

May, 2021

Meetings at noon at Green Meadow Country club; lunch served at 11:30 Email: mkiwanis@charter.net; Website: www.maryvillekiwanis.org Dedicated to building a better community by focusing on service to children and youth

PRESIDENT'S KORNER



Greetings Maryville Kiwanians:

We are continuing to open up our meetings and return to normal. There is much excitement and joy about meeting, and more and more of our members are returning. At our May 4 meeting we will begin serving meals from a buffet and now the wearing of face masks is optional. If you feel the need to wear a face mask, we support you doing so. We do encourage vaccination against the COVID virus since this is your best defense. A large percentage of our members have received at least one shot.

The Golf Tournament Committee is very active and it is quite possible that our \$40,000 goal will be exceeded. Your financial support from our membership will certainly make it happen and would be appreciated. Keep in mind that these

monies will go to support the children in Blount County.

Registration is being finalized for the Leadership Camp which will be held June 21⁻²⁵. Early indications are 30 or a few more will attend. Thanks to the support of the Boys and Girls Club it will mainly be held there and will be held as a day camp. A special thanks to Randy Allen and Patsy Russell for planning and organizing this excellent program for our local youth.

We thank Michael Torano and the Membership Committee for organizing a social event at a Smokies Baseball game on Sunday, June 13 at 2:00pm. The Alcoa Club will be joining us. The deadline to register is May 11.

Please continue to recruit more members to join our club. Keep in mind that the club will pay the new member fee of \$97 for 5 new members. Unfortunately, we have had some members resign recently due to their increased work demands on them.

15 of our members attended the Governor's and Prayer Dinner on April 22 at the Airport Hilton. We had the largest number of members in attendance from all the clubs represented. Thanks to everyone.

PRESIDENT'S KORNER (continued)

Don't forget to support the "Drop Your Drawers Campaign." Bring in children's underwear and socks for distribution to the schools.

Stay healthy and hope to see you soon. We miss those of you who have been unable to attend.

Doug Craig

BRIEFS

Masks

We are asked to wear a mask only if we feel that we or our fellow members will be safer from COVID-19 if we do so.

Underwear & Socks

Please "drop your drawers" at our next meeting to help little kids

throughout Tennessee and Kentucky have clean new underwear in case they have an accident in theirs or do not have any to begin with; socks are welcome, too. It's our lovely First Lady's project for this Kiwanis year. There's a box beside the sign-in table to hold all of the little protective clothing as you think to buy it and bring them into meetings with you.

Membership

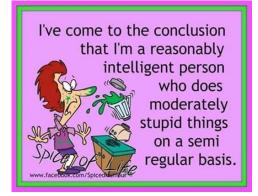
The first five new members of 2021 will have their \$97 dollar fees paid by the club. Alas, we lost two members, Bunker Handly and Anna White, who had to resign because of increased work responsibilities.

SLPs

Patsy Russell reports that the Maryville High School Key Club has made plans to visit the Maryville Junior High School Builders Club so that they can recruit new members for the Key Club at MHS next school year.

Leadership Adventure Camp

Randy Allen and **Patsy Russell** have been holding student and Parent recruitment sessions for the summer Leadership Adventure Camp at the three schools with rising eighth graders.



PRESENTATIONS

Each Kiwanis year, Maryville Kiwanis shares money that it has raised. Apart from the very extensive commitments we have to support the Imagination Library and our Leadership Adventure Camp each year, we also support other agencies who have children as their reason for existence. One of our partner agencies is the Boys & Girls Club of Blount County (B&GC). On April 13, Doug Craig presented Jeff Money, Executive Director of B&GC (and a Maryville Kiwanian) with a check for \$1000 to help keep their excellent after school programs going. The organization was started in 1860 and has helped hundreds of thousands of children do better in school and to have better lives.



