

October 19, 2022

"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time."

Today's Program

Installation of 2022-23 Officers and other recognitions

John Lowrance, Lt. Governor, Division 1A

Fall Festival at the Farmer's Market: Frank, Anna, Jayne, and Jim took part in a fall activity for children at the closing day of the Martin Farmers Market on October 15. Although we could not quite compete with the Weakley County Young Professionals with their pumpkin painting table, nevertheless we helped upwards of 24 children engage in a leaf-making project. We also used the new Kiwanis logo table cloth (pictured below) for the first time. The project was one that was first used by Jenny Claiborne, Martin Public Library Children's Librarian, at a library/Kiwanis-sponsored book walk in 2019. It was a perfect fall morning with just a touch of coolness in the air.

Some of the participants in the Fall Festival ventured over to the Martin Public Library for story hour. This is a normal Saturday morning activity hosted by UTM students in the Honors Program.



Martin Kiwanis Calendar.

- Oct. 19 — Installation of Officers with Lt. Gov. John Lowrance
- Nov. 2 — Kiwanis Meeting: Elizabeth Pritchett — Charger Foundation
- Nov. 14 — Boot Camp Meeting (Online)
- Nov. 16 — Kiwanis Meeting: Pam Harris — Foundation Fighting Blindness
- Nov. 30 — Pre-parade Kiwanis Meeting
- Dec. 3 — Kiwanis Twin Cities Christmas Craft Fair, Willingham Center, Fulton, Ky. 9am – 5pm
- Dec. 5 — Kiwanis – City of Martin Christmas Parade, Theme: Christmas Joy
- Dec. 14 — Kiwanis Christmas Gathering, place TBD
- Feb. 18 — District 1-A Mid-Winter Conference, University Center

October Birthdays

- Joyce Washington.....Oct. 16
- Mary Elizabeth Bell.....Oct. 18

October Anniversaries

- Vickie HazlewoodOct. 6
- Jamie SummersOct. 19



At the Oct. 5 meeting, Dr. Erik Nordberg, dean of the Paul Meek Library at UT Martin, outlined the history of the ball clay industry in Weakley County. He noted that Weakley County is home to the largest ball clay deposits in the United States and that four mining companies currently mine ball clay here. He talked about the unique geography

geography of the area, the sedimentary deposits and fossils found here, and the history of the use of ball clay. He said that native peoples of the Mississippian culture found the clay and made many things and that pioneers also discovered many uses for the clay, including the use of clay for brick making. Now, he said, the fine-grained clays are in demand for their key properties of plasticity, unfired strength, and their light-fired color. White ball clay from this area, he said, fires as a very bright white. Nordberg said that he learned much about this area as he researched the ball clay industry. He said that ball clay was also used for making whiskey jugs.

Active Members

- Bill Austin
- Mary Elizabeth Bell
- Frank Black
- Otha Britton
- Anna Clark
- Jim Clark
- Danelle Fabianich
- Wayne Fields
- Ann Gathers
- Bettye Giles
- Courtney Haley
- Vickie Hazlewood
- Harry Henderson
- Annie Jones
- Steve Lemond
- John Mayros
- Jayne Parrish
- Roberta Peacock
- Vincent Politte
- Linda Ramsey
- Sara Sieber
- Clinton Smith
- David Sudberry
- Jamie Summers
- Laura Taylor
- Joyce Washington
- Earl Wright

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