

## Tell-E-Gram Text Only Version, Jan. 10, 2017

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

- **Communications & Marketing Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, Chota Rec Center Room D**
- **Long Range Planning workshop, 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, POA Conference Room**
- **CANCELED: Chat with the PR Manager Jan. 12**
- **Finance Advisory Committee, 9 a.m. Friday, Jan 13, POA Conference Room**

### **Announcement from General Manager**

**By Winston Blazer, General Manager**

Last week, the Public Relations Manager, John Cherry, announced his resignation from the POA effective Jan. 15. Since John joined our staff in 2006, he has proven to be an effective communicator for the Association and an excellent conduit between Villagers and the POA. He is moving on to take a position with a public relations firm in Maryville. I am sure Villagers will miss John as much as we will. Please join me in wishing him good luck in his new position.

### **Top 10 Financial Stories of 2016**

**By Parker Owen, Director of Finance**

With 2016 now behind us, it is a good time to look back at some of the major events of the year that shaped the financial performance of the Tellico Village Property Owners Association. The year was another good one for TVPOA, with a number of significant stories that affected not only 2016 but that will have continuing financial effects over the longer term. Following in roughly chronological order is my list of the top 10 TVPOA financial stories of 2016.

1. We began the year with a budget that continued the 2015 theme of “Repair, Replace and Renovate.” The 2016 plan was mostly aimed at bringing some of our aging facilities and infrastructure back to good operating condition and appearances. Approximately 87% of the 2016 Capital Plan was in support of the 3 Rs, including Toqua bunker renovations and Toqua clubhouse restroom renovations. Substantial amounts for equipment replacements included the cart fleet at Toqua golf club, fairway mowers at Kahite, and assorted other golf maintenance equipment. Our Public Services Division replaced several trucks, mowers other maintenance equipment. The remainder was for infrastructure and operating improvements. There were no new amenities budgeted for 2016.
2. On March 18, TVPOA received a check for \$29,869 from the State of Tennessee as reimbursement for a portion of our costs associated with the February 2015 ice storms. The entire process took just over one year to document our eligibility for public assistance, document our costs eligible for reimbursement, and receive approval for payment through the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All of this was in response to President Obama’s declaration of major disaster areas in 35 Tennessee counties following the severe winter ice storms and deep freeze. Our overall costs directly attributable to the storms were estimated at about \$100,000, but not all of our costs were eligible for reimbursement. Just as important as this reimbursement, we have now documented our eligibility to apply for this type of assistance in the future and would be better prepared in the event that another qualifying incident should occur.
3. The audit of TVPOA financial statements by the CPA firm of Coulter & Justus, P.C. produced another clean, unqualified opinion by the auditors. Furthermore, the audit firm issued its required Auditor Communications Letter to the Audit Committee and noted no exceptions or areas of concern. Finally, the firm did not issue a Management Letter concerning internal controls issues because they did not identify any significant internal

controls issues that warranted communication. In the world of financial reporting, this is about as good as it gets. These audit results reflect the hard work of our Accounting staff throughout the year as well as during the audit process.

