

Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Nov. 22, 2016

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

- **POA Offices closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 24-25**
- **Architectural Control Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, POA Conference Room**
- **Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, POA Conference Room**
- **POA Board Workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, POA Conference Room**

Thanksgiving Hours

Happy Thanksgiving to all of Tellico Village. The POA administrative offices will be closing early tomorrow to allow employees a chance to get home to family for the Thanksgiving holiday. Have a Great Thanksgiving. We will be open at 8 a.m., Monday, Nov. 28.

- Welcome Center: closed Thursday, Nov. 24; open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25; open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26; and open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27
- All recreation facilities will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24; open Friday, Nov. 25, closing at 5 p.m.
- Kahite Pub closed Thursday, Nov. 24.
- Tanasi Bar & Grill closed Thursday, Nov. 24.
- Toqua Café closed Thursday, Nov. 24.

Editor's Note: This is another in our continuing series on POA Managers that have been published throughout 2016. Watch for the last few features over the next several weeks.

From the Boardroom **Meet Parker Owen**

By Bruce Johnson, TVPOA Board of Directors

Parker was born in Macon, Georgia and quickly took to the Macon music scene. Being a fan of Otis Redding, James Brown and the Allman Brothers Band, he started playing the guitar at a young age and soon found himself playing in rock and roll bands. After a while, he put the guitar down. Twenty-five years later he picked his guitar up again and started playing Big Band music in Kingsport, Tennessee with a group known as the "Has Beens." Today, you can hear him playing in the Village with the "Tellico Top Notes." So if you want to hear some good jazz guitar and big band classics, check out the "Top Notes."

Parker liked playing the guitar, but realized that his future lay elsewhere. Inspired by his high school chemistry teacher, he enrolled at the University of Georgia and earned a B.S. in Chemistry. Along the way he took his electives in the College of Business to prepare for the pursuit of a graduate degree. Upon completing his undergraduate degree, he immediately enrolled in the MBA program at the Georgia Institute of Technology. There he found that his passion was economics and financial decision making. He had the opportunity to share that interest with others by teaching micro-economics to undergraduate students at Georgia Tech. Upon graduation in 1972, he took a job with Tennessee Eastman Company, later to become Eastman Chemical Company, in Kingsport, Tennessee. He has been a Tennessean ever since. He says, however, that he still bleeds "Red and Black" and you can often hear him hollering "Go Dawgs." He notes that between himself, his wife and three kids, they have paid tuition at 12 different colleges and universities, competing in 8 different conferences. On any given Saturday in the fall of the year, someone has got to be winning!

After 28 years he retired from Eastman Chemical Company as the Director of Financial Planning and Analysis and began a new life. He and his wife, Janet, whose Eastman background included finance, sales and marketing, formed their own consulting firm, Owen Consulting, LLC, which Janet continues to own and operate today. Over the years they have provided financial and economic analyses, strategic and business planning advice globally and locally for defense contractor, BAE Systems, at their Holston Army Ammunition Plant. They have worked at the federal level with the U.S. Army, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Initiative, and with the local governments and commercial developers of Kingsport and Bristol as well as Sullivan County, Tennessee.

Things were looking great in retirement until the recession of 2008 hit and work tapered off. Since Parker is not one to be idle for long, he went back to school...full time! At East Tennessee State University he took six accounting courses in six months. He then took the CPA exam and passed all four parts on the first sitting.

Looking for something to do with his new credential, he and Janet began looking at opportunities in the Knoxville area to be closer to their son, Brandon, and their two grandsons. While looking for work opportunities, Janet spotted a job posting regarding TVPOA and Parker submitted his application. He had a successful interview and after waiting apprehensively for several weeks, became TVPOA's Finance Director in 2012.

At the TVPOA, Parker manages the finances of the Village. Parker may not be Superman, but he is as close as you will come in the realm of TVPOA finances. Some say he is faster than a speeding bullet, can stop a train, and can leap over tall buildings...he just might be Superman! If you don't believe me, just ask anyone who has been through the TVPOA budget process lately.

