

2021 DIRECTORY OF CLUB PROJECTS

Our Mission Statement:

To make a difference in the lives of children.

One child and one community at a time.

Kids are curious, lovable and hilarious. They are also wild, impatient and vulnerable.

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INTRODUCTION

The **Directory of Club Projects** contains the wide variety of activities the Kiwanis Club of TV offers for membership participation.

It is intended to help educate and inform our members; helping them select a project or two they might consider volunteering their time and knowledge.

The directory is a useful tool for all our members.

- Veteran members, who after serving several years on a particular project, search for a new and different experience.
- Newer members will find this directory to be very informative as they pursue volunteer opportunities.
- Club members have also found the directory to be beneficial when recruiting potential new members or while working to solicit corporate sponsors.

From time-to-time neighbors and even prospective new members will ask, "What are the Tellico Village Kiwanians involved with these days?" Your directory will provide an assortment of projects with brief descriptions that can be referenced to answer those questions.

Thank You to our committee chairs for providing updated information contained in this directory.

Cordially,

The Board of Directors





YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Co-Chair: Beth Mouse Co-Chair: Ray Mouse 865-712-9189 865-715-7820

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Overview - The Youth Services Committee (YSC) has as its basic objective the Kiwanis slogan of "Serving the School Age Children of Our Community". Through educational projects and support for areas of need, YSC develops character, expands young minds, challenges creativity and encourages a sense of well-being for our youth from kindergarten, through college. Kiwanians work directly with our school partners in our community to support projects through financial support and manpower to nurture existing projects and develop new projects that fill unmet needs. An example of some of these projects are Reading in the Classroom, Week-End Food 4 Kids, Back to School Clothes, Amtryke (therapeutic trikes for disadvantaged, physically challenged children) and Robotics in the Classroom. Kiwanis provides funds for these projects and develops corporate sponsors to underwrite and partner with Kiwanis on a number of YSC projects.

PROJECTS

Key Club Loudon High School

Project Leader – Roger Forsyth 602-432-5610 rforsyth@hotmail.com
Key Club Sponsor - Ms. Megan Senn 865-458-4326 Ext. 4010 sennm@loudoncounty.org

Our club provides financial support and advice to the Key Club. Key Club members are involved in many community projects, with emphasis on leadership development and community involvement. Truly a wonderful group of young adults.

• Terrific Kids

Project Leader – Lucia Findley 865-809-9857 lucia.findley@gmail.com

This is an elementary school project designed to help students understand the importance of personal citizenship. Terrific Kids is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. Terrific is an acronym for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable. Students work with their classroom teacher and Kiwanians to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance or school work.

• Back to School Gift Cards

Project Leaders: Jerry Wrubel 585-519-5508 <u>wrubel@geneseo.edu</u>

Laura Wrubel 585-313-9085 <u>lbwrubel@yahoo.com</u>

Working closely with the school Family Resource Centers, we provide retail gift cards to those children who are less fortunate. This assistance provides \$100 per child and is intended solely for the purchase of new schoolclothes.



Youth Services Committee Continued

• Kids First - Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project Leaders: Beth Mouse 865-712-9189 <u>bethmouse1950@gmail.com</u>
Ray Mouse 865-712-7820 <u>raymouse48@gmail.com</u>

The Kids First-Child Advocacy Center is a non-profit, 501(c) 3 agency in Lenoir City that serves severe physically and sexually abused children throughout Loudon County and the 9th Judicial District. The Kiwanis Club provides financial support through donations, attendance at CAC fundraisers and provides manpower when requested to help meet the needs of the Center.

Reading and Tutoring

Project Leader: Helen Nicholson 865-776-1994 helensnicholson@gmail.com

We provide both financial and manpower support through the school Family Resource Centers to assist with student tutoring.

Loudon County Education Foundation/Student Scholarships

Project Leader: John Holmes 865-458-1282 jhholmes-2@att.net

London County Education Foundation (LCEF) meets monthly to encourage business and community participation in education within Loudon County schools. A Kiwanis member attends these meetings and works with the LCEF to provide 2 Kiwanis financial scholarships to worthy student recipients.

Robotics in the Class Room

Project Leader: Roger Forsyth 602-432-5610 <u>forsyth1950@hotmail.com</u> (Temporary Project Leader)

Kiwanians collaborate with school administrators, faculty, and students in our community to develop science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills using Robotics and related technology. Funds from Kiwanis and our corporate partners are provided to purchase state-of-the-art equipment/materials to aid the students' Robotics learning activities which develop and encourage team building skills, critical thinking, and design thinking. The Robotics effort in the schools is an investment in our students' futures and prepares them at an early age in their education to excel and compete in the new technology that is quickly emerging in the work place. Young minds are receptive to these initiatives and the students quickly master these skills.

