

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, October 25, 2013

### **POA Meetings and Events:**

- **Rec 101, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, Wellness Center**
- **Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, POA Office**
- **POA Board Workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, POA Office**
- **Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, POA Office**

## **Why I Love Life in Tellico Village: It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This**

*Editor's Note: The following article was penned by our very own Villagers, Romano and Linda Sims, and published in the current edition of "Ideal Living Magazine." Readers can go to <http://www.ideal-living.com/lakeliving/> for even more testimonial information about living in our beautiful community.*

### **By Romano and Linda Sims**

We first visited Tellico Village in May of 2003. We came to see old friends who had moved from Northern VA that had been "nagging" us to come visit. We needed a break from the "noise" of Washington, DC and came down on the Memorial Day weekend. The first impression, crossing over the Ft. Loudon Dam on Rte. 321, and seeing the Smokies dead ahead and the lake all around was: WOW! Then both Linda and I agreed this was the place, that weekend we bought a lot on the water and planned to retire and come to Tellico Village permanently in 2008, five years out. During 2004 we visited regularly, met new folks, and became more familiar with the lake, the amenities of Tellico Village and the surrounding area. At the end of 2004, we changed our timetable, sold our house in Northern VA and accelerated our move to 2006 (built the house in 2005) and finally became residents in May 2006, exactly three years after we first visited. We finally retired for the last time in early 2010. So we've been totally living the Village lifestyle now 3.5 years and what a life it is!

We are members of the Tellico Cruising Club (TCC—a club open to any boater on Tellico Lake) and have "Pfun" filled activities. Pfun is a four letter word in Tellico Village: the "P" is silent. However, while our objective is to have "Pfun," our priority, always, is safety. The Club includes members with the most varied boating experience: former cruise ship captains, US Navy submariners, professional fishing boat captains, Great Loopers, etc. But most members of our club own 22'- 26' deck boats. Yes, we also have some large cruisers (42'), many pontoons and a few small (20') runabouts. Many of our members keep their boat at home and many rent slips in the Village. As of our most recent count, there are 175 boats in the TCC.

So, what do we do? Sometimes, too much! Organized TCC activities include weekly raftoffs in one of the many, many coves on Tellico Lake. Usually, an average of 24 boats participate in this activity. Each raftoff is captained by someone who takes responsibility for organizing the activity. The captain chooses the theme of the raftoff (Mardi Gras, Flower Power, Christmas in July, Island Time — you get the idea) and everyone adorns their boats, dons costumes and comes prepared to party according to the theme. At a designated time, we pass food back and forth along the line of boats. No need for dinner after that feast! Some of our members will stay the night while others return home. Note: there is NO obligation to participate in these and other activities; however you must be a member. We also organize trips through the Ft. Loudoun Lock and spend a week on Watts Bar Lake at a resort marina (65 miles downriver). Other TCC organized land based activities include trips to visit the Titanic exhibit, the Lost Sea, an annual Christmas party, hot dog and corn roast party. It is also common to see TCC members drive their boat to the Tellico Village Yacht Club, have some drinks at the bar with the "million dollar view," have dinner and then kick up our heels at the weekly Friday night Tiki Bar dance.

We can do as much as we want with as many friends as we want as often as we like, or just sit on our dock, sip a cool one and watch the skiers go by. Life on Tellico Lake is as active as you want or as relaxing as you need. After two years in Tellico Village, my wife no longer needed blood pressure medication. The stress from Washington, DC was gone and, we are convinced, Tellico living will add years to our lives.

***It just doesn't get any better than this!***

*PS: there's soooooo much more, but it's time to sit on the porch, smoke a cigar, drink a scotch and watch the sunset.*

## **POA Survey Now Online—Your Participation Is Needed**

**Attention Villagers:** There is survey information included in the Fall edition of the Board newsletter which has arrived in your mailbox recently. Inside the newsletter you will find information on several programs and subjects from the POA Board perspective.

The center page of the POA newsletter (not to be confused with the HOA newsletter) is a bright green sheet of paper inviting you to participate in the POA survey. This survey is online and quite easy to do. The bright green page has a unique username and password you will need to access the survey. The survey website is: <http://TellicoSurvey.com>.

Any problems at all in accessing or completing the survey, call the Public Relations office at (865) 458-5408, ext. 4105 or 4115, or call toll free 1-866-983-5542, ext. 4105 or 4115. Feel free to stop by our offices at 112 Chota Center anytime Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to get assistance filling out the online survey. Make sure to bring your username and password page from the Board newsletter with you.

Online survey not your bag? To order a paper copy of the survey, call (865) 458-7090 and leave your name and address. We will mail you a survey you can complete and return to the POA. If you are close to our offices, you can stop by to pick up a paper version.