4. On April 23, TVPOA sold at public auction five pieces of rolling stock that had been declared surplus property due to age, condition or uneconomical costs of maintenance and operations. The sale was conducted by Powell Auction and Realty, LLC as part of their annual spring Farm and Construction Equipment Auction. Net proceeds from the sales totaled over \$13,000, plus we had previously advertised a truck on company bulletin boards and sold it by sealed bids, bringing us total sales of surplus property of nearly \$15,000. We learned from this experience that public auction is a viable way to dispose of surplus property for fair value. All of these sales were conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Article VII, Disposal of Surplus Property.
5. On June 17, TVPOA Homes, LLC sold the speculative house built at 414 Cheeyo Place, and the line of credit used for construction financing was paid in full from the proceeds of the sale. The house sold for a reasonable profit, but just as important, the speculative house helped jump start the development of the Cheeyo Place neighborhood. The neighborhood has now grown from one house to thirteen; eight POA owned lots were sold for net proceeds totaling over \$16,000; and four more lots were returned to assessment paying status, assuring over \$18,000 per year of additional assessment revenue. These smaller homes have proved so popular that this concept is being extended to three other neighborhood developments in early 2017 at Tanasi Hills, Mialaquo Coves and Chatuga Point.
6. On July 27, the 99 year lease between TVPOA and the Tellico Reservoir Development Agency was amended to reduce the term of the lease to a remaining 28 years and 5 months; to reduce the lease payments from 2017 through 2043 to \$400,000 per year with a 2044 payment of \$178,225; and to transfer ownership of all land, land improvements and buildings to TVPOA at the end of the lease. Major facilities included in this agreement are the Toqua and Tanasi golf courses, the Yacht Club, Chota Recreation Center and the private roads serving Tellico Village. Total savings over the original 99 year life of the lease are \$36,799,765. This truly historic agreement provides not only the savings to our property owners in the form of lower lease payments, but it assures current and future property owners that we are maintaining and investing in assets and facilities that we will eventually own.
7. The 2017 Budget and 2018 to 2022 Five Year Plan were approved on November 16 with an assessment rate of \$123.48 (5% increase) and a capital plan of \$1,218,300, with 72% of that amount going to equipment replacements and renovations. New additions to infrastructure, including a Tanasi clubhouse parking expansion and water booster pumps accounted for the balance.
8. During the budget process there developed a realization that our 110 miles of roads were reaching the point that we needed to plan for their milling and paving plus continued rejuvenation through the Five Year Plan and beyond. Analysis of the current funding formula for the R&M Reserve fund revealed a substantial shortfall in required funding, so the funding formula was changed from 9% of net collectible assessments to 13% of net collectible assessments in 2017 through 2019, then 14% thereafter. The process of repaving and rejuvenation work is ongoing and never ending, so we budgeted for these expenses from the R&M Reserve Fund and simultaneously increased the formula to ensure adequate levels of funding. We will continue to monitor both the expenses and the funding formula to ensure that our roads are well maintained and that funding provisions are adequate to meet the needs.
9. A great deal of discussion and debate during this year's budget process centered on the issue of new amenities, specifically plans for updating the Toqua golf clubhouse, and for

enhancing the facilities at the Kahite clubhouse. There was general consensus that the Toqua clubhouse is outdated and inadequate to serve the needs of our membership, and there was also general agreement that the “double-wide” temporary structure at Kahite needed to be replaced with something more permanent. After considering several combinations of timing of these facilities, they were both slotted in 2019 with detailed design work slotted in the previous year, 2018. While the scope, scale, costs and timing of these projects are subject to further study and evaluation, slotting them into the Five-Year Plan is a significant first step in bringing these projects to fruition.

10. Despite the long range challenges of keeping our infrastructure and facilities up to date and in good operating condition, we are well positioned to meet those challenges and enhance Tellico Village’s position as a very desirable place to live and perhaps to retire. Our current debt levels and interest expenses are at their lowest levels in 10 years. Our capital equipment lease obligations are being retired and are unlikely to be renewed. Our lines of credit for TVPOA, Inc. and for TVPOA Homes, LLC have zero balances and a combined \$1 million expandable credit line available for our use. The Wellness Center note, which initially had a balance of \$2.13 million in 2008, has a current balance of \$735,000, and will be paid off in mid-year 2020, which will free up a substantial amount of debt service capacity.

So in summary, 2016 was another good year for Tellico Village. The Village Marketing program continued to gain traction and bring prospective buyers in to tour Tellico Village. The Realtor partner program and builder partner program have enjoyed successful years and are looking at new growth opportunities. We maintained and renovated some aging facilities and infrastructure that will now provide many additional years of service. We generated positive cash flow from operations, continued to pay down debt and we increased our reserve balances. Our financial strength and stability continue to be strong selling points as we market the Tellico Village brand to prospective buyers.

To each of the property owners of Tellico Village, I hope that you too have had a successful 2016, and I wish you and your family a very prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year.

## **Highlights from the Board Workshop**

In case you missed it

The 2017 Board held their first Workshop of the new year on Wednesday last week.

- Board Member Alan Hart provided a review of the Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Guiding Principles of the POA. It was a review for most Board members, but it served as a lead-in for the next subject on the agenda.
- Board President Bruce Johnson spoke to several slides he had developed which outlined several Guiding Principles and items for discussion for 2017.
- Finally, Board Member Mike Colacone put forth an initiative to change the existing By-Laws to implement term limits on POA Board Members.

