

President's
and
Honor Awards
Luncheon



November 14, 2018





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Mix and Mingle

Welcome

Bruce Johnson

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Honor Awards

Bill Hartman, John Bordelon,
Tracey Heilman and Mary Kay
Bogardus

President's Awards Bruce Johnson

Closing Remarks Bruce Johnson



2018 Honor Awards Committee:

**Bill Hartman (Chair), John Bordelon, Tracey Heilman,
Mary Kay Bogardus**

Community Service Award Nominees

Recognizes highly significant volunteer contributions by a Villager or a Village group to Tennessee communities outside Tellico Village, especially those in Loudon County and Monroe County. Recognizes devoted and effective voluntary service to social, recreational, environmental, management, and service-related programs within these communities.

Jewel Comfort Dog Team

This wonderful team of individuals work with the community nearly every day of the week. Typically, they are visiting nursing homes, veterans, or schools bringing care and comfort through the love of their four-legged companions. Jewel and her team have traveled to many national disasters and communities.

They have dealt with tragedies such as the shootings in Orlando and Baton Rouge. Jewel and her team, along with the dogs, go through extensive training. This training ensures everyone they meet receives the help and care they need.



TV Community Crafters Sharon Cornwell

This group is made up of several ladies that meet on a weekly basis in order to make items to sell in the Spring and Fall craft shows. The crafts made range from mailbox covers, homemade cards, knitting, sewing and needle-work. The money made from the craft sales is distributed between various charities as well as needed scholarships. In 2017 over \$23,000 dollars was given to these worthy causes. The benefit of being a Community Crafter is in the building of lasting relationships and networking opportunities.



Dr. Dennis Benedict

Dennis Benedict and his wife Eddy have resided in Tellico Village since 2001. Dennis was an optometrist for 20 years and continues to help others even after being in retirement. He donates his time working with the TV Lions Club dispensing glasses at area nursing homes and senior apartment complexes and works with several groups to perform eye exams. Dennis also belongs to the TV Fire Department as a volunteer.

Mamie Ringenbach

Mamie Ringenbach saw a need to help people that are challenged daily by using walkers for assistance. Mamie thought about the struggle people went through when trying to keep their personal items within reach while keeping both hands on the walker at the same time. She came up with a simple storage tote that affixes to the walker and has the capacity to hold several items. They can also be made in a wide range of patterns, and she has distributed approximately 850 bags at no cost to those in need.



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Coast Guard Auxiliary currently has 24 dedicated volunteers whose services are greatly appreciated. During the 2018 “Change of Watch”



Thomas Jumer

dinner, many of the volunteers received President’s Volunteer Service Awards. These awards were given to members who had volunteered over 300 - 500 hours. Along with extensive volunteer work, patrolling is a key activity and the flotilla has completed over 20 patrols which include over 450 man-hours. The public education classes also continue to be a success. The classes vary in education and have roughly 30 students each. The flotilla has participated in several activities and will continue doing so in the upcoming months.



Distinguished Service Award Nominees

Recognizes highly significant volunteer contributions by a Villager or a Village group to Tellico Village. These contributions should be so noteworthy as to have a major effect on the general health, welfare and/or enjoyment of the Village; the quality of life in the Village; or the fulfillment of a major need in the Village.

Debra Handley



Debra Handley took it upon herself to organize a much-needed service to the upkeep of the Village, known as the Litter Angels. The group assists in picking up trash along Hwy. 444, and donates their time keeping our community beautiful and litter free. Debra's motto is "It's a dirty job and someone's gotta do it". Debra and her

team of "angels" pick up trash 30 times a year. Since 2015, the group has picked up nearly 4,000 bags of trash and litter! The work of this group does not go unnoticed. We all enjoy the parkway and the trash-free drive through the Village.

Ed Grollemund

Ed has an extensive IT background which makes him an asset in solving internet issues in the Kahite community. Ed has dedicated over 300 hours during the past few years



to research solutions, interfacing and building relationships with various dignitaries in the area, and implementing better internet solutions to help the surrounding area with internet options. There is an internet gap that is hindering the quality of life at Tellico Village; and Ed is working diligently to come up with a way to fix it. In his free time Ed volunteers his time to the Long-Range Planning Committee and in 2018 Ed worked with the Kahite Pub Social Committee focusing on increasing revenue. Everything he does shows his dedication to enriching Tellico Village's quality of life.

