

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, February 23, 016

### **POA Meetings and Events (red denotes irregularity of time, day, and/or location):**

- Long Range Planning, 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, POA Conference Room
- Rec 101, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Wellness Center
- Public Services Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, POA Conference Room
- Golf 101, 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Tanasi Clubhouse

## **General Manager's Report for February**

By Winston Blazer, General Manager

### **Looking for Answers?**

Villagers frequently approach me and wonder where they can turn to get the very best answers to their questions about Tellico Village and the Property Owners Association. I always answer with, "Give US a call first."

Your POA has numerous ways Villagers can get quick answers to questions ranging from the curious to the complicated. The first thing I suggest is to subscribe to the Tell-E-Gram. The Gram hits your email inbox on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is chock full of articles, information and answers. To subscribe, send your name and street address via email to [gram@tvpoa.org](mailto:gram@tvpoa.org). We'll add you to the list.

By subscribing to the Gram, you will also receive the Tell-Events that comes out on Monday mornings. The Events is an email listing of all the happenings we know about in and around Tellico Village over the next couple of weeks. You will also receive the Village Headlines which is published mid-month and reminds you of important articles that you may have missed over the last month or so.

Finally, in times of severe weather, crisis or emergency, our staff sends out the occasional Tell-E-FLASH to warn Villagers of something big going on or for a sudden meeting cancellation.

Besides subscribing to the Gram and its other related products, you can email or call any of the managers and key personnel within the POA. Those names, numbers and emails are listed at [www.tellicovillagepoa.org/tvpoa/about-poa](http://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/tvpoa/about-poa). Our managers are quick to return calls and emails about issues in the Village. If you're not sure who to call first, give John Cherry, Public Relations Manager, a call. Part of his job is to know a little bit about everything going on in the POA and the community. He can help figure out who might be able to answer your question or solve your problem.

John also conducts a monthly Chat with the PR Manager session at the new Welcome Center on Chota Road. At these sessions he speaks with Villagers and visitors about a wide range of questions and topics. He then writes a report and sends it to me and the department heads. His next scheduled Chat session is Thursday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Welcome Center.

Finally, if you can't get to the bottom of the issue and want the chance to speak to me, I have a block of time set aside each month to meet with Villagers. I call these sessions Having Your Say. These are on the second Wednesday of each month. To schedule a session, call Mitzi Lane at 458-5408, ext. 4100. Mitzi will get your information and what the topic is. I will be glad to meet with any Property Owner who needs an answer to their question.

I hope all Property Owners take the opportunity to ask the POA when they have a burning question that needs an answer. Don't forget to sign up for the Gram. Thank you, and I'll be talking to you soon.

## **POA, Golf, and Rec 101**

The next edition of POA 101 is Wednesday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at the Yacht Club. POA 101 is a session for newcomers or Villagers who would like a refresher on Village governance and finances. Attendees will receive a comprehensive packet of information about Tellico Village and the complementary Tellico Village license plate.

Anyone wanting to attend is strongly encouraged to RSVP with Patty Robichaud in the Public Relations Department at (865) 458-5408, ext. 4115. Your RSVP will ensure that we have enough handouts for all attendees.

The Recreation Department offers a Rec 101 session to tell property owners all the features available at the wellness facilities. The next Rec 101 is Thursday, Feb. 25 at 12:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center. No need to RSVP. Just come on out to the Wellness Center and join us.

There will be a Golf 101 session on Friday, Feb. 26 at 9 a.m. at Tanasi Clubhouse. Please call Tanasi at (865) 458-4707 to reserve your spot. Come learn all about the Chelsea Tee Time system, league play, free golf clinics and professional lessons.

## **Yacht Club and Tanasi Bar and Grill**

Join us for **Fish Fry Fridays** at Tanasi Bar & Grill: Hand Beer Battered Cod with two sides, \$10.95. **Wine & Canvas** night 6-9 p.m. **Thirsty Thursday**, March 24, in the Yacht Club. Sign up, show up, and paint! Art supplies provided with step-by-step instruction. Register online at [www.wineandcanvas.com](http://www.wineandcanvas.com) or call 865-356-9179.

### **Saint Paddy's Day**

- The Yacht Club and Tanasi Bar & Grill will both be serving **Comed Beef and Cabbage** Thursday, March 17. It is also **Thirsty Thursday** at the Yacht Club. Call for details.
- First **Tiki Bar** of the season featuring DJ Lou 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 18. Wear your green for luck!

### **Easter Sunday**

- Have **Easter Brunch** at the Yacht Club 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, March 27, \$24.95 for adults and \$12.50 for children (ages 6-12). Call now for reservations!
- Tanasi buffet available 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, March 27.

**Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392**

**Toqua Café: 865-458-1330**

**Yacht Club: 865-458-4363**

*Tellico Village is proud to participate in the inaugural Retro Running Weekend in Pigeon Forge, TN, as a Featured Partner. Below is all the information you will need to be in the know. Be sure to visit their website and enjoy your Retro Weekend!*

## **Renowned Veteran, Former Vietnam Prisoner Col. Lee Ellis to Speak at RetroWeekend; Veterans to Receive Free Admission**

**PIGEON FORGE, Tenn.** – A retired Air Force colonel and award-winning author who served more than five years in Vietnam prison camps will speak in East Tennessee as part of RetroWeekend, an event taking place April 29 and 30 in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Colonel Lee Ellis will share stories of leadership and courage from the years he spent in Hanoi prisons after his fighter jet was shot down during the Vietnam War.

Ellis' speech is part of RetroWeekend's Veterans Appreciation Day, which will be held Friday, April 29. Individuals with proof of military service will receive free admission to Friday's festivities, which include a running class taught by Olympian Jeff Galloway, workshops covering everything from financial planning to home brewing and live music from the '60s, '70s and '80s played by well-known tribute

bands. Day passes for non-veterans cost \$50, while tickets for the entire weekend start at \$89. A portion of every registration fee will go to charitable organizations in the area.

After retiring from the Air Force, Ellis became a nationally recognized presenter and expert on the subjects of leadership, performance, team building, mentoring and career planning. He has spoken on CNN, CBS, C-SPAN, ABC and Fox News, and at hundreds of engagements in various industry sectors throughout the world. His book, *Leading with Honor: Leadership Lessons from the Hanoi Hilton*, won multiple international book awards and includes a foreword by Sen. John McCain, a fellow Vietnam prisoner of war.

Ellis says he is eager to present his message at RetroWeekend, an event dedicated to celebrating culture, music and memories from the '60s, '70s and '80s.

"I'm really excited about this event in every way: seeing the people there, hearing the music, visiting with old friends and people who aren't friends but with whom I share a common bond," Ellis said. "I'm always honored to speak to veterans. When I look back at my [military] experience, many of those lessons fit right into life and leadership and impact us on a daily basis."

RetroWeekend Executive Director Steve Hall says he is glad to offer veterans a free chance to listen to Ellis and participate in Friday's events.

"When we think back on the memories we treasure, nothing is more valuable than the sacrifice our veterans have made on behalf of this great country," Hall said. "While we can never fully repay them, we are excited to give them free Friday admission as a token of our gratitude. We believe Col. Ellis' dynamic speech will resonate with veterans and civilians alike."

While Ellis' Veterans Appreciation Discussion will be a highlight of the day, his speech is one of many events on Friday's schedule. Galloway, a member of the 1972 U.S. Olympic team, will host a three-hour running school to teach participants how to get the most out of an injury-free training regimen. Other workshops will educate attendees on such diverse subjects as hiking, financial planning, dancing, elder law, biking, identity theft and home brewing.

Saturday's events include more workshops and speakers, as well as an optional race that winds through Pigeon Forge for more than five miles. The race features a unique "Run at the Front" format, which enables each competitor older than 40 to race exclusively against members of his or her age group.

Well-known television host Rudy Maxa will fascinate and inform those with a keen interest in travel on Saturday. Maxa, a travel journalist for numerous publications and television channels, will recount his global excursions and offer advice to ardent globetrotters and novice travelers.

Live music will play throughout Friday and Saturday's festivities. Upbeat dance band Top Tier (Nashville, Tenn.) will perform Friday evening, and North America's No. 1 tribute band, Woodie and the Longboards (Riverside, Calif.), will take the stage Saturday evening to perform consecutive 75-minute tributes to The Eagles' Glenn Frey and The Beach Boys.

At least 10 percent of all registration fees will go to charities that serve the needs of the area, including Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Friends of the Smokies, Remote Area Medical and Wears Valley Ranch, among others.

Dolly Parton's brand new and exclusive DreamMore Resort serves as the host hotel for the weekend. Workshops and speeches will take place at LeConte Event Center.

To register or receive more information about RetroWeekend, visit: <https://goretrorunning.com/>.

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

**Tellico Community Players Present *37 Postcards* Feb. 25-28**

*37 Postcards* is a comedy written by Michael McKeever and is being directed by Len Willis. The productions will be held at the Tellico Community Playhouse in the Patricia Smith Theatre. GrinderZ Grille is the sponsor for this show and we thank them for their support of the Players. The dates for the show are Feb. 25, 26, 27 and 28. All of the productions start at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Sunday, Feb. 28, matinee that begins at 1:30 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes prior to start of show.

Tickets for reserved seats can be purchased by going to [www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org](http://www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org) or going to the Players Box Office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact Len Willis at [lentrishwillis@tds.net](mailto:lentrishwillis@tds.net) or at (423) 519-9807.

### **TV Lions Preparing for Annual Chili/Soup Dinner Feb. 23**

With about two weeks remaining before this dinner, the TV Lions are already busily at work preparing to host it. This year the dinner takes place on Tuesday, Feb. 23, commencing at 4 p.m. and continuing until 7 p.m. in the Christian Life Center of the Tellico Village Community Church.