Throughout all of these agenda items, there was much spirited discussion among Board members and members of the audience. The monthly Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club.

## **Vote for the 2017 Bliss Award**

Below is information on how and where you can vote for Tellico Village as the best place to live. As part of the process, you will be asked to enter your email address to verify property ownership status. You need not to worry about privacy issues. According to Margie Casey at [www.RealEstateScorecard.com](http://www.RealEstateScorecard.com), "These email addresses are not being added to our marketing database and will not be shared with any third party."

### **VOTING RULES:**

- Submissions will only be accepted from property owners of record.
- Property owners are to submit their vote online at [www.RealEstateScorecard.com](http://www.RealEstateScorecard.com). To quickly vote,

click the orange medallion 'Vote Now' on the left side of the upper image. The voting medallion will not show up on mobile devices and tablets.

- Only one vote per property address will count.
- Property owners can choose to vote anonymously.
- Submission deadline is Jan. 10, 2017.

The comment section is the most important part of the Bliss Award ballot.

So let's get out there and vote! Voting takes less than a minute. It's a great way to make a positive contribution to the marketing/communications program for Tellico Village. All you need to do is just "Tell'em it's better at Tellico Village."

### **Yacht Club Restrooms Undergo Renovation**

As part of the TVPOA's Repair, Replace, Renovate program, the restrooms at the Yacht Club are currently being refurbished. During the course of the three-week project, there will always be at least one set of restrooms open and available for patrons. Thank you for your patience.

### **Golf Logo Contest**

The Golf Advisory Committee is looking for logos for Tanasi Golf Course and the Toqua Golf Course. Anyone can enter. The winners (one for Tanasi and one for Toqua) will receive dinner for four at the Yacht Club.

Entries need to be submitted by Jan. 16 to Jan Smith, JanSmith717@gmail.com.

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

- NEW! Tanasi Bar & Grill is now **delivering dinner** 4:30-7:30 p.m. every day. Call for details: 865-458-9392.
- **Tiki Bar** at the Yacht Club:
  - **Southern Star Band**, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13
  - **DJ Lou**, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20
- **Opera Night at the Yacht Club**, \$70 per person, 6 p.m. Monday Jan. 16. Call 865-458-4363 for information and reservations.
- **Yacht Club dining room and bar will be closed Jan. 24-25 for flooring.**

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

**Toqua Café: 865-458-1330**

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

### **2017 Reciprocal Courtesy Cards for Yachting Clubs of America Are Here**

Property owners can purchase Reciprocal Courtesy Cards for the Yachting Clubs of America in the POA office for \$20. The card will allow you to frequent the more than 800 yachting clubs which, like TVYCC, are members of the association. There are YCA affiliated yacht clubs throughout the USA and its territories. For more information about YCOA, go to [www.ycaol.com](http://www.ycaol.com); the website that tells about the Association and all the yacht clubs that are members. Stop by the POA office to learn where member clubs are. For other questions about the program, call Mitzi Lane, 865-458-5408, extension 4100.

### **Loudon County Clerk's TV Satellite Office Open Thursdays**

The Loudon County Clerk's office is assisting customers with the following services: Vehicle registrations, vehicle renewals, duplicate titles, handicap applications. The office space is located at: 100

Chota Center (across from the gas station), courtesy of Lakeside Real Estate Group. Hours are: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays to serve Loudon County residents. Services offered include vehicle registrations, vehicle renewals, duplicate titles, and handicap applications.

## **Tennessee ID Services in Village 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12**

The State of Tennessee offers a unique opportunity for Veterans called the “Highways for Heroes Program.” Through this program, Tennesseans are able to take advantage of various identification services right in the comfort of their own community. On Thursday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., the Tennessee mobile unit will be set up in the parking lot at the corner of Chota Road and Highway 444, immediately in front of the Lakeside Real Estate offices. The mobile unit travels the state to issue Veteran designated driver licenses and Commercial Driver Licenses (CDL) to eligible Veterans and Service Members.