Fred Toettcher

Fred Toettcher co-authored marketing communications and brand strategies to re-launch Tellico Village's brand in January of 2013. Fred has worked tirelessly to ensure the integrity of the marketing program while keeping in direct communication with the TVPOA Board and staff. The Village has seen a 30% turnover in the community population in just 3 ½ years. There is a vibrancy and vitality to the Village and the Discovery Package alone has brought in more than 1,100 potential residents, making 2017 a booming year for visitors interested in our community. Due to his and his team's marketing strategies, a survey was done of new Villagers which generated a 31% response from people who had lived in the Village slightly more than 3 years. Needless to say, because of his commitment, implemented marketing activities and keen marketing sense, the Village has flourished. He was also instrumental in the development of the Tellico Village Business Alliance Program that was started in early 2018.



TV Garden Club



The Tellico Village Garden Club is to be commended for their 25 years of service beautifying the neighborhood entrances. Volunteers who live in the individual neighborhoods make up the club and take pride in manicuring the gardens. Each month the club meets to discuss gardening information and reviews plans of other gardens and centers in order to gain ideas for future projects. The club sponsors a garden walk each Spring, and many gardeners volunteer their personal gardens for public viewing. Two years ago a butterfly garden was created, and is located at the Wellness Center. This club has done so much to enhance Tellico Village.

Harold Ek



Harold Ek has been a member and volunteer of the Tellico Village Broadcasting Station for 25 years. Harold has always been very committed to the group and has an unwavering dedication to getting all editing or filming done on time.

Harold is an exemplary videographer and video editor and has mastered the software used to make the videos. Harold enjoys sharing his knowledge and is very patient in instructing others that want to learn this unique craft. He is dedicated and his love for what he does shows. Everyone at the station has a great respect for Harold and truly appreciates all of his efforts that he has put forth everyday as a long-time volunteer of the Village.



Ken Holland and Charles Queener



Ken Holland and Charles Queener work with the Public Services Advisory Committee and both continue to help serve. In March of 2017, the board authorized the PSAC road subcommittee to work through pavement methods, styles, and preservation. Ken and Charles were instrumental in making the necessary contacts. Both helped make it possible to preserve the streets as well as could be. Specialists were contacted on and off-site to see what could be done. After three months of speaking with experts and professionals, the two men presented their findings. As a result of their work, they found the best product to use to preserve the work that had already been done saving time and money.

Kirk Eidenmuller



Kirk Eidenmuller has been the chairperson of the Tellico Village Dock Captains' Committee for the last four years and has led a group of 36 volunteers, continually improving cohesion in the group through his leadership. Although the usual term as a Committee Chairperson is 1 year, Kirk remained Chairperson for 4 years to make sure the analysis and plans of the Committee came to fruition. He has made sure docks remain safe, secure, and have plenty of storage. Kirk has had a major effect on the general welfare, enjoyment and quality of life of the Village.



Lou Robitaille



Lou Robitaille, our beloved D.J., is stepping down and will be missed by many. Lou has brought joy and fun to our Friday nights for years while running the music and being the D.J. on Tiki Bar nights. He loved what he did, and it showed in creating a wonderful time enjoyed by all. If a band was not able to perform, Lou would fill in and always brought love and thoughtfulness to the events he worked, such as the Veteran's Day or Halloween events. He always drew a crowd to the Tiki Bar events, and we would all agree that more people came out to enjoy the dancing and music because he was the primary entertainment.



The Tellico Village Trail Blazers

The Tellico Village Trail Blazers consists of Ron Huinker, Steve Shuman, Bob Sagan, Curt Mitchell, TL Ratcliff, Brian Johnson, Bob Gregory, Ed George, Ron Blust, David McDonald, Paul Ernst, Paul Johnston, Mark Harrington, John Fearn, Robert Hansen, Sharon Hansen, Tom Martin, Joe Kushmaul, Lou Miller, Mel Fisher, Phil Roels, Gary Mulliner and Jon Smith. Their volunteer efforts have enhanced the entire community. Gary Mulliner and Johnathon Smith have worked with teams of volunteers to create over 12 miles of walking trails which are enjoyed by many in the community. Gary started building trails at Kahite nine years ago while Johnathan began his work four years ago on the Internal Trails Committee. Last year work began on trail building in the Toqua neighborhood. WBIR did a story on the hard work the group did and what they had accomplished. They all took it upon themselves to build beautiful trails the whole village now enjoy.