STAR Riding Academy

Project Leader: Fred Kyle 865-408-9588 frederick.kyle@charter.net

STAR receives both our financial and manpower support. STAR is a therapeutic riding program, with over 400 volunteers that assist persons with disabilities or challenges to achieve their personal goals by completing horse related activities. STAR is located off Hwy 11 (north of Lenoir City) and serves children, youth, and adults from 10 surrounding counties



Youth Services Committee Continued

Judging at Science & Social Studies Fairs

Project Leader: Judy Buscetta 865-458-0214 jbuscetta@charter.net

When requested by area schools (often in the fall and spring), our members help judge the various student entries in their science and social studies fairs.

Weekend Food 4 Kids

Project Leader: Bill lams 865-458-3919 bdiams@att.net Group Liaison: Judy Buscetta 865-458-0214 jbuscetta@charter.net

We provide both financial and manpower support for this program which presently serves disadvantage students at Loudon Elementary, Steekee Elementary, Highland Park Elementary, and Greenback School. In a confidential manner, on Fridays, students receive a bag with two nutritious snacks from thefour basic food groups. Food is purchased through Second Harvest who delivers to the schools.

Amtryke Project

Project Leaders: Rob Orkney 865-458-3215 tellico4rob@charter.net Dan Kuzdzal 865-657-9331 djkuzdzal@yahoo.com

Our club provides financial and manpower support to provide therapeutic tricycles to special needs children who are unable to operate a traditional bike. These unique tricycles can be either hand and/or foot operated and can accommodate riders with varying degrees of physical limitations. These bikes have many therapeutic benefits including improved motor skills, strength development and self-esteem.

• Trout in The Classroom

Project Leader: Dave Miller 865-458-1400 jdave@me.com

We provide financial and manpower support for this environmental education program. Students in grades K-12 raise trout from eggs to fry, monitor tank water quality, study stream habitat, begin to foster a conservation ethic, learn to appreciate water resources and to understand ecosystems. In the fall we get trout eggs from a local fish hatchery. Fish are fed daily and the aquarium and the water quality are maintained weekly. In the spring, on a school sponsored field trip, the trout are released in a state-approved stream or river. As you would expect, students are simply fascinated with the hatching process.

Ronnie Raper Children's Music Program

Project Leader: Ray Mouse 865-712-7820 raymouse48@gmail.com

This project provides financial support to a musician from Etowah who provides free musical instruments and instructions to underprivileged middle school students.

• Lenoir City Elementary School Volunteer Hours

Project Leader: Judy Buscetta 865-458-0214 jbuscetta@charter.net

This project provides administrative support to multiple Lenoir City Elementary School programs such as the library and reading programs.



Youth Services Committee Continued

• <u>Disadvantaged Children Cold Weather Clothing Fund</u>

Project Leaders: Ray Mouse 865-712-7820 <u>raymouse48@gmail.com</u>
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Winter jackets are provided for children in need within the Lenoir City and Loudon School systems. The Family Resource Center identifies needs and handles the administration and distribution jackets to the children.

• Lenoir City High School Chess Club

Project Leader: Russ Hanson 865-458-1311 rhanson63@charter.net

Our club offers member support to the development of an after-school chess club at LCHS. This project assists the LCHS Chess Club in the purchase of initial equipment and support in the area of annual expenses.

• Special Olympics

Project Leaders: Ray Mouse 865-712-7820 raymouse48@gmail.com Beth Mouse 865-712-9189 bethmouse1950@gmail.com

Special Olympics helps children and adults with intellectual disabilities realize new dreams through sports training and competition by providing a variety of Olympic-type sports. These children and adults are given opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts. They also enhance skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. The Kiwanis Project team participates annually in Special Olympics events by providing man hours and funding to facilitate the Special Olympics activities in our community. The Project team serves as coaches, officials, committee members, competition assistants, speech coaches and other varied activities.

• Center for Courageous Kids

Project Leader: Ray Scott 865-458-6616 scottpatent234@gmail.com

Our club provides financial and manpower support for this program which is located in south-central Kentucky. Courageous Kids is a summer camp experience for children with life threatening health issues. The main goal of this camp is simple – kids are to have as much fun as possible. With help from the local Woodworkers Club and the Village Quilters, various assembly kits (birdhouses, race car bodies, anything with wheels, etc.) are built. The kids have great fun assembling the kits and decorating them. The Kiwanis Club provides funds to sponsor campers during the summer. This sponsorship is provided when the weekly camper fee is available through Kiwanis and Kiwanis sponsors.