Our Leadership Adventure Camp will be at the Boys & Girls Club this coming June. For the first time, the very impressive program for rising eighth grade boys and girls will be run as a day camp instead of a completely away-from-home camp. Wesley Woods has been closed due to the pandemic, and we may find that students do just as well or better in the old Fort Craig School building where the B&GC holds its programs.

On April 27, Doug Craig presented Kesha Waters and Janie Wallace with a check for \$500 for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. These advocates make a

huge difference in the lives of neglected or abused children. Their well-researched and carefully trained advocacy allows judges to make the best, well-informed and generally best-outcome-producing decisions for each child served. CASA's entire focus is children. Supporting children who face worst-case scenarios in their lives can have best-case outcomes due to their special advocates.



INTERCLUBS

Interclubs extend the goodwill and fellowship that Kiwanians around the world share: we get together and meet other Kiwanis International members, share what's alike in our meetings and learn other ways of accomplishing similar goals to ours. We have an exceptional club in that we hold a phenomenal number of interclubs each Kiwanis year. Peter Towle, our current interclub chair, arranges many opportunities to make such good visits, and all we have to do is make a commitment once a Kiwanis year to attend an interclub. Peter has recently reported that we have completed all requirements for the KY-TN Excellence Award.



At Norwood club, L-R: Ben Cate, Jim Hands, Peter Towle, Pete Davis, and Bobby Burke



At Sevierville Club, L-R: Ben Cate, Bobby Burke, Gov. & Mrs. David Coulter, Pete Davis, and Peter Towle



Interclub gathering at the Foothills/Townsend club meeting L-R: Doug Craig, Bobby Burke, two Foothills members, Jim Hands, another Foothills member, and Peter Towle

Governor's & Prayer Dinner

On April 22, 15 Maryville Kiwanis members gathered to enjoy the annual Governor's and Prayer Dinner, celebrated at the Airport Hilton. Our Layperson for the year nominee, Jeff Money, was one of the finalists for recognition as Layperson of the Year for Division 5 of the KY-TN District of Kiwanis International. Everyone who attended reported having a pleasant evening and all were rooting for Jeff. Sevierville Kiwanian Ginger Riggs was chosen for 2021. It's a great honor to be recognized in your own club anyway... and we are all proud of Jeff. Jim Warner, editor of the Alcoa Club's newsletter, sent Pete Davis the following photos: thanks, Jim.



L-R: Robert Russell, Patsy Russell, Robert Austin, Debra Jones, Steve Frana, Bobby Burke, Wanda Davis, Heather Larson, Denn Larson, Pete Davis.



L-R: Steve Frana, Robert Austin, Jeff Money, and Bobby Burke

Governor's & Prayer Dinner (continued)



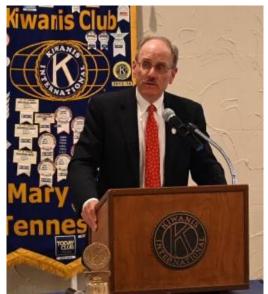
L-R: Marvin Stewart, Pete Davis, Gov. David Coulter, Louise Coulter, and Wanda Davis



Pete Davis, District Governor David Coulter, and Layperson of the Year Ginger Riggs

MEETING NOTES

On April 6, 2021, according to Robert Russell's Meeting Minutes, we had 20 people in-person and six Zoomers for a total of 26 attendees. After we sang to a recorded, prepandemic verse of "America," attendees pledged Allegiance to the Flag, and listened to Katie Chase give the invocation. Bob Ullom gave the House Report. Lynn Tittsworth was properly dressed. Kent Willoughby collected our Happy Bucks. Bobby Perkinson announced that we had \$28,000 committed towards our Golf Tournament. Michael Torano circulated a sign-up sheet for our social to take place at a Smokies Baseball game on June 13. Our Chair for the Day Patsy Russell introduced Rob Britt, Director of the Blount County School System. Rob has served as Director for 12 years now. He said that BCS has held in-class school since July 30, 2020. They also offer "hybrid" classes with both inperson and on-line learning. He said that from March 2020 to July 2020, all classes were virtual. They even delivered



meals to children's homes during this time as for many students, food shortages are too common. They also sent Chromebooks home so that students would be able to access school work and made sure there was at least a "hotspot" so students could use their Chromebooks. Rob mentioned that the emotional toll on students, teachers, and staff has been high during the pandemic.

