

New Villagers Club of Tellico Village

**December 2021
Newsletter**

Special Holiday Edition



**Special Message from
2021 New Villagers President,
John Arguelles**



We are now on the final lap around the track of 2021. December is here with Christmas and all the thoughts of family, our Tellico family, and all the new friends you have made here during the year. We have had a fantastic year filled with good times exploring the many activities available in this great community we now call home.

I would like to thank each of you for entrusting me with the leadership role in New Villagers for 2021. My board of directors went way above and beyond all my expectations. Without their dedication and help, it would have been much different. Please thank each of them for the time and effort they spent making this year such a success. All of the Event Coordinators were really great and helped make sure that you had venues to enjoy interacting and meeting new people.

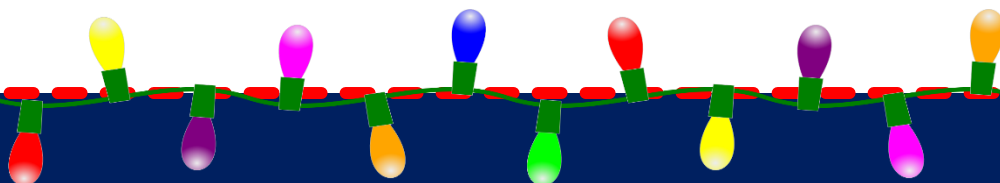
I have always been an admirer of Winston Churchill. Here is a quote that resonates with me:

**“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;
it is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”**

Over this year I hope that I have been able to do both. My goal has been to leave New Villagers better than I found it and allowing the credit to go to all of you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

John





**Special Message from
2022 New Villagers President,
Gary Wheelock**



When I arrived in Tellico Village 18 months ago after a lifetime in Vermont and New Hampshire, I came with high hopes that this new life I had chosen for myself would be filled with new friends, new adventures, and the beauty of this spectacular place that we each now call home. I am thrilled to report that I have made more friends than I ever dreamed possible, and I have the New Villagers Club to thank for making that hope become reality.

My message to each of you who are recent members of the New Villagers Club is this: take advantage of every opportunity you can to meet your new neighbors through New Villagers events. Each of us here comes from "somewhere else" and we are each uniquely motivated to make new friends. We are all now neighbors in an exceptionally beautiful and special place, the foothills of the Smokies.

I want to thank all the volunteers for New Villagers Club who coordinated events during the worst of times to do so, with the constraints of the Covid virus changing our social landscape. Those volunteers made my introduction to Tellico Village this past year a very sweet memory for which I will always be grateful. Finally, my thanks to outgoing president John Arguelles, who led our club so very successfully during 2021. Best wishes, John, and thank you for your leadership which will continue in your new post on the POA Board of Directors.

Gary

Join us at the next
New Villagers' Club Social
Thursday, December 2nd
Tellico Village Yacht Club

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

This end-of-the-year holiday social will feature a slightly different format with more prizes and surprises, as well as a full line-up of New Villager event coordinators and representatives from over 20 clubs to answer your questions about what is in store for 2022!
We hope to see you at either the 5:00 or 6:30 session!

Welcome NEW New Villagers!

ARKANSAS

Ken Camp & Leigh Bauer

ILLINOIS

Bruce & Sue Meerman

John & Janice Poliwka

Dave & Karen Dobesh

Leslie Wiserman

Mark & Sylvia Drafahi

Mike & Susan Price

Greg & Nancy Stoker

SOUTH CAROLINA

Rob & Mary Ladner

CALIFORNIA

Dave & Darci Lange

Sandy Trotch

COLORADO

Tim Burke & Linda Tobiasz

IOWA

Sue & Steve Johnson

MASSACHUSETTS

Donna & Ken Waghorn

TEXAS

Kathy & Eric Brammer

TENNESSEE

Fred & Dorothy Wallin

Gary & Marie Busch

FLORIDA

John & Kim Veach

KANSAS

Suzy & Dan Wellinghoff

MINNESOTA

Paul & Rita Sigafus



*Despite 2021 Covid restrictions and a reduced number of volunteer Event Coordinators, New Villagers Club still enjoyed robust event attendance and a surprisingly high number of planned events! It was no accident, mind you, but all due to the hard work and strategic coordination by Volunteer Activities V.P. **Pat McLaughlin**, her assistant **Kathy Mascio**, and the creative and dedicated Event Coordinator team who made it all happen. Kathy will take the helm for 2022, along with her assistant **Ann Martin** and their team of new and experienced event coordinators, promising many new experiences for both new and established New Villagers in the coming year. We thought you might be interested in taking a look back at the exciting year we've had and prepare yourselves for an even more active 2022! **NEW MEMBERS who joined in 2021 -- 541***

- 29 DINING OUTS (fine dining, casual dining, local, regional, etc.)
- 28 GOLF OUTINGS (mini golf, NV scrambles, invitationals, etc.)
- 29 TABLE/GROUP GAMES (classes, open play, Trivia, Singo, etc.)
- 15 HIKES (Muddy Boots, Hike 'n Brews, etc.)
- 13 BREW and FOOD TOURS/EVENTS (distilleries, breweries, pubs, etc)
- 12 HISTORY-BASED EVENTS (indigenous, Appalachian, etc.)
- 12 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (bowling, drive-in movies, etc.)
- 11 BEACH & WATER (beach parties, raft-offs, riverboat, cycleboat, etc.)
- 10 CULTURAL EVENTS (operas, plays, concerts, etc.)
- 8 SPORTING EVENTS (major league, minor league, professional, and college)
- 7 CRAFT & COOKING CLASSES
- 5 SHOPPING EXCURSIONS

thank you!