When asked how his POA job compares to the one he had with Eastman Chemical Company, he said that it is "similar to Eastman but with fewer zeros." He adds, however, that Tellico Village is more complex than you would imagine, with 32 departments and a \$17 million budget. When asked what the most rewarding aspect of his job as Finance Director is, Parker is proud that he brought corporate budgeting and financial planning processes to the Village and that he has been able to make cost improvements in financing, leasing and buying. He also likes the people and company culture of TVPOA, and notes that the people in the Village have been very supportive. He summed up his experience with the TVPOA by saying that it is "the right job, in the right place, at the right time!"

When he's not working, Parker enjoys spending time with his wife Janet, their three children (Brandon, Will, and Tracy) and four grand-kids. Like Parker and Janet, their children are hard charging with successful professional careers in Kingsport, New York City and Denver. They all like to be outdoors, with Brandon as a former collegiate golfer and bass fisherman, and Will and Tracy as former collegiate ski racers. Unfortunately, careers have separated the family geographically, and they don't get to spend as much time together as they would like.

When he retires again, Parker says he "will be no couch potato." He and Janet have plans to eventually return to Kingsport and spend more time at their beach-side home in South Carolina. Who knows, he may then take on a job as a marine biologist. Whatever he does, you can be assured that the sweet sounds coming from his music room will be from the strings of his best Christmas present ever – a Gibson jazz guitar that Janet surprised him with from the Gibson Custom Shop in Nashville, Tennessee!

President's Award winners announced

Tellico Village POA honored property owners for their volunteerism, efforts and contributions to the Village and surrounding communities at the recent Committee Appreciation and Honor Awards luncheon.

Alan Hart, TVPOA Board President, has announced the 2016 President's Award winners:

- **Bill and Agnes Beauchamp**
- **Bob Coates**
- **Barry Corle**
- **Marty Hulett**
- **Joe Marlette**
- **Jolyne Thoreson**
- **Carol Sweeney**
- **Ray Wright**

All winners will have a description of why they were chosen as well as photos in an upcoming magazine from *The Connection*.

Recent Events and Bragging Rights

Kahite Knitters knit hats for Vonore Pre-K class

The Kahite Knitters Group has once again provided handmade hats for Miss Woody's Pre-K class at Vonore Elementary School. These ladies have been knitting hats for each class for the past 12 years!

From left, the ladies posed with the children: Jan Osborne, Theresa Mueller, JoAnn Osmun, Mary Ann Miller, Kathy Hannah, and Sue Amiot.

Men's Senior Softball League concludes fall season

The Tellico Men's Senior Softball League concluded the 2016 fall season with a pizza party and recognized the Mustangs, captained by Barry Brandt, as the 2016 league champions with a 7-1 record.

The five-team, 55+, slow pitch league which plays at the Loudon Municipal Park on Tuesday afternoons is looking for new players. Men from Loudon and surrounding areas are encouraged to join. Practices for the 2017 season will begin mid March.

For additional information, contact League Commissioner David Davis at 865-458-0952.

Mustang Team Picture (from left): Front row: Dave Schaefer, Joe Foreman, Joe Tedesco, Marty Smith, and Ben D'Ooge; back row: Lou Goidell, Ron Tomasko, Barry Brandt, Mark Higginson, Pete Young, Mike Maleske, David Davis, Jerry Ferguson, and Bob Bundy.