The menu for the meal includes a choice of chili or soup, antipasto salad, garlic bread, ice cream and assorted beverages. The cost is \$10/person in advance or \$12/person at the door. In addition to providing a great meal, this is also a wonderful opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors over the course of the meal.

Tickets are currently available from any club member, Sloan's Village Hardware, United Bank and the Village Salon. For more information, please feel free to contact either Lion Marcia Higby at 865-458-9356 or Lion Larry Stickler, the event manger, at 865-458-6582.

For more information about the club <http://tellicovillage.tnlions.org/>.

### **Upcoming Presentation at the Library**

Feb. 29, noon-1 p.m.: Dr. Karthik Krishnan, board certified physician in Allergy, Asthma and Immunology will make a presentation on Spring Allergies. Dr. Krishnan is president of the Tennessee Allergy Society and received an award for outstanding achievement in research. A box lunch will be provided by Dr. Krishnan. Please call The Public Library at Tellico Village to sign up at 865-458-5199.

### **Hike Frozen Head State Park Feb. 24**

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, from Chota Center, to hike:

- **FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK**
- Distance: 7.5 miles
- Elevation Gain: 1,467 feet
- Rating: Moderate
- Driving time: 1.5 hours
- Leader: Tim Kalina, 847-917-0994 or [timkalina@aol.com](mailto:timkalina@aol.com)

We will be hiking Panther Branch to North Old Mac trail. Highlights include Debord Falls and Emory Gap Falls. Panther Branch is the steepest part of the hike. There is one crossing that can be difficult, especially if it's icy. The hike ends at a picnic shelter where there are tables for our lunch.

Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Bring water and a trail lunch. Carpooling is recommended, passengers are asked to contribute \$6 to the driver to help cover gas, etc. For more information, go to [www.TVHikers.com](http://www.TVHikers.com).

### **Soggy Bottom Kayak Club meets Feb. 24**

Anyone interested in the Soggy Bottom Kayak Club are encouraged to attend the planning meeting for the 2016 season. The meeting will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Chota Recreation Center in Room B. For more information, contact Barry Brandt at [barrybrandt3@hotmail.com](mailto:barrybrandt3@hotmail.com) or go to [tvsoggybottom.org](http://tvsoggybottom.org).

### **March Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show deadline Feb. 24**

Tellico Village Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at the Yacht Club. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 24. Fashions will be presented by "J Jill" along with music provided by Peggy Bastien. Our vendors this month include The Town Framery, Veronica G and The Sock Shop. Doors open at 10 a.m. for your shopping and visiting convenience with lunch being served promptly at 11:30 a.m. Shari Fassett will be baking desserts for your purchase at the luncheon benefiting the Child Advocacy Center. The menu is grilled chicken on a bed of romaine lettuce with black olives, cheese, tomatoes, sautéed peppers and onions topped with tortilla strips, house-made salsa with chipotle dressing on the side, coffee, tea and water included. Reservations can be made along with cash or check for \$15 at the Yacht Club. For additional information contact Chairperson, Karen Sue Keith (248) 808-2248 (cell/text), [kskeith1@aim.com](mailto:kskeith1@aim.com)

### **T-BART Annual Meeting Feb. 25**

Come to the T-BART Annual Meeting and enjoy learning about this active volunteer organization serving the boating community of Tellico Village.

T-BART's 2015 activities and organizational status will be reviewed, followed by our guest speaker, Daryl H. Smith, Director, Loudon County Emergency Management Agency. Daryl will discuss the responsibilities and status of Loudon County emergency services. Why not make a reservation at the Blue Heron for dinner ahead of the presentations? It all starts at the Yacht Club top floor at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25, and it's free!

Call Bill Fink at 206-755-2654 with questions.

### **Tellico Players schedule auditions for "Deathtrap"**

Auditions for the Tellico Community Players' production of Ira Levin's award-winning comedy-thriller Deathtrap will be held from 6-8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29, Tuesday, March 1, Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4 at the Tellico Community Playhouse, Patricia Smith Theater.

The two-act play has five roles – three men and two women. Directed by Joan Dorsey and produced by Tony Licata, the play will run April 14-16 and 21-24 at the Playhouse.

Deathtrap was the longest-running comedy- thriller on Broadway, with a 4-year run ending in 1982 with nearly 1,800 performances. It was nominated for a Tony award for best play and also was adapted in 1982 into a film starring Christopher Reeve, Michael Caine and Dyan Cannon.

The plot of Deathtrap features a successful writer of Broadway thrillers who has hit a dry spell in his fortunes. He offers to collaborate with one of his students on a potential hit play the student has written, and the ensuing plot twists produce an abundance of thrills and laughter.

### **Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast Thursdays**

Every Thursday morning, 8-9 a.m., there is a group of men who meet at the Tanasi Clubhouse for breakfast, for fellowship and to hear a short devotional thought. The group is non-denominational and is called Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast. All men are welcome. Any questions, call Larry Denney (865-408-9725) or Bob Ericson (865-458-9877).