Special thanks to Lakeside Real Estate Group for providing parking, restrooms, coffee, and the Loudon County Clerk’s office (located there Thursdays) providing license plates.

Even though the program is designed to bring these services to Veterans, **ALL** Villagers are invited to participate.

## **TVU announces spring courses**

Calligraphy, Income Tax insights, Literature, History, Social Media, Spirituality, Fraud Prevention, Living with Diabetes, Interior Design, World Geography! Check the Tellico Village University website [www.tvuniversity.org](http://www.tvuniversity.org) under the Classes in TV tab for a complete description of our 2017 spring classes. Find something interesting and that you can attend, and register using the Contact Us page. Help us manage TVU by registering and noting the class on your calendar; and PLEASE cancel if you must so we can make your seat open to someone on the waiting list. Our classes do collect a very small tuition for our operating costs.

Our featured class this spring is in June. Cherokee historian, teacher and story teller, Freeman Owle, will be here in June for a fascinating presentation on the Cherokee culture. Edward Jones financial advisors Gary Stuart and Ashley Benson invite us to be their guests at this very special Edward Jones Sponsored Lecture. Details on the website!

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

- **Yacht Club dining room and bar will be closed Jan. 24-25 for flooring work.**
- **Tellico Community Playhouse box office is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Jan. 13 for season tickets.**

### **GriefShare program**

Healing from your grief is not easy. It’s a long, sometimes painful process. Let us offer you a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone.

GriefShare meets weekly on Thursdays through March 30 at 10:30 a.m. in Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 206 Wade Rd W, Loudon, TN.

The second 13-week session commences April 6 and runs through June 29. For more information, call Tom and Maryanne Whitlaw at 1-865-657-3300.

### **Cruising Club meets Jan. 11**

The Tellico Cruising Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. with the meeting starting promptly at 6 p.m. All Tellico Lake boaters are welcome. Any questions should be directed to Commander Bob Mazzola 865-657-9306.

### **New Beginning Tai Chi class begins Jan. 12**

The Taoist Tai Chi Society will offer a beginning Tai Chi class 10:30 a.m.-noon beginning Thursday, Jan.

12, in the Wellness Center. (You do not need to be a member of the Wellness Center to attend these classes.) This three-month session will teach you the 108-movement exercise set. For more information, contact Gail Eades, 865-599-6785.

Taoist Tai Chi is a slow movement “internal” form of the ancient Chinese martial art. It is widely known for its health benefits, for increased flexibility and strength, for improved balance, and for taming the “busy mind.” It can be practiced by people of all ages and physical conditions.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a tax-exempt, charitable and all-volunteer organization. Their qualified instructors donate their time in order to share the health-giving benefits of Tai Chi.

### **Ladies Book Club meets Jan. 12**

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet in the Tanasi Clubhouse Thursday, Jan. 12, for 11:30 a.m. lunch followed by a 12:15 discussion led by Kathleen Crowley of “All the King’s Men,” by Robert Penn Warren.

### **Tellico Riders meet Jan. 12**

Thursday Jan. 12, the Tellico Riders will conduct their monthly meeting at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. The club social starts in the Yacht Club Bar at 5 p.m. followed by the meeting on the top floor at 6 p.m. If you own a motorcycle or would like to meet those that do, come to our meeting; we’d love to meet you. It’s also optional to join many of the Tellico Riders at 7 p.m. for a no host dinner in the Yacht Club Dining Room after the meeting. For additional information, please contact Paula Moore, Director Tellico Riders at [moorepm@charter.net](mailto:moorepm@charter.net)

### **Hike Bird Mountain Jan. 13**

The Tellico Village Hiking Club will depart 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, from Chota Center, to hike:

- **BIRD MOUNTAIN AT FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK**
- Distance: 8 miles
- Rating: Moderate
- Driving Time: 1 hr. 15 min.
- Elevation gain: 1,600 feet
- Leader: John Winn, [john.winn@gmail.com](mailto:john.winn@gmail.com) or 865-824-6200

This hike affords the opportunity to explore Frozen Head State Park and its wild terrain, close by in the Cumberland Mountains. In the Tennessee State Park system, Frozen Head is a gem. This is a loop hike starting on the Bird Mountain Trail and returning on the Lookout Mountain Trail. If the weather conditions are right, we should see why Frozen Head Mountain got its name. It is often covered in frost as it is a high point in the Cumberlands.