Yacht Club and Tanasi Bar & Grill

- Watch the **Ohio State/Michigan game** at the Tanasi Bar & Grill on three large TVs. Enjoy half price appetizers and \$5 pitchers of beer!
- **NEW! Tanasi Bar & Grill is now delivering dinner 4:30-7:30 p.m. every day. Call for details: 865-458-9392.**
- The **Toqua Café** is available for holiday parties for up to 60 guests.
- Holiday schedule:
 - The **Yacht Club** will be closed Saturday, Dec. 3; and Friday, Dec. 16, for special scheduled events.
 - The **Yacht Club** will be closed Dec. 23-29 and will open for regular hours Friday, Dec. 30.
 - **Tanasi Bar & Grill** will be closed Thanksgiving, Nov. 24; Christmas Eve and Christmas, Dec. 24-25.

- **Tanasi Bar & Grill** will have a special **New Year's Day Brunch Buffet 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**. There will be a live omelet and carving station. The spread will include breakfast favorites and traditional New Year's meals. The regular menu will be available at 4 p.m.
- Tanasi menu: www.tellicovillagepoa.org/images/tellico/pdfs/ta-menu.pdf
- Yacht Club menu: www.tellicovillageyachtclub.com

Tanasi Bar and Grill: 865-458-9392

Toqua Café: 865-458-1330

Yacht Club: 865-458-4363

POA 101 Dec. 7

POA 101 is a program presented by TVPOA staff to give property owners an overview of Village governance and history. Maps, governing documents, Tellico Village license plate and more are given to participants. The next session is: **2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, Yacht Club**. Reservations are required so enough handouts are made. Call Patty Robichaud, 865-458-5408 ext. 4115, or email gram@tvpoa.org.

The 2016 US Election: Simply Amazing!

The Donald's Campaign Miracle and President-Elect Trump's Governing Challenge

Tellico Village University is completing its second year with a major presentation featuring Maryville College Political Science Professor Dr. Mark O'Gorman, 9-11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, Yacht Club Gallery.

No American election in recent memory has been as unexpected or intense as 2016. Campaign rhetoric not seen in nearly a century; unpredicted electoral outcomes; and astounding policy promises are topics students in this two-hour course will study in our review of the unexpected election of the 45th US President, Donald J. Trump.

Hour One discusses *Campaigning*, with particular focus on the "Trump Miracle" – how Donald Trump overcame enormous odds to win both the GOP nomination and the American Presidency. Participants will learn how to evaluate public opinion polls and to defend (or amend) the Electoral College in this hour.

In Hour Two, the class shifts to *Governing*. What campaign promises can President-Elect Trump fulfill, while mending fences all but destroyed during his fiery campaign? Participants will suggest their idea of next year's US Federal Budget, debating what Trump policies might work, or not.

Dr. Mark O'Gorman teaches courses at Maryville College in public policy and in political campaigns and elections. He has consulted with White House staff on policy issues and has been a frequent on-air political expert for local media, including National Public Radio in East Tennessee on Election Night 2016.

Registration is requested so we may plan seating. Register at the TVU website at www.tvuniversity.org. Contact Us page. A confirmation will be sent. A waiting list will be maintained. There is no tuition for this program.

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Garden Club Luncheon Dec. 1—RSVP by Nov. 23

The Tellico Village Garden Club will meet noon Thursday, Dec. 1, on the top floor of the Yacht Club. The cost is \$20 per person, and RSVPs are required before Nov. 23. Contact Judy Jutze at

865-458-6895.

Our guest speaker, Marilyn Johnson, an educator and Master Gardener, will present "The Lore and Care of Christmas Plants." She will give us insights on how to enjoy our Christmas plants longer and also tell us about the history and lore surrounding the many plants available this time of year.

Upcoming Medic Blood drives

Medic will be holding a few blood drives in Tellico Village:

- Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, the Community Church at Tellico Village's Christian Life Center.

For more information, go to medicblood.org.

Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show deadline Nov. 30

Tellico Village Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Yacht Club. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 30.