• D.A.R.E Program

Project Leaders: Ray Mouse 865-712-7820 raymouse48@gmail.com
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Financial support is given to the Loudon County Sheriff's Department to support drug education in area schools.



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair – Rick Hamm 1-941-468-7441 walkerhamm@gmail.com

Overview - No matter your interests and talents, the Community Services Committee most likely has an activityin which you will want to participate. We encourage all Kiwanis member to participate in any of our activities regardless of their committee. You will find that there are a few activities that we require many members to assistin, such as the Salvation Army bell-ringing. We look forward to having you as one of our committee members.

PROJECTS

The Good Samaritan Center

Project Leader: Rick Hamm 941-468-7441 walkerhamm@gmail.com

Good Sam is always seeking volunteers to work a four-hour shift in their pantry at the center to stock food items and to put together the food bags that are distributed to clients, intake workers and front desk reception. In addition, assistance with special need projects that may come up such as building shelving, help with the collection and storage of food from annual Battle of the Bridge, or the annual Postal Service food collection.

Commodity Food Distribution

Project Leader: Ken Austin 865-657-9067 <u>kaustinmedia@aol.com</u> (Temporary Project Leader)

Once each quarter, Kiwanis coordinates with the Mid-East government organization for the receipt, packing, and delivery of surplus government commodities to residents in Lenoir City. Kiwanis members do the delivery. Those receiving food are primarily low-income elderly or handicapped that areunable to pick up the food themselves. Recipients are qualified for this distribution through Mid-East.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing

Project Leader: Helen Nicholson 865-458-3386 helensnicholson@gmail.com

Members enjoy ringing the bell and collecting donations in front of the Lenoir City Walmart each year. You will be amazed at people's generosity and the look on children's faces as they put money into the kettle. Shifts are setup in two-hour segments. In addition, Kiwanis provides an annual donation to the Salvation Army.



Community Services Committee Continued

• Tellico Village Family Playground

Project Leader: Open

Our Kiwanis Club built and maintains this playground next to the beach and picnic area. Periodically members are needed to put down new mulch, install a new playground item, or for other required maintenance.

• Habitat for Humanity

Project Leader: Bob Bland 865-408-2563 rbland2563@charter.net

Habitat for Humanity has been included in our annual financial giving. In addition, a number of our members volunteer their time and effort to support house building related programs sponsored by the organization.

<u>Tellico Village Library</u>

Project Leader: Chuck Sanford 865-408-2339 csanford2@chartertn.net

Opportunities are available at the library to volunteer on the circulation desk, serve on the Friends of the Library Board, assist in the annual book sale & other fund-raising events, and in a variety of other ways. The Kiwanis Club also supports the library with a financial donation.

• Ft. Loudoun Medical Center

Project Leader: Judy Buscetta 865-408-0214 jbuscetta@charter.net

Many volunteer opportunities are available from helping in the storeroom, working on the reception desk, assisting visitors and many more.

Good Neighbors Shoppe

Project Leader: Phil Rothrock 865-657-9698 danphiltn100@gmail.com

This shop is operated by volunteers with the profits donated to many charitable organizations throughout the county. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Positions are needed in different areas. It returns over \$400,000 annually to the charities.

Christmas Adopt-A-Family

Project Leader: Rick Hamm 941-468-7441 walkerhamm@gmail.com

Three families in need of assistance are designated through the Lenoir City Family Resource Center to Kiwanis. Kiwanians purchase gifts for each family member received from the ResourceCenter.



Community Services Committee Continued

TAP Program

Project Leader: Chuck Sanford 865 408-2339 csanford2@chartertn.net

A financial donation is provided to the Tellico Village Computer Club for repair and upgrading computers that are donated to children in need. If you like working with computers, volunteers are always welcome.

Iva's Place

Project Leader: Ken Austin 865-657-9067 kaustinmedia@aol.com

Assistance with carpentry and similar projects that are identified for this women's shelter is offered when needed. The Kiwanis Club also supports Iva's Place with a financial donation.

• Tellico Working Together

Project Leaders: Dan Kuzdzal 865-657-9331 <u>djkuzdzal@yahoo.com</u> Randy Heiden 865-408-1605 <u>LakeForestConstruction@charter.net</u>

Kiwanis Club works together with 7 other civic organizations and churches in the Tellico Village area to support each other in various community-oriented projects and causes. The Working Together Group, while still in the start-up stage generating plans and ideas, looks very promising for future endeavors.