THESE DECEMBER EVENTS ARE STILL OPEN!

*Simply click on the underlined event,
and you will be automatically linked to more details and registration info*

Dec. 6 - Novice Hand & Foot Open Play - 1-4pm - Chota Rec Center

Dec 13 - Muddy Boots Hike - 4 miles, easy to moderate - Enterprise Park So.

Christmas Cookie Class - Cook 'n Craft Academy - **DEC 1 DEADLINE**

Dec 14 - Evening Hand & Foot Class - 5:30-7:45pm - Chota Rec Center

Dec 15 - Afternoon Hand & Foot Class - 1-4pm - Chota Rec Center

Dec 17 - Holiday Centerpiece Class - Cook 'n Craft Academy - **DEC 1 DEADLINE**



New Villagers Club
invites you to play with us at

Harrah's Cherokee Casino

in Cherokee, North Carolina

Wednesday, January 12th
8am - 6pm

\$40/person includes:
Bus transportation plus
\$20 in free play slot credits

Register Now



MASTER CHOCOLATE CLASS

Learn to master chocolate and chocolate dessert making!

Chocolate Bark
Chocolate Ganache Tarts
Stunning Chocolate Berry Centerpiece

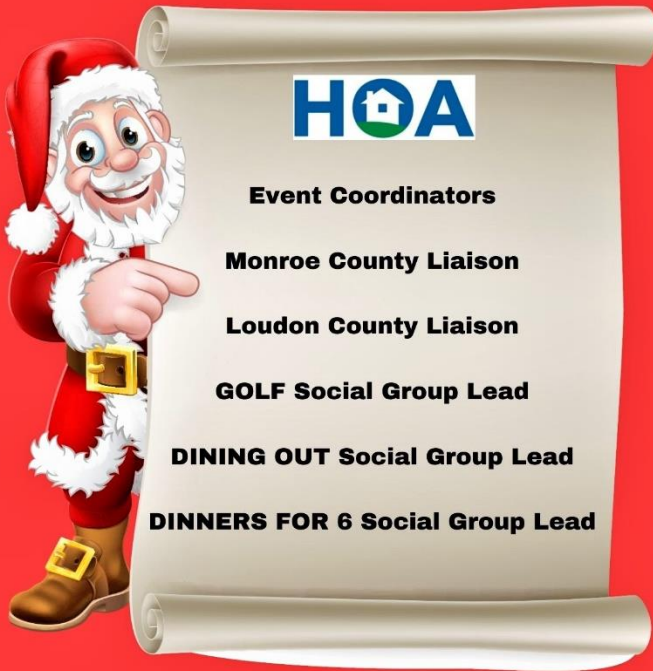
COOK 'N CRAFT ACADEMY

January 21st at 1:00 pm

 **CLICK HERE**



HO-HO-HOA! Santa's Helpers are needed to fill spots on some VERY IMPORTANT committees next year! Just a few hours a month is all it will take to make it to the "NICE" list and have fun at the same time!



Event Coordinators

Monroe County Liaison

Loudon County Liaison

GOLF Social Group Lead

DINING OUT Social Group Lead

DINNERS FOR 6 Social Group Lead

Contact Mark Pantley to find out how YOU can get on Santa's "GOOD" list for 2022!

mark.pantley@gmail.com

As 2021 draws to a close, please join us in thanking the dedicated volunteers who will be moving on! Because of their efforts, creativity, and strong desire to make the New Villagers Club the best way to help new residents settle into their new community, we wish each one of them success in whatever adventures they discover next as they begin their next chapter. To all of you, a great big thank you and a . . .



John Arguelles , President
Pat McLaughlin, Activities
Louise Williams, Social
Nancy Mariani, Membership
Harry Rucker, HOA Liaison
Kathryn Ward, Treasurer
Mike Menozzi, Webmaster

*Cheers to another year full of joy,
laughter, and unforgettable memories with
unforgettable friends!*



Sign up Friday to attend
New Villagers Social
Next Month!

JANUARY 6th
Tellico Village Yacht Club
Reservations are required!



Go to the New Villagers Event Calendar at
www.TellicoLife.org
and select either the 5:00 session or the 6:30 session

AGENDA FOR EACH SESSION

- President Gary Wheelock will welcome all members and introduce our **NEWEST** New Villagers
- Announcement of upcoming and newly added events and activities
- Drawing for Door Prizes!
- Cruise the information booths before and between the sessions

Questions? Contact Kelly McKinney at nvtv.membership@gmail.com



The Blue Heron Restaurant is a great place to invite your tablemates to join you for dinner after the social!

Dinner reservations can be made by calling ahead.

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