- Holiday Fashions & Entertainment Ideas will be presented by the Silk Purse along with holiday music provided by Linda Schuessler.
- Doors open at 10 a.m. for your shopping convenience with lunch being served promptly at 11:30 a.m.
- Our charity bakers will benefit the Tellico Village Fire Department with desserts available for purchase at the luncheon.
- There will also be a silent auction for a Holiday Wreath donated by Broadway Flowers with proceeds benefiting the Fire Department.
- The menu is a Traditional Chef Salad, with dressing on the side. Rolls, coffee, tea and water included. Reservations can be made along with cash or check for \$15 payable to TV Yacht Club at the Yacht Club.

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).

T-BART offers lake maps

Tellico Boaters Assistance Response Team (T-BART) offers maps of the lake. For more information or to purchase a map, contact Jerry Campbell, 865-458-0861.

Handy tips for grandparents

According to Jennifer Davis, "I'm a mom to a second-grade boy, wife, daughter, sister, daughter-in-law, speech therapist assistant and a Florida native. After growing up in Altamonte Springs, we moved to Indiana in 2006 and lived there for 9 years. Recently our family moved to Maryville, but have been visiting my in-laws here in Tellico Village for the past 20 years. I decided to create this blog to make it easier for grandparents to find fun places to go in and around Tellico Village so when their grandkids come to visit they won't get bored. If you have any suggestions of places you would like me to do a write up on, don't hesitate to send me an email." To read her blog on activities, go to tvgrandkids.blogspot.com.

Meet Jet, the Pet of the Week

Here is a sad case that perhaps someone in the Village could help.

Jet of Tellico Village lost her human companion and is now an orphan. She is bewildered and dazed now that her lifelong human is no longer with her. Jet is in her senior years. She needs an act of kindness to help her through this difficult time. Help find a home for Jet who is a 12 year old black lab full of love and in need of love. She is spayed, sweet and well behaved. She is not a barker and gets along with other cats and dogs. She enjoys car rides and fetching toys. Contact Keith Sanderson at keith@maxapooch.com if you can provide this wonderful girl love and a forever home.

Fore the Love of the Game—Golf News and Events

Kahite - 423-884-6108

Toqua - 865-458-6546

Tanasi - 865-458-4707

MGA dues for 2017

The Men's Golf Association ("MGA") wants to remind all members that 2017 dues are due starting Jan. 1, 2017. Checks for \$37, made payable to TV MGA can be mailed to or dropped at any of the three Village Golf Pro Shops. Payments received after Nov. 1, 2016, will be applied to 2017 dues. MGA dues cover the cost of maintaining, for each member, a USGA Handicap Index issued through the Tennessee Golf Association. Dues are also used to provide prizes for tournaments and refreshments for events sponsored by the MGA.

You will automatically become an MGA member by paying the \$37 dues. Check the MGA website for a calendar of golfing events. There are a mix of individual, two man and four man events with a shotgun start in prime golf time. It's a great way to meet other golfers. Come on out and join your neighbors in our Thursday golf game.

Santa Claus Open Dec. 3

Just a friendly reminder that this year's Santa Claus Open is Saturday, Dec. 3, at Tanasi. The format is a four-person team NET stableford. Play will begin with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. You can sign up in any golf shop and create your own team. The entry fee is \$5 a player and a new unwrapped toy (excludes green and cart fee). All toys will be donated to the Loudon Country Toys for Tots. If you can't make the event but would like to donate a toy, please stop by the Tanasi Pro Shop by Dec. 3.

Casey's Christmas Special

Looking for a great stocking stuffer or gift for someone? Help them improve their golf game by giving them golf lesson certificates! I will be offering the following specials through Dec. 31.

- 1 lesson: (originally \$75) SPECIAL - \$60
- 3 lessons: (originally \$225) SPECIAL - \$150
- 5 lessons: (originally \$300) SPECIAL - \$250

****CHRISTMAS CERTIFICATE INCLUDED****

*1-hour lessons

*All lessons include V1 software in depth swing analysis

*NO EXPIRATION

*Lessons are transferable (can be split between 2 or 3 people)

Contact me at 865-458-4707 or CFlenniken@tvpoa.org for more information or to reserve your gift today!

