

January 4, 2023

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

Today's Program

Jamie Summers, Fire Chief, City of Martin Fire Department

Just in case it slipped your mind, recall that Kiwanis returns to weekly meetings beginning Wednesday, January 4. It's been a while since we last met at Trinity Presbyterian Church on December 14 for our Christmas social meeting. Kiwanis provided a meat dish (barbecued brisket, which everyone agreed was about the best ever), and members provided side dishes ranging from sweet potato casserole to hummingbird cake. Thanks to the social committee of Jane, Linda, and Anna for helping with decorations and organizing the meeting. A special shout out goes to Bill Austin who provided the setup for the dinner. Robin and Michael Pape were special working guests as Robin provided accompaniment on the piano for the "famous" Kiwanis Club caroling group. She also was helped at the keyboard with a very excited youngster, Lyllian Politte, who occasionally provided an additional hand (or two) at the upper end of the keyboard. Lyllian was quite an addition to the night's festivities!

Christmas Parade: Organizers agonized over whether to postpone the parade but a window of opportunity opened up and we took advantage of it. There were a few no-shows, some due to illness, and some due to fear of rain. No rain occurred, but there may have been moments of mist. Temperatures near 50 were a welcome contrast to some nights experienced in the past. It seemed that we had more (and better) floats than in years past.

Prize-winners included 45 South Off-road for a contingent of decorated vehicles. In the commercial float division, winners were 1) MSHN Enterprises, 2) Van Ayer, and 3) Triple J Repair. In the non-commercial division, Central Christian Academy was 1st, Weakley Playhouse 2nd and Greenfield FFA 3rd.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar.

- 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. 18 — Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference, UT Martin
- Feb. 25 — Pancake Day! (tentative)

Note that Weakley Playhouse entertained the community with very successful performances of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* on the stage at the Martin Public Library later that week. In doing so they dodged rain and cool temperatures for a very successful 3-night run with audiences totaling nearly 500!



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
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