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).

### **New date: Hike Fort Loudoun State Park Jan. 16**

The Muddy Boots Hiking Club will depart **9 a.m.** (note late start time) Monday, Jan. 16, from Chota Center (across from the gas station), to hike:

- Fort Loudoun State Park
- Distance: 5 miles
- Rating: Easy
- Leaders: Lynn and Bill Schmitt

Bring along your poles, boots, water, and a snack. We will be visiting the museum on site and also plan on eating at Venti’s Pizza in Vonore to kick off the year. So bring along some money. Some people may wish to bring a picnic lunch or just return home. Kahite hikers can meet us in the parking lot around 9:30 a.m.

### **Hike the East Lakeshore Trail Jan. 17**

Join us on Jan. 17 when we will hike 2.5 miles of the Coyatee Loop Branch of East Lakeshore Trail. We



will gather at the Poplar Springs Boat Ramp parking lot at 9 a.m. where we will carpool to the trail head. Hikers coming from Kahite, can meet us around 9:15 a.m. at the Coyatee Trailhead, which is off the Coyatee Road. The East Lakeshore Trails are just across the lake and are one of the most beautiful and accessible hiking trails in East Tennessee and have been designated as National Recreation Trails by the Department of the Interior. If you would like to become more familiar with these trails and/or would just like to take a short 2.5- to 3-mile hike, then come join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. All of the monthly hikes should finish no later than 11:30 a.m. Your hike leaders will be Larry Elder, Jim Jeswald, and Jon Foreman. For additional information feel free to contact: Larry: [lelder49@gmail.com](mailto:lelder49@gmail.com) or 865-657-9722; or Jon: [for4man@charter.net](mailto:for4man@charter.net) or 412-337-5500.

## **Charitable and Volunteer Opportunities**

### **United Way—we are almost there**

It now appears that the TV United Way Campaign will meet its goal of \$90,000. As of COB yesterday we had contributions totaling \$89,653 which is 99.6% of the goal. Part of this surge can be attributed to the wonderful couple who made an offer to match dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$1,000, any donations made after December 23. Thus far three families have accepted the offer and donated \$550. This means once the matching funds are added in we will meet the goal.

This was achieved through the donations of 478 residents/families residing in the Village. Hard as we have tried to reverse the trend of the number of donors participating, it has fallen again by about 6%. The Steering Committee will begin working on reversing this trend and explore other ideas about improving the effectiveness of the campaign at its first meeting of the year. This meeting will take place on Jan. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Wellness Center Conference Room. This is an open meeting so anyone interested in learning how the campaign operates or interested in offering suggestions are invited to attend.

Remember, it is not too late to still donate and push us well over the goal and take advantage of the matching offer. You can do so by mailing a check to Bob Mugge, Treasurer, at 118 Oostanali Way, Loudon, TN 37774. If you have an IRA you can also make a donation from that fund using the Qualified Charitable Donation provision of the tax laws. By doing this you save paying the tax on the withdrawal.

Again, thanks for the great support.

## **Library Corner**

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS - call the library to register 458-5199

- Tuesday, Jan. 17, 9:30-11 a.m.: Richard Cross will give an encore presentation discussing his research at the National Archives and his declassified documents pertaining to the assassination of JFK. He will also have his books available for sale: *The Overlooked Letters*, and *Lee Harvey Oswald: a Rogue KGB Agent*
- Tuesday, Jan. 24, 11 a.m.-noon: Improve Your Balance, part 1-- The Science of Balance, with Dr. Jessica Briere from the Complete Chiropractic and Wellness Center
- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1-2 p.m.: Frozen shoulder—causes and therapies, with Mag Abdu from Advanced Physiotherapy Clinic
- Thursday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m.-noon: FREE Introduction to Genealogy Research workshop, with Sam Maner. This will be a basic class on how to get started with researching your ancestors. Sam is the author of several genealogy publications, previously worked with ancestry.com, and teaches classes at Pellissippi State.