The survey will remain open until at least mid-November. The Board plans to communicate the results sometime in early 2014.

## **Charitable Events and Fundraisers**

### **Kiwanis Hosts Breakfast to Benefit Kids Oct. 26**

The Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village is hosting its semi-annual Pancake Breakfast/Brunch 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, in the Community Church at Tellico Village's Christian Life Center. Ticket prices are:

- Adults
  - Advanced purchase - \$8
  - At the door - \$9
- Children: 12 and under...Free

Tickets may be purchased from members of the Kiwanis club, or call Barry Rummel, 865-408-0150. Tickets are also available at two Tellico Village banks; First National and United Community.

Barry, Project Chairman, invites everyone to loosen their belt buckles and join the community. The all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast/brunch has turned out to be an event that brings neighbors of all ages together in a setting where you can see old friends and make new ones. The menu is diverse and exceptionally delicious. It ranges from pancakes and quiche to sausage, fruit, and yogurt accompanied by all of the coffee, milk and juice you can drink. Wampler's Sausage and Mayfield Dairies are major sponsors.

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The last pancake breakfast hosted more than 800 guests. Barry said, “Our target is to exceed that record.” More than 70 Kiwanians and their wives, along with members of the Loudon High School Key Club will prepare the food and assist in serving.

The Kiwanis Club Mission is “**to serve the children of the world**”. Your participation helps provide the funds to pursue this mission in the Loudon area.

**IT’S ALL FOR THE KIDS!**

Come, enjoy a great meal and help the kids in the process.

### **Women’s Club Home Tour Nov. 3**

#### **Entertainment Kitchens**

A must see on the Women’s Club home tour at WindRiver, Nov. 3, are the home’s kitchens. One home features not only a fabulous kitchen but a hearth room too. Natural stone adorns the kitchen and is carried through in the stone fireplace in the hearth room. An unusually large and elegant serving bar can accommodate large groups as well as family for entertaining or just for dinner, yet in another home. Each kitchen has many unique features from hidden refrigerator/freezer compartments, to amazing pantries, as well as gourmet cooking wonders.

Join us for the home tour at WindRiver Community, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Tickets (\$12) are now available from any club member or at these Tellico Village outlets: United Community Bank, More Than Mail and The Village Salon.

### **Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...**

#### **Updates for the Winter Directory**

The Winter Edition of the Tellico Village Directory is now being prepared. There will be a pre-view copy at The Public Library at Tellico Village Monday, Oct. 14, through Saturday, Oct. 26.

#### **Habitat for Humanity Celebration 100th Home Oct. 26**

The Loudon County Habitat for Humanity invites everyone to join staff, volunteers, donors, homeowners, and friends as the walls are raised on the 100th house 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at 255 Hope Way, Loudon.

Habitat has been building homes, communities, and hope since 1993. In that 20-year history, 96 homes have been sold, providing decent housing for local families who might never have been able to own a home.

#### **The Diamonds Perform Oct. 27**

Legendary hit-makers, The Diamonds, will take the stage for a night of classic rock and roll at the Community Church of Tellico Village 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. Single tickets for this event are \$20. For more information, call 865-458-4334. Tickets are now available at Tellico Village Salon, The Kahite Grill and United Community Bank (Tellico Village).

**The Diamonds** are a living Pop Music legacy. The original quartet rose to prominence in the 1950s and early 1960s with 16 Billboard hits including “The Stroll” and the million-selling hit “Little Darlin’,” which has sold approximately 20 million copies to date. The Diamonds have learned that the durability of classic rock and roll music is as much about the future as it is about the past. The newest quartet members, playing saxophone and trombone, backed by piano and drums, continue to expand their audience by performing in a variety of venues and touring Europe, South America, and Asia. In addition to their 33 appearances on American Bandstand, the Diamonds have been awarded three gold records and inductions into the Doo-Wop Hall of Fame and Vocal Group Hall of Fame.

Each year **Tellico Village Community Concerts** hosts two major concerts for the area. This all-volunteer nonprofit organization is committed to enriching the cultural life of the community through live performances. Thanks to the generosity of Patrons and Sponsors, these concerts are offered at affordable, family-friendly prices.

### **Women's Club Meets Oct. 28**

The Tellico Village Women's Club meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month at 3 p.m. except for the months of May, June, and July. Typically the meetings convene with a social hour 3-3:30 p.m. with the business meeting immediately following. Most meetings are held at the Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 260 Wade Road, Loudon, TN 37774, located on Highway 72 one mile West of Highway 444 in Loudon County, Tennessee. After the meeting many of the women adjourn to Lorenzo's for dinner and socialization. Some of the husbands like to meet up at Tanasi for dinner at 5:30 p.m. as well. The next meeting is Monday, Oct. 28.

