

# Kiwanis

Athens Tennessee

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## Holiday Facts

The Christmas tree is a roman symbol that was used when people exchanged evergreen as a sign of good luck

St. Nicholas was a saint known for his charity especially to children

The Poinsettia originally came from Mexico

Silent Night was written by a preacher, on Christmas Eve, during a blizzard, in a church after the organ went out. He wanted a simple song that would require no music to sing.

Mistle Toe is actually a parasitic plant. It grows out of a host tree.

The unusual face of the nutcracker is designed to scare away evil spirits during the holiday. He is also a sign of good luck and will protect your home.

Manitou Springs Colorado has the tradition of the Fruit Cake Toss. The record is 1,420 feet

## Officers

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Mike Hubble	Blake McCaslin
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## Program Chair

Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chuck Redfern
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Rigell
Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting
Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joe Riley

## Athens Kiwanis



**Great People Doing Great Work**



# December Newsletter

## Happy Birthday!!!!

2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Trew  
4<sup>th</sup> Lyn Thompson  
6<sup>th</sup> Chuck Redfern  
7<sup>th</sup> Tom Hughes  
13<sup>th</sup> Scott Underwood  
19<sup>th</sup> Chris Maynard  
20<sup>th</sup> Janet Guffey  
28<sup>th</sup> Stuart Sullins

## Interclubs

Clinton- 7:00 a.m. Thursdays  
At Apple Blossom Café

Crossville—Noon, Thursdays  
At Peking Restaurant

Dayton—Noon 2<sup>nd</sup>. & 4<sup>th</sup>. Thursday  
at Dayton's Public Library

Madisonville—Noon Tuesdays  
at Donna's Rest.

Oak Ridge—1<sup>st</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday—6:00pm.  
At Ryan's

Roane County—Noon Wed.  
at Roane S.C. College

Spring City—1<sup>st</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday—6:30pm.  
at the Red Barn Rest.

Sweetwater—Noon Thursdays  
at Dinner Bell Rest.

Tellico Plains—Tuesdays--5:30pm.  
At Town Sq. Café

Tellico Village—Noon 1<sup>st</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday  
at Plaza Rest.

## Around the World

It's the most wonderful time of the year, but for many Kiwanis clubs it is also one of the busiest. With the growing unemployment rate, home foreclosures, and growing sickness, now is the time that the pressure is being placed upon clubs to get involved and help their communities. In the next 30 days we have a lot of things coming up. Many Cities will be having their Christmas Parade, Toys will need to be ready for the Sheriffs Department by Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Friendly Fellows will be packing food baskets. In our District the Greenup Kiwanis Club recently donated 55 food baskets this Thanksgiving. On December 22<sup>nd</sup> the Friendly Fellows will be packing baskets. We need Kiwanis members to be present to help the community. If any Kiwanis Members work this event they will receive credit on the community service project. As an added bonus the Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Nashville TN this year. Talk about close to home. We also will be making plans for the Read around the World and Reading is fundamental program during March.

### Food for Thought:

What Nation has the greatest influence with people? *Donation*

## What Did I Miss?

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Our Club met and Trinity Church. The Program Chairman was Jim Pitt and we heard about the railroad industry.

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Our Program was John Proffitt and we heard from the Living Well in McMinn County Group who talked about health issues in our Area

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> the Program Chair was John Ramage and we heard about Practices and Procedures in the National Forest and what it takes to keep them going

Report-November  
Community Service-Donated to the Children's Advocacy Center

Religious-Had 4 Church attendance Promotions in the paper

Youth Services-Donated to the Key Leader Program

Youth Clubs-Circle K has been hard at work with a canned food drive that collected over 600 items for Coordinated Charities.

Membership-Has composed a list of possible new members for our membership drive