Education Service Award Nominees

Recognizes a Villager who has contributed to the local school systems in a way that has significantly enhanced the learning experience of either local youth or local adults.

Karen Hamerslag

Karen and her husband share an interest in helping by volunteering their time assisting students and teachers at two Loudon County elementary schools. Karen started a volunteer program by asking former teachers and others in the Village if they would like to join her and help. The program has now grown with volunteers assisting in both Loudon and Steekee Schools. Many hours have been spent with administrators to fine-tune the program. This program benefits the school system, students, and Tellico Village residents who enjoy helping others.



Winnie Okumura

Winnie Okumura is committed to furthering educational aspects for our children by making sure they are not suffering “learning loss” in the summer months. The Vonore Library has sponsored a summer reading program and Winnie Okumura has been the head coordinator for the last eight years.

Planning the program is a year-round process to get a team of volunteers, as well as organizing activities and so much more. This past summer program had around 40 volunteers providing time and energy to help make the program a success. Winnie is extremely dedicated to the program as well as the children of this community.



Outstanding Individual Award Nominees

Recognizes a Villager, over 21 years of age, whose volunteer accomplishments significantly exceed the norm of expectations; whose efforts and services are a credit to the Village, reflect the spirit of caring, and are a good example for their neighbors. The recipient should have demonstrated leadership ability, initiative, and responsibility.



Dennis Preston

Dennis Preston has a volunteer spirit and truly cares about serving in the Village. He goes above and beyond by taking care of the grounds of the 150-year-old Bowman Cemetery. Dennis cuts the grass and trims around the headstones no matter how hot it is outside. The cemetery continues to look good because of his efforts. Dennis is a warm-hearted man who has lived in Tellico Village with his wife, Diane, since 1998. He also volunteers for the Tellico Village Fire Department as well as the Knights of Columbus and has volunteered for the past 5 years helping in the Special Olympics.



Gene Risser and Bill Brown



For several years, neighbors Gene Risser and Bill Brown have shown true volunteer spirit by keeping up and mowing a large area of the intersection of Tanasi and Tahlequah Drive. This not only takes time out of their own personal lives, but is a financial commitment as well in paying for the gas needed to keep this area finely manicured. The residents of the Tanasi community truly appreciate their efforts because it is a huge safety advantage to drivers who are pulling out into the intersection. We are very thankful for the time and energy they give to keeping this part of the Tanasi neighborhood so nice.

Harmon Towne

Harmon Towne has worked with the Tellico Village Lions Club, Tellico Village, and beyond Loudon County. During his time spent with the Lions Club, he has had several responsibilities, some of which include being the Secretary of the organization, and previously being the VP and President also. Harmon has been chairman and co-chair of the spaghetti dinner, golf committees, assisting in fundraisers, and helping with district zones. For 15 years he has been a volunteer at the fire department. Harmon has been an overall active member in Tellico Village and Loudon County.



Larry McJunkin

Larry McJunkin has shown himself to be an outstanding resident who is invested in his community. Larry was the president of the Tellico Village Townhouse Association for three years and added 8 new boat slips to Chatuga Point. He also oversaw the repair work for the vandalism done to the dock that occurred 2 years ago and upgraded the surveillance system. Larry also was involved in digitizing governance documents making them available to all owners and prospective buyers. Prior to becoming president of the TVTA, he was a member of the Board of Directors representing Chota View townhomes for a span of 5 years. Larry has also been involved in teaching an Apple Cloud class for TV University since 2017. He has always been willing to help resident Mac users set up computers and solve any issues they had.



**Tellico Village
Lions Club**



Len Willis

For over 14 years Len Willis has lived in the village, serving as a leader in his community. Len was a Tellico Village POA board member for two years where he generously gave of his time and showed dedication to the responsibilities given him. Len serves as president of the Tellico Community Players and is also the Artistic Director. He works with the Lenoir City High School helping to arrange drama groups that would attend workshops with the Tellico Players at the Playhouse. When Len is not busy working with the theatre group he hosts Tellico Village Television programs about golf and the Tellico Players. Lastly, his dedication to the caring of children as an advocate for CASA of Monroe County is yet another facet that embodies his service to the community and surrounding counties.



Mike Cottle



Mike Cottle has been on the Finance Advisory Committee since January 2015 - present. During his three years, he has been a valuable member committed to the group through 2020. The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in the neighboring town of Vonore was part of a project started by Mike and sponsored by the Finance Committee. Mike and the committee donated 15 pieces of art and one statue to be on display and enjoyed by all the visitors that come into the museum. Because of Mike's interest in preservation, this local museum celebrates the life and legacy of the Sequoyah Indian. As a volunteer for our Discovery Tours program, he and his wife, Beverly have given over 30 tours while helping promote Tellico Village as a prospective and exciting place to retire. As an active member of the Kiwanis Club for eight years, and treasurer for five years, Mike has been very active in various fundraising efforts.

Marsha Herzog

Marsha Herzog is the HOA Vice President of Technology and has led the TellicoLife program, with the vision of becoming the on-line “place to be” for villagers and organizations to manage membership and events.



Currently 30 organizations now subscribe to TellicoLife, and it's growing each month. The TellicoLife website, www.tellicolife.org, is extremely helpful and informative for villagers to know what is happening in the Village and for clubs/organizations in getting their word out. It is viewed over 6,500 times per week. Marsha was also involved in the POA Ad-hoc committee that developed the master plan for the hiking trails around the Wellness Center and Toqua neighborhoods.



Warren Sanders

Warren Sanders is very involved in the Technology Access Program (TAP) originated in a garage and is an extension of the Tellico Village Computer Users Club. This club started out refurbishing donated computers and providing technical assistance to Villagers. Warren and the group also saw a need to provide computer access to families in Loudon and Monroe counties and would give the refurbished computers to families, schools and charitable organizations. Later it became possible to work out of the Village Community Church and they were able to give away 43 systems in 2007 and 132 in 2008, giving home computer access to 345 children. To date, TAP has donated over 6,000 computers. TAP provides computers through referrals of friends and neighbors in Tellico Village. The local businesses have also been great contributors by donating to this wonderful cause. TAP is currently located in Lakeside Plaza.



Ellen Fox

From the moment Ellen Fox moved to the Village, she has been involved in her community. She became the Event Coordinator for the New Villagers Club back in 2016 and was essential in planning various activities for the group. Serving as Vice President of programs for the Homeowners Association, Ellen was the head coordinator in political forums, as well as, the acting liaison for organizing general meetings. When organizing the quarterly meetings, she focused on making information easy and precise for people. Before each meeting, she had bios ready of each speaker and informational handouts prepared. She puts forth the extra efforts it takes in the “small jobs” to go above and beyond anything anyone expects. Ellen has been involved in many clubs and groups, and has always encouraged others to get involved and promotes that with all new villagers coming into our community.



Rev. John Orr

Rev. John Orr developed a well acclaimed Fine Arts Musical Program Series in Tellico Village. The series is shown annually at the Community Church as well as during Christmas and Easter. Seasonal programs were especially blessed with the musical talents of members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra along with the Community Church Organists. Dr. Orr has served in numerous ways with the Knoxville Choral Society as a vocal group member, Assistant Director, and Artistic Director. Along with the Choral Society, he has also worked with children’s choirs in Nashville, TN.



Government Service Award Nominees

Recognizes a Villager who has contributed significantly to the well-being of surrounding communities by being involved in their public relations, government affairs, international development or commerce activities, or their business and civic /governmental organizations. This involvement should have inspired respect for, better relations with, and a greater appreciation of the Village.



Suzy Kitchens

Suzy Kitchens started her service to the community in 2010 when she hosted a small patriotic group of individuals to discuss a plan to establish a 501c (3)



non-profit service dog organization. The mission of this group was “To Enhance the Physical and Psychological Quality of Life for Wounded Veterans” by providing custom trained mobility assistance service dogs (at no cost to the veterans). Suzy saw a need and became the first chairperson for what is known today as SMSD (Smoky Mountain Service Dogs). The group, Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, is now one of the nation’s best provider of this type of service to wounded veterans and is headquartered in the 12 states surrounding Tennessee. SMSD utilizes over 120 volunteers to keep the business moving smoothly. Currently this organization has served 27 wounded veterans and their families with mobility assistance, significantly enhancing their quality of life.

TDOT Liaison Committee

Dennis Stanczuk, Bill Taylor, Ken Holland, Lew Goidell, Rich Comiso, Dick Sawinski & Rick Carlin

Be Engaged. Be Informed. Be Heard.



Your Voice in the Village

Since 2015, the Tennessee Department of Transportation Liaison Committee has been a huge part of the community of Tellico Village. The liaison committee has set the goal of improving traffic safety and traffic movement through Highway 444. The liaison committee has improved communications between TDOT and Tellico Village which has resulted in better information and safer travel along the Hwy 444 and Hwy 321 corridor. The group has more than exceeded what was expected of them, and the paving project which is now in process will definitely improve the road deterioration and offer smoother road surfaces for all of us to enjoy.

WATeR

Garry Lucas, Jim Hawkey and Dick Sawinski



These three gentlemen have worked to improve the quality of water in the Tellico Lake Watershed. They have implemented and directed a three-year plan to reduce pollution throughout the watershed of Bat Creek. The goal is to get Bat Creek, along with other bodies of water, off Tennessee's list of impaired streams. Through the direction of Gary, Jim and Dick, 14 volunteers collected water samples from 18 sites for 7 months of study in 2016. Because of the information collected, they were able to identify and rank locations of primary pollutants and comprised a 154-page report of the results. Currently, they are working with UT to assist farmers in implementing Agricultural Best Management Practices known as (BMPs), which will help eliminate significant sources of pollution.

Bruce Christopher



Bruce Christopher has been a board member of Chota Community Health Services (CCHS) for nine years. Although Bruce had huge challenges facing him in the stabilizing of CCHS in the Monroe County area and bringing it to a place where leadership and direction was needed, CCHS is now in a stronger position and offering more services than ever before. For the last several years, Bruce has acted as Chairman of the Board, and Chota is now thriving financially and has been helping over 10,000 patients.



Humanitarian

The Humanitarian Award is given to an individual/group whose works and deeds have served to improve the quality of the community and have inspired us to greater heights.

Peter Phelps

Peter Phelps, a 91-year-old World War II veteran has been active in this community his entire life. In the past year he has had to resign from his community work and join his wife Marie, living in The Neighborhood. To his credit, Peter volunteered his time at Habitat for Humanity for 29 years and worked at The Good Shepherd Center every week for 11 years. Peter also made over 300 wooden toys for Toys for Tots through the Tellico Village Woodworkers. Peter has dedicated his life to serving his community through volunteer work and has shown that he is a very caring and important contributor to the Village.



Who gets the President's Award?

The President's Award is given to Villagers and groups who exemplify the very best of Tellico Village.

President's Award winners are selfless, high-performing Villagers and groups who make an extra-special contribution to the excellence of Tellico Village and the POA.

Nominations are made by POA Managers and Board members.



2016 President's Award Winners



Thank You

The Tellico Village Property Owners Association would like to thank all property owners who assist Tellico Village and the surrounding communities in numerous ways throughout the year. We appreciate you, your dedication and community spirit.

POA Board of Directors:

President Bruce Johnson, Vice President Cap Purvis, Treasurer Mike Colacone, Secretary Tom Lee, Pat White, Rick Blough and Steve Schneider.



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Honor Awards Winners 2018

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for Distinguished Service



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PRESIDENT'T AWARD WINNERS

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PRESIDENT'T AWARD WINNERS Cont.

Ed Hofer



TDOT Commitee: Dennis Stanczuk, Bill Taylor, Ken Holland, Lew Goidell, Rich Comiso, Dick Sawinski, Rick Carlin