• C.O.P.S Program

Project Leader: Jack Litzenberg 865-458-3514 jacklitzenberg1@gmail.com

This program (in conjunction with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office) consists of volunteers who are trained in various aspects of security measures. They are assigned to a shift that patrols Tellico Village and adjacent areas of the community in a former Sheriff vehicle.

• Veteran Assist Program

Project Leader: Larry Dill 865-458-2618 cpalarry@bellsouth.net

Kiwanis Club provides financial resources to the local Veterans Service Office to assist deserving veterans.

• Buddy Break

Project Leader: Phil Rothrock 865 657-9698 danphiltn100@gmail.com

Volunteers provide care to disabled adults and children by giving parents and "care givers" needed relief for a period of time. This takes place at Christ Lutheran Church in Loudon.



Community Services Committee Continued

International Program

Project Leaders: Ruth & Paul Thornton 865-4581797 ruthpaul@bellsouth.net

Kiwanis Club provides financial and moral support to the Lions Academy school in Kenya. Ruth and Paul Thornton are co-founders of the school for disadvantaged children.

<u>Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department</u>

Project Leader: Rick Hamm 941-468-7441 walkerhamm@gmail.com

Volunteers serve as "first responders" to emergencies in Tellico Village.

<u>T-BART</u>

Project Leader: Jack Litzenberg 865-458-3514 jacklitzenberg1@gmail.com

Volunteers respond and assist stranded boaters on Tellico Lake. Participants provide non-emergency and non-medical assistance to boaters on a year-round basis.

• ABC Promise Partnership

Project Leader: Kevin Meyer 586-929-2333 kmeyer56@sbcglobal.net

This project involves school children collecting plastic bottle/jar caps with the outcome of having a speciallymade "Buddy Bench" made for their school. Kiwanis members also collect plastic caps and the club provides minor funding support for the program.

• Other Community Outreach Programs

Project Leader: Rick Hamm 941-468-7441 walkerhamm@gmail.com

Kiwanis Club provides financial or manpower hours in support of other worthwhile causes around Tellico Village areas. A few examples include: Tellico Lakeside Trails Maintenance (WATeR) program and support for services provided at local VFW Post 12135.



YOUNG CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE COMMITTEE

Co-Chair: Laura Wrubel 585-313-9085

Co-Chair: Jerry Wrubel 585-519-5508

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Overview – With projects focusing on the unique needs of very young children, YCPO strives to address their intellectual and emotional development as well as foster an enthusiasm for learning. Project activities include support for early reading, assuring funds for the purchase of kindergarten classroom supplies and offering comfort dolls to young children who are hospitalized.

PROJECTS

• Dolly Parton Book Program (Imagination Library)

Project Leader: Rob Orkney 865-458-3215 tellico4rob@charter.net

This Program provides one book a month to all incoming Kindergarten students. The books are mailed directly to the child's home. Kiwanis provides financial assistance and members volunteer to assistin the enrollment process.

• Head Start Book Distribution

Project Leader: John Helling 865-458-1465 hellingjah@aol.com

Financial support is given to two Head Start classes at the Harrison Hills Head Start Center tosupport their reading library.

<u>Little Tennessee Valley Education Cooperative</u>

Project Leader: Ron Uncapher 865-408-9246 runcapher@charter.net

We provide tools for children with learning disabilities (birth to three years old) that help them master skills crucial to learning. These tools are modified to accommodate the students' disability. Modification is provided by members.

<u>Kindergarten Supplies for Greenback, Lenoir City, Loudon, Philadelphia & Steekee</u> Elementary Schools

Project Leaders: Chuck Swenson 865-657-3728 swensoncs@charter.net
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Club donates funds to assist kindergarten teachers in purchasing supplies for their classrooms.



Young Children: Priority One Committee Continued

• Child Find (Lenoir City)

Project Leader: Ron Uncapher 865-408-9246 runcapher@charter.net

We assist school staff in conducting kindergarten registration and multiple assignments.

• PACT - Parents as Children's Teachers

Project Leader: Ron Uncapher 865-408-9246 runcapher@charter.net

This program brings the school library to the kindergarten classes at Lenoir City Elementary School. Once a week during the school year, a cart stocked with library books is placed outside each classroom door (one cart for each classroom). A member is assigned to each cart to serve as the "librarian". Prior to the school start each child is permitted to search for a book, take the library card out of the pocket and hand it to the member who then records name and date of the child. The child's teacher will them provide a folder totake home. The folder contains suggestions for the parent as they read the book to their child.