They are about to do some major testing to determine what learning loss has taken place for students. All BCS students will be in school starting this coming fall. BCS teachers will provide summer school and tutoring will be offered also to help mediate the learning loss that has happened because of the new protocols. There will be four weeks of summer school with focus on literacy and math. It is to be hoped that most, if not all, parents will make sure their children all have the opportunity to catch up on their learning so that they will remain on their proper level. Heritage High School has been updated and now has State of the Art Science labs. The Blount County Schools System, which receives funding from only state and county taxes, not city taxes, still manages to make significant progress. Rob Britt helps keep the system moving forward despite facing many challenges.

For our meeting on April 13, after "America," the Pledge of Allegiance, and an invocation by Lynn Tittsworth for the 43 members, two Zoomers and two other guests present, several announcements were made. Bobby Perkinson said that we had \$30,500 pledges already for the Golf Tournament in July. Michael Torano explained that everyone should get ready for a great time at a Smokies Game Social on June 13. The House Committee needs a new chair to replace starting October 1. Dale Henry was properly dressed. Bobby Perkinson collected \$100 in Happy Bucks.

Robert Russell, our Chair for the Day, introduced **Dexter Justice** and **Christie Brown** from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to talk to us about upcoming TDOT projects in Blount County. Dexter told us about seven new Alcoa Highway projects. One of them is the new Alcoa Highway Detour Road

project that will entail about \$190 million to complete. He showed a video of the Airport Highway detour.

MEETING NOTES (continued)

Dexter Justice mentioned that the US 129 Bypass Road will be widened to become a six-lane bypass to help address the bottlenecks that often occur in that section of Alcoa Highway. He said that completing the Alcoa Highway Detour project will take another six years. The projects he mentioned cover from Hall Road to the interchange at McGhee Tyson airport, from that interchange to Pellissippi Parkway, from there to South Singleton Station Road, from there to north of the Little River. They hope, with all of the projects completed to have increased the capacity of the road, to have reduced the number of crashes and to have all-round improvement of safety, and to have corrected all of the serious roadway deficiencies that have existed. He explained, also, that the Pellissippi Parkway Extension is no longer under injunction and that they will begin buying property along the extended roadway



by December 2021. He said that it will take about three and a half years to finish that project once they get it underway.

Thirty-nine members were in-person at our April 20 meeting and six attended via Zoom. We had two other guests for a total of 47. Dick Poling gave our invocation after Robert Russell sang along with his recording of the club singing "America." Bobby Perkinson gave an update on how the Golf Tournament is doing, with numbers rising rapidly. President **Doug Craig** announced that buffet dining will return in the near future. That should help reduce some of the confusion as to which person will receive a preordered salad and who will receive the regular entrée. Bill Dempster, Blake Mansfield, and Heath Barberry received "welcome-backs" since they have been part of the pandemic meeting blues. Randy Allen reported that 27 middle school students have signed up for the Leadership Adventure Camp. Jerry Heiny was properly dressed.

