

November 16, 2022

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

Today's Program

Pam Harris, a retired educator from Weakley County Schools is a VIP (Visually Impaired Person) dealing with progressive, genetic macular degeneration since 1989. She has no central vision and relies heavily on peripheral vision. As Pam's sight has become more challenging, she has met the challenge by adjusting her lifestyle. Her presentation promises to be an informative and captivating program.

Elizabeth Pritchett, chair of the Charger Foundation, was introduced by Sara Sieber. Elizabeth is graduate of UTM with degrees in accounting and an MBA in business administration. She is, among other things, a board member of the



Westview High School Booster Club, chair of the Weakley County 911 board, and a small business owner. She explained how school systems receive government funds based on certain formulas and the residents of the district must, through taxes, contribute the rest. Because Weakley County has so many schools, the funds are spread thin. Enter the Charger Foundation, a 501c(3) foundation: with the purpose of supporting Martin Primary, Martin Elementary, Martin Middle, and Westview High Schools. One of the first initiatives of the foundation was to bring all schools under the Charger name. The thought was to unite all schools under one team logo and colors for branding. However, the purpose of the foundation is not athletics, but enrichment and academics. They do this with teacher grants, which fund trips, continuing education, and class resources. Last year \$21,000 was spent in this area. Currently a total of \$30,00 was paid for school supplies for all Martin students. Some of the other programs include

Martin Kiwanis Calendar.

- 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. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Dec. 5 — Kiwanis – City of Martin Christmas Parade, Theme: Christmas Joy
- Dec. 14 — Kiwanis Christmas Gathering, place and time TBD
- Feb. 18 — District 1-A Mid-Winter Conference, University Center
- Jan. 4 — First weekly meeting in approximately 34 months!
- Jan. 6 — Board meeting, Martin Public Library, noon (no Dec. board meeting)
- Feb. 25 — Pancake Day! (tentative)

Charger Scholars, a program for high performing elementary school students and rewards for students outstanding scores on the ACT as well as senior scholarships

The main fundraiser for the foundation is the yearly gala, which was held at UTM this year. There is a silent and a live auction. The last gala raised more than \$100,000.

Want an easy way to help the Charger Foundation? An easy way to contribute is to call the Martin City Hall and tell the person who answers that you want to round up you water bill to the next dollar. They will fix you up!



Above: Earl Wright is honored for 51 years as a Kiwanis Member.

Active Members

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