Library Corner

The Library wishes to recognize and thank volunteer **Gary Davis** for his steadfast support of the Library's computer systems and website. His contributions have had a huge impact, not only on the Library, but on our local community.

Season tickets now on sale

The Tellico Community Players are pleased to announce season tickets for 2017 are on sale through now through Jan. 13. You will be able to choose the performance date and seats for the entire year. If a performance dates does not work out, you will be able to exchange tickets for another date and seats available. For more information, go to www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org.

What Is That Arrow on the Garbage Container?

Did you know the arrow on your garbage container is to point the garbage cart toward the street so the Santek truck driver can pick up the container with a mechanized lift arm? If the container is either sideways or backwards, it requires the truck driver to exit the truck and move the container. With the arrow pointed at the street, the driver will not have to exit the truck to pick up the trash container.

Information and photos submitted by Keith Rivard

Burn Ban Reminder from the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department

On Monday, November 14, 2016 Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam issued a proclamation declaring a regional ban on burning in 51 counties in response to the ongoing drought and destructive wildfires throughout Middle and East Tennessee. Loudon and Monroe counties are included in the burn ban. According to TVVFD Deputy Chief Edward R. Valente Sr., "This past weekend, the fire department responded to three brush fire calls, one occurring early Saturday morning in which the siding of a residence, adjacent to the vacant lot on fire, sustained damage." For more information and location of the fires, www.BurnSafeTN.org.

Holiday trash schedule

With Thanksgiving, Nov. 24, Santek changed their schedule:

- If your regular day is Thursday, your pick up day is Friday.
- If your regular day is Friday, your pick up day is Saturday.

For questions or more information, call Santek at 844-500-1161.

Holiday Announcement from UPS

UPS will be making deliveries in the Toqua Neighborhood via a golf cart with trailer. This will provide an earlier delivery time for the residents of Toqua and eliminate the need for a larger UPS vehicle to be in that neighborhood late in the evening. Thank you, and keep an eye out for delivery drivers bearing gifts.

Charitable activities in the area

Mitten Drive through Dec. 21

Spread the warmth: New or handmade hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for children and adults are needed for children and adults in Loudon and Monroe counties. Your donated items will be distributed by the Good Samaritan Center and the Good Shepherd. You can drop off items at the

Wellness Center Christmas Tree, the Chota Rec Center Christmas Tree, or the Community Church at Tellico Village's Wishing Well.

Looking for a holiday volunteer opportunity?

The Elf Project for a Child's Christmas needs volunteers for this year's Christmas season. Operating in Loudon, Monroe and Knox counties, The Elf Project is a unique combination of donations and volunteers who accompany parents on a shopping trip for their kids.

It doesn't take much to become an Elf Volunteer: just a commitment of \$50 per child **and/or** about an hour of time to meet and shop with a parent. This shopping outing can be one of the best experiences you have this Christmas.

For more information, please visit our website: theelfproject.org or contact founder Sandra McEntire at theelfproject@gmail.com.

Toys-for-Tots: The children of Loudon County again need your help!

This marks the 19th year for the Tellico Village Woodworkers Club's "Toys-for-Tots" program. The program helps put toys under Christmas trees for many disadvantaged Loudon County children, the toys are distributed through the Loudon County Sheriff's Office.

All donations need to be made by **noon on Dec. 1.**

Presentation of all the wooden and donated toys to the Sheriff's Office will be made 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Tellico Village Community Church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and see the wide variety of toys that the Tellico Village Woodworkers have made. **Toys will be on display starting at 5 p.m.**

Please help the children of Loudon County by dropping off donated toys. Starting Nov. 1, drop-off boxes will be available at the Tanasi Clubhouse, the Wellness Center, the Chota Recreation Center, the Yacht Club and the Tellico Village Library. Pre-addressed envelopes will be available at each drop-off location for residents that would like to help older children by mailing a check directly to the Loudon County's Sheriff's Office.