## **Recent Events and Bragging Rights**

### **Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show raised \$500 for My People**

It was with pleasure to announce at the January Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show that a \$500 donation was made to the Dolly Parton "My People Fund" as a gift from the monthly Luncheon & Fashion Show

attendees. Many in attendees on Jan. 4 have visited and volunteered to help the community of Gatlinburg. Additional donations can be made to: My People Fund, c/o Dollywood Foundation, 111 Dollywood Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863.

### **Supporting our friends in Gatlinburg**

A group of members of the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village spent a day in Gatlinburg just after Christmas, to support the merchants and townspeople. The shopkeepers were very welcoming and so thankful for the visitors, and said to tell everyone to come to Gatlinburg and see for themselves that the town has come back and survived the devastating fires, because, Gatlinburg is there for the tourists.

It was humbling to see how close the fires came to the little village. One lady said that her church was saved because it had a slate roof and was built of stone. Another shop owner told how the main street was lined on both sides with fire engines from every nearby town, shooting water over the shops towards the surrounding woods that were in flames. They heard many stories of sadness, miracles, friendship and strength of the spirited people of Gatlinburg. "People must know that the town wasn't destroyed, but is still standing and waiting to serve its visitors."

Clubs and groups from Tellico Village are encouraged to follow the lead and drive over to the mountains to help those courageous people. The goal was to purchase something in three stores, have a meal and leave a generous tip. The townspeople were so grateful for the visit and generosity, and are anxious to see the tourists come back. The group was very moved by the up-beat spirit of the people it met.

As the Kiwanis group was leaving, they faced bumper-to-bumper traffic arriving into the village. A beautiful sight!

The group is pictured by photographer Rich Grech; Mick Gardner, Adele Gardner, Cheryl Grech, Dan Kuzdzal, Donna Kuzdzal, Phil Rothrock, Paul Thornton and Ruth Thornton.

### **TV Lions off to great start**

The TV Lions got the year off to a great start at their first meeting by inducting two new members into the club; they hope this is a predictor of how the rest of the year will go.

The new members inducted were Wayne DeLawter and Sam Carpenter, both retired Air Force generals and long-time residents of the Village. Their membership was sponsored by Lion Ron Lockhart. The ceremony was conducted by Lion Doris Catani, the club's Membership Chair and presided over by Club President, Queen Lion Margaret VanWormer. Shown in the photo below are four of the participants, from the left, Wayne DeLawter, Sam Carpenter, Lions Ron Lockhart and Doris Catani.

In addition to the induction ceremony, actions were set in motion for the club's first fund raising event of the year, the Chili/Soup Dinner. This year the event will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28, commencing at 4 p.m. and continuing until 7 p.m. As usual, it will be held in the Christian Life Center of the TV Community Church. Ticket prices are \$11/person in advance or \$13/person at the door. They can be purchased from any Lion or at Sloan's, United Community Bank, or The Village Salon. If you don't know any Lions, call Marcia Higby at 865-458-9356 or Larry Stickler at 865-458-6582. This is a popular event and tickets are limited so get yours early.

Plans were also finalized for the club's Annual Appreciation Dinner which recognizes and honors non-members supporters of the various activities the club conducts. Many of the club's fund-raisers for example, would not be possible to conduct without the assistance of member spouses, friends and neighbors. This year the dinner will be held at the TV Yacht Club commencing at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Other items discussed included two upcoming Health Fairs, the first at the Good Shepherd Center in Madisonville on Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon; and the second at the Good Samaritan Center in Lenoir City on Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Both perform blood pressure and glucose checks; in addition, vision testing is also done at Good Samaritan. Those determined to need glasses and qualifying based on poverty guidelines, receive them free of charge from the TV Lions Club.

The TV Lions meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at the First Baptist Church in Tellico Village. The first Tuesday meeting is a morning meeting convening at 9:15 a.m.; the second meeting is a dinner meeting, convening at 6 p.m. The dinner meeting normally features a guest speaker. You can learn more about the TV Lions by visiting their website at <http://tellicovillage.tnlions.org/> or by contacting their Membership Chair, Doris Catani via e-mail at [dorisann33@gmail.com](mailto:dorisann33@gmail.com) or by phone at 657-5059.