Steve Frana, our Chair for the Day, introduced our own member **Howard Kerr**, who was present to help us get a better understanding of nuclear matters. Howard is a Blount County boy who studied Nuclear engineering at the university of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK). He was



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interested in helping generate electricity in a safe, non-carbon-based way as American design has proven with nuclear power plants. Howard was hired for a temporary job at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Y-12 (WWII Code name for the electromagnetic isotope separation plant that produced the enriched uranium necessary for the Manhattan Project). That "temp" position lasted for 27 years! He worked partially in weaponry along the way. However, he was asked to go to Russia to help them with their nuclear safety. His mindset about Russia changed as he met and learned about Russian people, including their interest in and excitement about Americans. He came away from that trip no longer willing to work in nuclear weapons or to try to destroy any Russian lives. Howard explained the different uses so far for many different nuclear processes. He compared nuclear fission and nuclear fusion reactions. Howard sincerely hopes that he can help the public learn to view nuclear energy as a useful process that can vastly improve life instead of destroying life via nuclear bombs to kill people and destroy our environment.

At our April 27 meeting, Robert Russell was not present, but the Kourier editor was there for the first time in pandemic ages to record what was happening. President-elect **Steve Frana** served in Robert's stead and played the first verse of "America" for us, as we all dared to sing along, masks on for most as we tried not to pass any possible virus-laden drops into the air (most have received their vaccines by now, so we are considerably safer). We all said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, which is displayed prominently at all of our meetings. Susan Jones gave the invocation. **Bobby Perkinson** informed us that we now have \$30,500 Golf Tournament monies pledged. **Randy Allen** told us that thus far we have 29 rising eighth graders signed up for the Leadership Adventure Camp to be held at the Boys and Girls Club in June. Twenty-two of the

aspiring leaders are girls and seven are boys. **Michael Torano** told us that if we want their world-famous coleslaw as we attend a Smokies game June 13, we need to let him know at once because the numbers to be served the toothsome salad are strictly limited and only one more person can receive it. Michael needs all names of those wishing to attend by May 11. The fee for the day, with prime stadium seating and fellow Kiwanians to sweeten the event, is \$29 per person. President **Doug Craig** reminded us that we will be voting for our slate of new Directors and Vice President for 2021-22 next week. For Vice President: **Tom Coulter**; for new directors: **Jerry Heiny, Tim Thurston, and Kent Willoughby**.

Wanda Davis, our Chair for the Day, introduced Terri Stewart from the Blount Health and Wellness center. Terri worked for years as a Registered Nurse at the UT Medical Center, but she found herself at 40 not living an ideally healthy and fit life so decided to make changes. The changes translated into a whole new career of helping people find better health, strength, and senses of wellness. She became a certified professional trainer in fitness (land and aquatic programs). She became a volunteer for the Office on Aging. She loves traveling, especially on mission trips. Her focus is on encouraging



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overall healthiness. "If we eat well," she said, "and exercise, we can live a better life." She said we should play the "Game of Aging" by thinking like coaches and teammates and should make our chief goal staying out of hospitals. We should all really keep ourselves able to maintain sure footedness and balance, mainly for fall prevention. If we keep ourselves strong and fit, we allow our independent lives to stretch out longer so we'll be able to spend quality time with our grandchildren and great grandchildren. We will keep our minds stronger by trying to learn something new each day. We should be constantly learning and can do so by traveling, researching, volunteering, helping with events like our pancake breakfast, and thus we will increase our joy and keep our emotions on a balanced keel. Showing us some shots of old vehicles, one rather rusty and well bruised, she explained that we were like the cars. We needed to "move it or lose it." There is great brain health that comes from a steady diet of exercise. She explained it wasn't so much being able to sit on the floor as it is to get back up with some degree of grace. She explained that people who walk were generally happy campers. She also said that caregivers would be better able to deal with the stresses of that circumstance if they stay healthier. She said that while, like the old cars, we might have a little rust or a ding or two in the fenders, we should determine that we will strengthen what remains. We can do that by hiking, cycling, doing water exercise, and doing our best to handle the "Sport" of aging. She advised us to set realistic goals, recruit help in meeting them, to be consistent, and to always count our blessings.

WORDS OF GOLD

A True Tale - Passed on for Any Who've Faced Serious Changes (especially in 2020-21) Sophia Erik:

At 40, Franz Kafka (1883-1924), who never married and had no children, walked through a park in Berlin where he met a little girl who was crying because she had lost her favorite doll. She and Kafka searched for the doll unsuccessfully.