GFWC Tellico Village Women's Club is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which has headquarters in Washington D.C. The club is primarily a service organization, and members contribute significantly to their communities through their various volunteer efforts.

We think it would be an excellent way for us to get to know each other better by having a Ladies Only Outing for lunch and a play. Luckily for us our local Tellico Community Players are presenting *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge* at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. We would like everyone who is interested in attending the 12:30 p.m. performance Monday, Dec. 9, to RSVP to Sam McQueeney, [samnskip@charter.net](mailto:samnskip@charter.net), no later than Friday, Oct. 25, so we can gauge if this is something the membership is interested in.

A signup sheet will be available at the Oct. 28 meeting. Please be sure to bring your check (made out to the Compass Group, Inc.) for \$35 per person, which includes a full dinner meal and the production, to the October meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to join us for the luncheon and play, you can either mail Sam McQueeney your check or drop it off at her home at 139 Chahyga Way.

We would love to have you come check us out. We have a wonderful system of Big Sisters in place to help you navigate GFWC and our chapter in particular. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you like, we would just like you take a little time to get to know us and see if you feel there is a fit. Please check out our website at <http://www.tellicowomensclub.org/> and read what we are all about, be sure to check out our photo gallery, under the About Us tab, to see how much fun we have volunteering our time, as we all know, a picture is worth a thousand words!

Please contact Sam McQueeney at [samnskip@charter.net](mailto:samnskip@charter.net) or 865-657-9020 if you are interested in finding out more about GFWC-Tellico Village Women's Club. As we like to say, 'your new best friends are waiting for you – you just haven't met them yet!'

### **Pickleball Schedule**

- Monday, Nov. 4, 6-8 p.m., New Player Class
- Thursday, Nov. 7, 5-7 p.m., Drills
- Thursday, Nov. 14, 5-7 p.m., Evaluations
- Saturday, Nov. 16, 5-7 p.m., Evaluations
- Thursday, Nov. 21, 5-7 p.m., Drills

### **Mah Jongg - Open Play**

- Nov. 7 and 21, first and third Thursday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room D
- Nov. 12 and 26, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room B
- Nov. 25, fourth Monday of each month, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Chota Rec Center, Room D

Please wear your name tag!

If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Neely, 865-458-1323, [carolynneely@charter.net](mailto:carolynneely@charter.net).

### **Computer Users Club Meets Nov. 5**

The Tellico Village Computer Users Club will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, top floor of the Yacht Club. Important proposed Club Bylaws will be discussed. See you there. Visit [www.TVCUC.org](http://www.TVCUC.org) for more information.

### **WATeR's Annual Meeting Nov. 7**

Friends of WATeR (Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir) and the public are invited to WATeR's Annual Meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Community Church at Tellico Village's Christian Life Center. Dr. Mark Squillace will discuss the potential hazards we face to keep our lake water clean.

Dr. Mark Squillace, Director of the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado Law Center is the author of numerous books and articles on natural resources. In addition to his college teaching, he has served as Special Assist. to the Solicitor at the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt.

Many people who live within the watershed of the Tellico Reservoir and who were drawn here by the beautiful rivers, lakes and mountains which provide the source of our clean water. We all enjoy the many recreational activities that our lakes provide - everything from fishing, boating, and hiking the many trails around the lake. But HOW DO WE KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN FROM THE MANY THREATS TODAY? THERE ARE REAL THREATS.

Dr. Squillace will discuss the hazards to our waters as well as talk about what we can all do to keep our water clean. What we can do to reduce contaminants going into our lakes, how we can assist farmers in developing best practices to enhance their profits and at the same time reduce lake pollution, and what threats exist to the Clean Water Act that would put our lakes in danger. This will be a great opportunity to learn from a real expert.

The evening's activities begin at 6:30 p.m. with an opportunity to meet Dr. Squillace and view table top exhibits provided by a variety of organizations. Dr. Squillace presentation begins at 7 p.m. Attendees will be provided an opportunity to ask questions. The presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting and refreshments.

WATeR (the Water Association of the Tellico Reservoir) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting and improving the environment in the Tellico Watershed. For more information visit the Association's website: [www.tellicowater.org](http://www.tellicowater.org).

### **Garden Club Meets Nov. 7**

The Tellico Village Garden Club will meet on Thursday, November 7, at the Yacht Club. Come at 12:30 p.m. for a social time. "Ask the Gardener," begins at 12:45, when our knowledgeable gardeners will be available to address questions. The program this month: "Planting Techniques and Controlling New Invasive Insects," presented by Neal Denton, UT Extension Director. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Linda Schuessler, 865-657-9228, or see [www.tellicoclubs.com/garden](http://www.tellicoclubs.com/garden).