow Country Club

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Buddy Allen	December 10
Elton Jones	December 10
Doug Overbey	December 11
Pete Davis, Jr.	December 20
John Berry	December 25
Maureen Diffley	December 25
Ron Teffeteller	December 26
Bob Ergenbright	December 29
Jon Dockery	December 29

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY