



TVPOA Presents:

Honors Awards Luncheon

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023

WELCOME



Arrival

Mix and Mingle

Welcome

Chet Pillsbury, TVPOA CEO

-Lunch-

Honor Awards

**Bill Koepp, Carla Johnson,
Steve Trudnak, and
Sue English-Kovar**

President's Award

**Marty Inkrott, TVPOA
Board President**



**2023 Honor Awards Committee:
Bill Koepp, Carla Johnson, Steve Trudnak, and
Sue English-Kovar**



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank You Volunteers!

We couldn't do it without you



Committee Recognition

Thank you for serving on a committee for the Tellico Village Property Owners Association. Your willingness to give so freely of your time and service is greatly appreciated. Your support of the TVPOA mission allows us to better serve the residents of Tellico Village.

HONOR AWARDS NOMINEES



Community Service Award:

Richard E. Seymour
Heather Majka

Distinguished Service Award:

Denise Burns
Kathleen Dooley
Betty Fortune
James C. "Jim" Hawkey
Kevin Kelly

Government Award:

Deb Marshall

Education Award:

Karen Hamerslag

Dennis Loy
Lavonne Mitchell
Mark Pantley
Brad Spiegel
Ginger Tierney

Humanitarian Award:

John & Lori Palladino

Outstanding Individual Award:

Jim Dezzutti
Ellen Fox
Heather Majka
Rich Karakis

Above and Beyond

Kevin Kritch
Dee Pigford



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE

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Recognizes 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.

Richard E. Seymour

Richard Seymour, a long-time resident of Tellico Village, has dedicated his life to serving the community in various ways.

Richard's journey of community service began in 2003 when he became the President of the Purdue Club of East Tennessee. He served the Purdue Alumni Association on its Board of Directors from 2004 to 2010.

Richard's passion for helping others also led him to serve as the Executive Director of the March of Dimes of East Tennessee from 2003 to 2005. He then became a member of the Loudon County Health Improvement Council from 2005 to 2006, where he contributed to improving the health and well-being of the community.



Richard's commitment to serving those in need continued with his involvement in the Small Paws Food Pantry Board of Directors from 2009 to 2012. He also played a crucial role in raising funds for the Tellico Volunteer Fire Department's new equipment and training, including new fire trucks, as a member of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors team from 2009 to 2019.

Richard's dedication to promoting literacy and education in the community is also evident in his involvement with the county public library in Tellico Village. He served as a member of its Board of Directors from 2009 to 2016 and led a fundraising team to build a new library in Tellico Village for Loudon County.

Richard's love for animals also showed in his involvement with the Monroe County Friends of Animals. He served as a member of its Board of Directors from 2017 to 2022 and led a capital campaign for Monroe Friends of Animals for a new shelter, opening in 2024.

Richard Seymour's selfless contributions to the community have touched many lives and have made a significant impact on the community. He truly deserves the Community Service recognition for his tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to serving others.



EDUCATION AWARD NOMINEE

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

When Karen Hamerslag and her husband moved to Tellico Village in 2016, they desired to volunteer as tutors for elementary school children. After discovering that a program like this did not exist in the area, Karen reached out to Loudon Elementary School and was accepted as a volunteer that fall. The following spring, Karen shared her idea for Adopt-A-Class and recruited 14 volunteers to join her cause. Since then, with nearly 140 volunteers in the program, Adopt-A-Class has expanded from one school to three. In 2022, Adopt-A-Class gave 3,500 hours of classroom help, and the program has added a donation program. Member volunteers have completed many projects for teachers at home, and the literacy program now gifts monthly academic magazines to all kids in the 2nd through 5th grades. Adopt-A-Class TN has become nearly a full-time job for Karen, but she is passionate and continues to work tirelessly to ensure its success.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE



Recognizes 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.

Denise Burns

Denise Burns is an exceptional volunteer who has dedicated countless hours to the Dragon Boat team. Her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment have made her an invaluable member of the team.

Denise took the initiative to organize the club, and her leadership skills have helped the team thrive. Denise goes above and beyond in her role as a volunteer, providing gifts and incentives to all team members, ensuring they feel appreciated and motivated. Her coaching skills are second to none, and she has helped the women's dragon boat team to win many competitions. Thanks to Denise's hard work and dedication, the Women's Dragon Boat Team has brought people together and created a sense of camaraderie that is truly special.





DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE

Kathleen Dooley

It's truly amazing to think about all the volunteer work that Kathleen Dooley has done. Even though she hasn't lived in Tellico Village as long as others, her dedication to service surpasses many.

Kathleen has taken on many leadership positions in the Lions Club and currently serves as President. She manages the organization's projects and programs and represents the group in Tellico Working Together, a networking organization.

You can often find Kathy volunteering at the Tellico Village Public Library, where she works behind the desk.

In addition to her volunteerism, Kathleen is an avid gardener and serves as the President of Thyme for Herbs. She takes care of the herb and vegetable garden at the Yacht Club and works on neighborhood entrance gardens as a member of the TV Garden Club.

Kathleen is also active in the Bluebird Society and monitors and maintains many bluebird boxes. She even serves as the state-wide treasurer for the TN Bluebird Society. Kathleen Dooley is a retired nurse and a veteran, and her commitment to volunteering is truly inspirational to many.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE



Betty Fortune

Betty Fortune has been an exceptional HOA Vice President of Events, and her contributions have been invaluable to the community.



After getting a taste for the role while assisting with organizing various events in 2022, she decided to take over as the VP of Events in 2023. There were only 5-7 Event Coordinators on the committee, but Betty quickly recruited new Event Coordinators with her energetic approach, and the team grew to 12-15 members. This led to a wide variety of organized events for the members of Tellico Village, and the frequency of these events increased as well. Betty presented new ideas for events each month, benefitting the HOA socials in numerous ways.

Her biggest achievement was organizing the "Fun in the Sun" picnic at the Yacht Club - one of the largest events ever held in Tellico Village. Her leadership, creativity, and tireless effort made the event a resounding success. Her contributions to the community have been outstanding, and she has set a high standard for future Event Coordinators to follow.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE



James C. Hawkey

James C. “Jim” Hawkey has been an appreciated resident of the Tellico Village community for 13 years and has served on the Public Works Advisory Committee for the past six years.

With a background in civil engineering specializing in water and sewer systems, Jim has contributed significantly to the community’s water and sewer issues during his term at PSAC. He has worked tirelessly on various projects, including writing specifications for water and sewer projects, writing procedures and an inspection manual for installing sewer tanks, and developing construction industry standard specifications for future construction projects, and teaching a course on Hydraulics 101 for utility staff members. He was also a founding member of the Aesthetics and Environment Committee.

Jim’s contributions to the community have been invaluable, but his two most significant achievements are convincing the POA to invest in developing a long-term plan for the water and sewer system and assisting in applying for a \$2 million sewer system grant. Jim’s expertise and hard work will continue to benefit Tellico Village for years to come.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE



Kevin Kelly

When Kevin Kelly took over as captain of the Tennessee Heat Dragon Boat Club team, he immediately set out to improve the club’s performance and membership. He attended instructional camps to educate himself and his team on how to become more competitive, and he worked tirelessly to promote the club in Tellico Village.

Under Kevin’s leadership, the Tennessee Heat has competed in several festivals this year, bringing recognition and pride to Tellico Village. Not only do these competitions provide a venue for Dragon Boat teams to perform competitively, but they also support charitable organizations like KARM.

What’s truly remarkable about the Heat is that the team is usually much older than their competitors. The Heat has won several races and continues to impress with their performance. They are a testament to the fact that age is just a number and that the Baby Boomer generation is still a force to be reckoned with. They showcase the power of teamwork, dedication, and the strength of the human spirit, which is a testament of Kevin’s leadership and vision.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE

Dennis Loy

Dennis Loy, a retired music educator and choral director, moved to Tellico Village in 2016 and attended a small gathering of Villagers interested in forming a singing group. Dennis was designated director of the group, which became known as the Tellico Village Singers and Voices.



Under his leadership, the choir has become a source of outstanding musical entertainment and community pride. The Tellico Village Singers and Voices have reignited the love of music for more than 120 Villagers, providing them with a weekly outlet to enhance their musical knowledge, improve their talent, and socialize with other music lovers.

The Tellico Voices, a smaller group within the choir created by Dennis, perform at various community events. The Tellico Village Singers and Voices' performances are always sold-out, and Dennis has helped raise over \$30,000 for worthy causes.

If it weren't for Dennis' dedicated leadership and vision, Tellico Villagers would have been deprived of countless hours of musical enjoyment.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE



Lavonne Mitchell



Lavonne Mitchell has been dedicated to making Kahite and Tellico Village a better place to live. An active member of the Tellico Village Kahite Women's Organization, she has held several positions on the board, including Treasurer, President, and Communications VP. She is currently the VP of Programs for the HOA.

Lavonne spearheaded the semi-annual State of Kahite meeting, which brought together over 200 neighbors to hear from representatives from many Tellico Village committees. Even more impressive was her ability to have local government representation in attendance, including Sheriff Tommy Jones, Paulette Summey, Mitch Ingram, and State Representative Lowell Russell.

Perhaps Lavonne's greatest contribution is her Flu Shot Extravaganza, which has been a huge success in keeping the community healthy during flu season. She arranges for the Walmart Pharmacy to come to the Kahite Community Center and dispense Flu, Shingles, and Pneumonia vaccinations. This initiative has been a huge success and has helped to keep the community healthy during flu season.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES

Mark Pantley

Mark Pantley has been an invaluable member of the Tellico Village community, contributing significantly to the HOA since he was appointed as Vice President of Advocacy in 2020. During his tenure, he identified issues, promoted discussions, and established relationships with other organizations in the Village.

Following his successful tenure as VP of Advocacy, Mark became HOA President, leading the community through a rebound from the negative impact of COVID, resulting in significant growth in membership and well-attended social events. He played a pivotal role in forming the Aesthetics and Environment Committee, relaunched the HOA Litter Angels program, expanded the Neighborhood Watch program, and merged several meetings into one joint Welcome Orientation meeting, making it easier for new residents to join the TV community.

Mark's countless hours of volunteering and natural leadership skills have earned him the respect and admiration of the HOA Board, the HOA membership, and the Village, making Tellico Village a better place to live.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES



Brad Spiegel

Brad Spiegel has been an active member of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) for the past five years and has served as the Chair of the FAC for the last three years.



His contributions to the committee are numerous, including providing training and support to four TVPOA CFOs and leading the effort to adopt improved committee and annual budget processes. Brad also undertook three notable projects while serving on the FAC, including the completion of the first-ever TVPOA Asset Reserve Study in 2022, an analysis of the TVPOA Water & Sewer system flows, and critical leadership in the adoption of monthly improved committee and annual budget processes.

Brad's leadership provided further focus on POA amenity activities that need modified management and financial subsidies for certain activities, thereby providing improved financial resources for future investments. His invaluable support and insight to the FAC have helped make Tellico Village financially stronger.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES

Ginger Tierney

Ginger Tierney, a TellicoLife volunteer, has made a remarkable contribution to the organization's success. TellicoLife aims to be the one-stop shop to find out what's happening in and around Tellico Village. Thanks to Ginger's tireless efforts, TellicoLife has made significant progress toward achieving this vision over the past three years.



Ginger has been instrumental in supporting the 40+ clubs and organizations that subscribe to TellicoLife since joining the team. She quickly adapted to her role and developed processes to better support the clubs, including documenting procedures, communicating with the clubs, adding new clubs, updating information, and invoicing the clubs.

Ginger's hard work and dedication have resulted in the growth of TellicoLife's calendar entries, making it easier for residents to find events and participate in various activities. With Ginger's contributions, TellicoLife has managed the volume of requests promptly. Her work has been crucial to the success of TellicoLife, and it is fitting to recognize her contribution.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE



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.

Deb Marshall



Deb Marshall has always been concerned about the safety of the intersection at Hwy 411 and Niles Ferry Road in Vonore.

Deb Marshall's outstanding efforts to work through various political and governmental agencies helped secure a traffic light at the intersection of Hwy 411 and Niles Ferry Road in Vonore. As of August 2023, the project is fully funded by federal monies administered by the state through TDOT. The City of Vonore is fully supporting this project and will take over maintenance of the traffic light upon completion.

Over the past five years, Deb worked diligently with Rep. Lowell Russell, his staff, the City of Vonore officials, and many others to make the traffic light a reality.

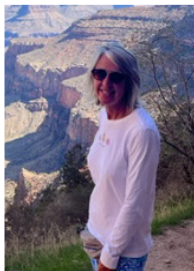


HUMANITARIAN AWARD NOMINEES

Recognizes Villagers whose efforts are a credit to the Village, reflect the spirit of caring, and are a good example for their neighbors. The recipient should have demonstrated selflessness, initiative, and responsibility.

John & Lori Palladino

John and Lori Palladino only moved into Tellico Village in the spring of 2022, but they have already made an impact in our community. Neighbor Connie Kendall nicknamed them the “Energizer Bunnies” due to their tireless efforts to make a difference in the lives of everyone they meet and their willingness to help.



Connie and her husband were recently away from their Tellico Village residence for an extended period. In their absence, John maintained their lawn in tip-top condition throughout some of the hottest days of the summer. Lori retrieved their mail each day, and they have both been willing to do whatever necessary in their absence.

John and Lori’s kindness and generosity are truly inspiring and encourage others to follow in their footsteps and make a positive impact within the Tellico Village 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.

Jim Dezzutti



Jim Dezzutti’s leadership, energy, and determination have been instrumental in bringing OurPlace, a service for seniors with dementia, to reality.

In February 2020, Tellico Community Foundation was granted land for OurPlace, and Jim quickly became involved in fundraising. He organized Charlie’s 2020 Ride to Remember, which raised \$108,500. Despite Covid challenges, Jim brought in new members, connected with local media, and worked with community leaders to create an Advisory Board. He managed the timeline activities of the Board members’ committees and was pivotal in hiring the director who now manages OurPLACE’s daily activities.



OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINEES

Groundbreaking for OurPlace was June 15, 2021, and doors opened in March 2022. In the seventeen months open, 43 families have benefited from the care, social interaction, and therapeutic activities provided to loved ones suffering from dementia, and their caregivers have been provided respite, support, and education.

Jim's efforts did not end there. He is actively supporting the Board and staff to transition from a start-up to ongoing operations and is involved in a capital campaign to double the size of OurPLACE to serve even more community members. Jim's dedication and hard work deserve recognition for bringing this needed service to our tri-county area.



OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINEES



Ellen Fox

Ellen Fox served as HOA President in 2019 with utmost integrity, enthusiasm, and a heart to serve the HOA membership. She developed new leadership roles that would reflect the needs of the growing Village.



When her term as HOA President ended, she continued serving on the Board as Past President. Ellen worked on improving outdated modes of communication to members and oversaw the implementation of a new digital monthly newsletter called The HOA Voice of the Village, which has been phenomenally successful and continues to be so.

Ellen also played an instrumental role in guiding the Founding Board of the Tellico Community Foundation and co-founded the 100 Women Who Care East Tennessee Foothills, a group of like-minded women who gather quarterly to support nominated 501c3 charities. Since its first donating meeting in November 2022, the organization currently has 183 members and has awarded member donations of over \$62,000 to local charities in Loudon and Monroe Counties.



OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINEES

Heather Majka

Heather Majka has dedicated herself to serving her community in many ways. Her tireless efforts have made an impact on the lives of many people in the area.

She's actively involved in several organizations, including STAYinTV, where she provides transportation assistance to the elderly, and Tellico Village Lions Club, where she supports local charities.

Heather's passion for supporting veterans is evident from her work in running four websites and Facebook pages dedicated to veteran support organizations, collaborating with multiple agencies to offer an integrated community calendar to share veteran knowledge, and providing supply bags to displaced people.

She also promotes healthy living and exercise by teaching pickleball at local schools, instructing the Pound health class at the Wellness Center, and leading a Diabetes support group.

Overall, Heather Majka's exceptional commitment to service have made a remarkable and lasting impact on her community.



OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARD NOMINEES



Rich Karakis

Rich Karakis, was a member of the Tellico Village Pickleball Club when he noticed a need for covered pickleball courts. Each time weather conditions proved too harsh, players had to cancel their games, causing a lot of disappointment among the members. Determined to make a change, Rich took it upon himself to lead a campaign to install covered pickleball courts at the Tellico Village Wellness Center.

His tireless efforts eventually paid off when four new lighted and covered pickleball courts were added at the Tellico Village Wellness Center last year.

Thanks to Rich's dedication, all 1,000 members of the Pickleball Club can now enjoy playing the game they love regardless of the weather conditions. The covered courts have become a valuable asset to Tellico Village, attracting new members and boosting the community's overall wellness. Rich's passion and commitment have truly made a difference and inspired others to act for positive change.





ABOVE AND BEYOND NOMINEES

Recognizes a Village employee whose work significantly exceeds 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.

Kevin Kritch



Kevin Kritch's work for the Tellico Village Network is practically a full-time job. He spends countless hours at the TVN studio, recording live-stream meetings, such as the POA Board meetings, Town Hall meetings, candidate forums, and more.

He was a volunteer when he first came to TVN several years ago, but when the previous station manager abruptly quit, Kevin stepped in to take the helm, and hardly

missed a beat. Kevin has a wealth of experience in the television and broadcast fields, and he used it to make the TVN studio a versatile and professional space. Kevin researched equipment and techniques that he could then pass on to the volunteer team members, instructing them in application and execution.

ABOVE AND BEYOND NOMINEES



He has taken TVN to a new level since he first became involved and continued to offer volunteer workshops and on-the-set training that would not be available without someone of his skill level. Thanks to his dedication, expertise, and leadership, TVN has become a valuable resource for the community.

Dee Pigford



Dee Pigford is a hard worker who is dedicated and passionate about her job as an employee of the Tellico Village Wellness Center. When you are greeted by Dee at the front desk, her energy and enthusiasm are contagious. She greets every member with a warm smile and makes sure that they feel welcome and comfortable. Whether she is going above and beyond to ensure that the facilities are clean and well-maintained or simply lending an ear to listen, Dee is always there for the members.

Despite all of her hard work, Dee never seeks recognition or praise. She is simply happy to be doing a job that she loves and helping others along the way. But her efforts do not go unnoticed, and many members of the Wellness Center speak highly of her and the impact she has on their lives. Dee Pigford truly is a blessing to be around, and she deserves recognition for all of her efforts.



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

President's Award Recognition

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 The Board of Directors.



**Thank you for joining us
today!**