• Kiwanis Hospital Dolls

Project Leader: Open

Club provides both financial and member volunteer support. We organize the making of simple cloth dolls foryoung children scheduled for surgery at Children's Hospital. These "comfort dolls" help the hospital experience for the child to be less traumatic. Making these dolls is a team effort with residents of local assisted care facilities.

• Lenoir City ES Pre-School Parental Training

Project Leader: Chuck Swenson 865-657-3728 swensoncs@charter.net

The Club provides financial support for training and materials used to assist the parents with children who will be starting pre-school.

• Lenoir City ES Book Fair

Project Leader: Al Porell 865-659-8643 porellal@chartertn.net

The Lenoir City Elementary School conducts an annual book fair during the first few weeks of school. The fair offers an opportunity for parents and grandparents to buy books for their children at a very reasonable low price. Kiwanis support allows children without the financial means to participate in the fair.



HUMAN & SPIRITUAL VALUES COMMITTEE – KARES

Chair: Open

Overview - The Human & Spiritual Values Committee works with adults, or as we like to say "big kids", to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of many Tellico Village friends and neighbors. Seven committee programs are currently active and involve the participation of 20 to 25 Kiwanians volunteering personaltime that will generally total 50 to 60 hrs. per month. Kiwanians wishing to participate in any of these programs should contact or the project leader.

PROJECTS

Brew 'n Bull at The Neighborhood

This 1.5 hour monthly activity involves 8 to 10 men who reside at The Neighborhood. Kiwanis coordinates this program on the third Wednesday of each month. Current events generally drive the discussions. The group is very causal and conversation is often lively. Soda, beer, & chips are provided.

Adult Day Care at The Neighborhood

Project Leader: Open

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An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11 am. Kiwanis volunteers provide 1.5 hrs. of adult day care as needed.

• Tea at The Neighborhood

Project Leader: Open

This once-a-month event provides an opportunity for our Kiwanis ladies to socialize with many of the women who reside at The Neighborhood. The Kiwanis gals bring sweets, goodies and their own fine china. All who participate have a very delightful time. Kiwanians who participate volunteer approximately 4 hrs. each month.



Human & Spiritual Values Committee Continued

• STAYINTV

Project Leader: Scott Mathot 865-458-5028 skmathot@gmail.com

Kiwanis continues to support the STAYinTV aging in place initiative. Kiwanian Scott Mathot serves in various leadership capacities often donating 10 to 15 hours of valued service each month.

Fred Gibson (865-458-0851) is also involved providing home improvement services as necessary.

Sunshine Coordinator

Project Leader: Bob Treece 865-458-8722 zbtreece@bellsouth.net

Our Sunshine Coordinator provides inspiration and encouragement to fellow Kiwanians. Several hours each month are spent sending out birthday cards, get well wishes and sympathy condolences. The Sunshine Coordinator also keeps the club prayer list up-to-date by asking members to forward names of those in need of prayers. This list is sent out to fellow members during the month. The Prayer List is included during the invocation at the regular club meetings.

Visitations

Helen Nicholson (865-458-3386) spends several hours each month at The Neighborhood in her role as bingo caller for the residents. Ruth and Paul Thornton (865-458-1797) also spend time visiting veterans in our community. Other Kiwanians will call on shut-ins where their presence is very much appreciated.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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OVERVIEW

The Purpose of the Membership Committee is to maintain, engage and grow the current membership of the Kiwanis Clubof Tellico Village. The Membership Committee ideally consists of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and four additional club members. Our current goal is to increase net membership in the 2021 calendar year by 5 %.

The Committee is charged with the responsibility to encourage and assist the current members to recruit new members. The Membership Committee identifies sponsoring members to act as mentors to the new inductee. It is our expectation that the mentor will assist the new member in identifying and facilitating involvement in projects that engage them. We promote the premise that new members provide our Club strength through numbers and are an avenue of new ideas for our community programs.

The Membership Committee provides an Orientation Meeting prior to all new member inductions, outlining the history of the Kiwanis International as well as the Tellico Village Club. Local Committee Programs of our Club are explained and new member expectations are discussed.

The Committee is also charged with the responsibility of maintaining the current membership roster. The Committee realizes that members move on and there is a need to determine why they have severed their relationship with our Club. The valuable information generated from exit interviews are submitted to the Board of Directors for possible corrective actions.



NOTES

Please use this page to record notes, questions, or comments you may have regarding any of the committees. *BE ENGAGED – GET INSPIRED!*