Kafka told her to meet him there the next day, and they would come back to look for her. The next day, when they had not yet found the doll, Kafka gave the girl a letter "written" by the doll saying "Please don't cry. I took a trip to see the world. I will write to you about my adventures."

Thus began a story which continued until the end of Kafka's life. During their meetings, Kafka read the letters from the doll, carefully written with adventures and conversations that the girl found adorable.

Finally, Kafka brought back the doll (he bought one) that he said had returned to Berlin. "It doesn't look like my doll at all," said the girl. Kafka handed her another letter in which the doll wrote: "My travels have changed me." The little girl hugged the new doll and brought the doll with her to her happy home.

A year later Kafka died. Many years later, the now-adult girl found a letter inside the doll. In the tiny letter signed by Kafka was written: "Everything you love will probably be lost, but in the end, love will return in another way." Embrace change. It's inevitable for growth. Together we can shift pain into wonder and love, but it is up to us to create that connection consciously and intentionally.

Theodore Roosevelt: "Believe you can, and you're halfway there!"

Ralph Waldo Emerson: "It was a high counsel that I heard given to a young person, 'Always do what you are afraid to do."



KEY DATES

Date	Event	Time	Location
May 3 May 13 May 14 May 27	Club Elections Interclub Knoxville MK Board Meeting Interclub Sweetwater	Noon Noon Noon to eat and meet 11:30 to eat Noon to meet	GMCC The Foundry GMCC Dinner Bell Exit 62/ I-75

SPECIAL REQUEST

If you have an important benchmark in your life, like a new baby, grandchild, great grandchild, or a promotion or job change you wanted; or if you have a need for prayers and positive "vibes" in your life due to your own, a friend's or a family member's illness, injury, or passage to more Heavenly realms, please let Susan Jones (<u>suzeree1@yahoo.com</u>) know. It is terrible to find out too late for congratulations or for comfortable condolences, so if you let Susan know, Kiwanians will likely find it in our "Briefs" section.

KLUB KALENDAR

Date	Speakers/Program/Chair of the Day	Invocation	Greeters
May 4	Regina Jennings, Toastmasters Club	Tom Coulter	TBA
	Chair: Patsy Russell		
May 11	Randy Allen/Patsy Russell: Leadership	Linda Ullom	ТВА
	Adventure Camp		
	Chair: Patsy Russell		
May 18	Dr. Don Bruce/Economic Update at UT	Tom Coulter	TBA
	Chair: Wanda Davis		
May 25	ТВА	TBA	ТВА
June 1	Tentative speaker Blye Allen/Imagination	Susan Jones	TBA
	Library's Effects on Learning		
	Chair: TBA		

Upcoming Birthdays

	Bobby Burke Bobby Perkinson	May 6 May 31
	HAP	PY
BI	RTH	DAY

Division 5 and the KY-TN District of KI News

We think that our vaccination rate has changed the outlook on cancellations due to COVID-19; as of now, we should not face any cancellations of these upcoming events.

Upcoming Event	Local, International, District, or Division	Date of Event	Event Location
Division Council Meeting	Division	June 21	Hampton Inn, Knoxville
KI Convention	International	June 24-26	Salt Lake City, Utah
District Convention	KY-TN District	August 4-8, 2021	Berea, Kentucky
Division Council Meeting	Division	September 27, 2021	Hampton Inn, Knoxville

Kiwanis International News 5 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE EXERCISE

It's tempting for kids to pick up a "device" when they're bored. And it's tempting for adults to let them. Instead, get kids in motion, physically and mentally, with these activities:

Obstacle course. Use household items to get them moving from one point to another. For example, set up a run to the chair cushion, a skip to the flowerpot, then some jump rope outside.