Last year club members built and donated 525 wooden toys for the program. Over the last 16 years, club members have delivered to the County Sheriff's Office over 10,000 wooden toys. These toys have ranged from trucks and cars, to elaborate jewelry boxes, wooden puzzles, doll cribs, music boxes, children's furniture, and circus trains, toddler pull toys, rocking horses, artist boxes, easels and many more elaborate wooden toys.

Tellico Village residents have generously supported the program as well by donating purchased toys to the program. Last year over 500 purchased toys were given to the Sheriff's Office. In addition Village residents made cash donations to Toys-for-Tots to help the Sheriff's office meet special gift needs, particularly for older children. Our residents came through generously, with donations of over \$2,000 to the Program.

United Way issues

Over the course of the last week or two several issues have arisen in conjunction with the United Way Loudon County (UWLC) Campaign that bear discussion. There are two. The first addresses the question of "Why do we need a United Way. Give directly to the agency." The answer turns on the issue of efficiency. UWLC supports 34 agencies. It would be virtually impossible for an individual potential donor to screen all 34 to determine if they merit financial support. The UW BOD does that screening. Each year it conducts a rigorous allocation review process. Each partner agency sends representatives to meet with the BOD to review their request for funds. The process involves ascertaining whether or not the request is needed, if the use for funds is appropriate and does the agency operate in an efficient manner, i.e., minimize overhead and administrative costs. Only if satisfactory answers are provided to all of these questions is the grant made. In many instances, based on this review, the amount granted is less than requested.

Absent this process each individual agency would have to spend a larger portion of its funds to seek out donors and raise the funds provided by UW. They thus get to use a larger portion of funds donated to them to satisfy their mission.

The second issue deals with UWLC's administrative costs. These provide a salary for the Executive Director, office rental, printing, advertising and other related costs. These costs are minimized thanks to the fact that we are affiliated with the Greater Knoxville UW and share facilities and staff. Each year the financial records of UWLC are audited by certified auditors. The most recent audit, completed in late spring, showed UWLC's administrative costs to be 13% of total revenue. This means that of every dollar collected by UWLC, \$0.87 is distributed to partner agencies with \$0.13 used to pay the overhead or administrative costs. What this means is that with UW low overhead and a lower overhead in the agencies, thanks to UW support, more of the funds collected go directly to mission support.

Charity Navigator (charitynavigator.com) is a national organization that tracks the performance of charitable entities in the US and evaluates their performance based on a variety of criteria. One evaluative measure is the ratio of mission expenses to overhead costs. A visit to their web site will show that they consider administrative cost below 15% to be indicative of an excellently managed organization, doing a superb job of properly using the funds given to it. United Way Loudon County falls into this EXCELLENT category.

Thus you can rest assured, that your donation to UWLC will, in fact, support agencies in Loudon County that provide needed services to the residents of Loudon County, including Tellico Village. We appreciate your support.

Booking a Pavilion

Do you know who to call to book the Family Beach Pavilion, Kahite Pavilion, or the Toqua Pavilion? Larissa Lownsdale at Chota Recreation Center, 865-458-6779, takes the bookings for the pavilions. So give her a call for that special event you are planning.

Save the date!

Only 10 tickets left!

Day Trip to see the Moscow Ballet Dec. 20

Enjoy a daytrip to the Tennessee Theatre in Knoxville to see the Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*. Participants will leave Tellico Village at noon Tuesday, Dec. 20, by shuttle (with a shuttle return after the show). There will be time before and after the show to meander around Downtown Knoxville, grab a cup of coffee, or enjoy the Christmas décor around the venue.

Tickets are \$55.50 per person, which includes transportation by shuttle and a ticket to the show. Seats are limited. To purchase tickets, come to the Tellico Village Welcome Center and see Lisa McCray, Lifestyle Coordinator, or call her at 865-458-5408 ext. 4131 for more information.