

November 11, 2020

“Kiwaniis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.”

Program

Emily Muñoz, Director, Health & Wellness Initiatives, for T.A.P.S. (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) will discuss “Veterans Day and Opportunities to Serve Those Who Have Served.”

Kiwaniis News

Jayne Parrish has agreed to replace Keith Pettit on the Kiwanis Board for the October 2020 - September 2022 term.

At the October Board meeting, the Board voted to cancel the annual Kiwanis and City of Martin Christmas Parade. Annie asked John Mayros to chair a committee to come up with plans; others on the committee are Steve Lemond, Frank Black, and Ann Gathers. Since John was unable to attend this Board meeting, he sent an email to Steve outlining several possible plans: a gingerbread house project (houses to be made at home with pictures to be submitted via Facebook) for prizes; a self-guided tour (by car) of Christmas decorations in the community; and some distribution of candy—perhaps by Santa— from the Kiwanis sleigh that might be parked downtown or in another location. Board members discussed these ideas and the possibility of doing all three. Sara suggested that perhaps a drawing of a gingerbread house would open up the number of people who might participate; Linda said that if we anticipated a large crowd for the “sleigh event” that a location to consider might be the Martin Recreation Complex. Annie said that the committee could bring forward specific plans and we would go from there and begin to work on publicity. Any additional suggestions are welcome.

The club has purchased \$375 worth of books for the after-school program through a special discount for groups promoting education. These will be presented to Zac Lewis, director of the after school, program later this month.

Lakeshore, the site of the Key Leader Weekend for the last 9 years, has experienced much loss this year since the pandemic began. Club members are encouraged to donate individually through Kiwanis (donations made be made through Steve) with the club donating additionally up to a total of \$500.

At Oct. 28 meeting, Dr. Renee LaFleur, associate professor of history and director of the Center for Women and Gender Equality at UT Martin, gave a presentation entitled “Marking the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment.”

Dr. LaFleur was assisted by her daughter Eleanor, 8, who described in a video recording the significance of colors associated with the women’s suffrage movement—white for purity, yellow for the sunflower and hope, red for those

Kiwanis Calendar

2020

Tuesday, December 1, Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, Kiwanis Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, Kiwanis Meeting

2021

Tuesday, January 5, Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, Kiwanis Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, Kiwanis Meeting

against suffrage for women, and purple for dignity. Eleanor explained how in Tennessee those in favor of suffrage for women often wore yellow roses and those who were against wore red roses.

Dr. LaFleur shared information about women’s activism and the suffrage movement. She explained that the right to vote for women—initially excluded most women of color—was achieved through a lengthy and difficult struggle that involved decades of protest and agitation. With the passing of the Equal Rights Amendment, the right to vote was guaranteed for all women.

Tennessee was pivotal in the passing of the of the 19th Amendment in 1920 as the final state needed to vote in its favor. She noted that the deciding vote in Tennessee was cast by Harry T. Burns whose mother had written a letter to him with the words “remember the women.” He voted “yes,” demonstrating how one vote can make a difference.

Note: without this program and the photograph of Renee and Eleanor in white, the significance of the second photo below might have been lost on many of us!



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