Chef time. Start with easy meals like sandwiches. Then try cookies, brownies or even dinner. Measuring ingredients helps develop math skills too!

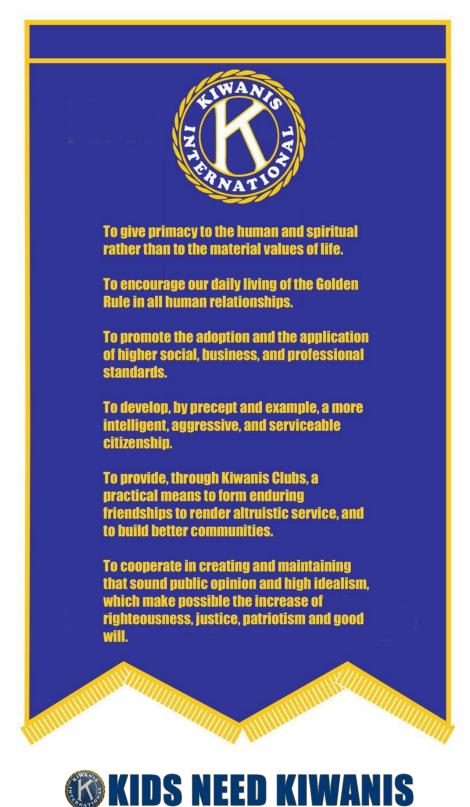
Hide and seek. Set boundaries and turn them loose. Who can find the best hiding place in the park or the backyard? Let every kid have a turn as the one who seeks.

Craft time. Unleash creativity with crayons, colored pencils and paper. Or give them popsicle sticks, glitter glue, stickers and toothpicks to craft something.

Story time. Encourage reading by encouraging writing. Possible topics: a favorite family member, a favorite day trip or what they dream about doing when they're grown up.



Objects of Kiwanis



Kids are curious, lovable, and hilarious. They are also wild, impatient, and vulnerable. Kiwanis is looking out for kids in every corner of the globe with over 600,000 volunteers who serve their communities through local clubs.

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Key Clubs at Heritage and, Maryville High Schools





Division 5 Meetings (Updated)

Meetings at 12 noon (unless otherwise noted) *1st and 3rd weeks only

TUESDAY

Maryville Kiwanis, Green Meadow Country Club, 1700 Louisville Road, Alcoa, TN 37701 Newport, West End Baptist Church, 116 West End Street, Newport, TN 37821 Norwood, Austin's Steak & Homemade Buffet, 900 Merchant Dr, Knoxville, TN (3rd Tuesday) Sevierville, Applebee's, 207 Collier Drive, Sevierville, TN

WEDNESDAY

Farragut*, Currently Zoom meetings only
Foothills, Highland Manor Inn, 7766 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Townsend, TN (2nd, 4th Wednesdays)
Northside, Foundry, Worlds Fair Site, Knoxville, TN (2nd, 3rd,4th Wednesdays)

THURSDAY

Alcoa, Airport Hilton Hotel, Alcoa, TN
Knoxville, Foundry, World's Fair Site, Knoxville, TN
Jefferson County*, Currently Zoom meetings only (3rd Thursday)
Seymour*, Noon, First Thursday of every month, Live-It, 11935 Chapman Hwy, Seymour, TN

FRIDAY

Morristown, Morristown Country Club, Morristown, TN

Maryville Kiwanis Corporate Members

The Kiwanis Club of Maryville has a number of corporate memberships - companies with a commitment to have representatives present at our meetings and that have embraced our community and child-enriching causes, programs, and projects. You can find these Corporations in your Kourier each month and can locate them, along with their logos, on our website as well via the following link: www.maryvillekiwanis.org/corporate-members

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CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
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Great Smoky Mountain Council of Boy Scouts
United Way of Blount County
Vienna Coffee Company

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Maryville Kiwanis Website

www.maryvillekiwanis.org

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