

March 15, 2023

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

Today's Program

Chase Thrasher, UTM Rodeo Coach: Annual Rodeo Update

Future Programs

March 22: Shannon Deal, Director of Student Health & Counseling Service; Therapy Dogs at UTM

March 29: Lindee McCurley, UTM Director of Student Life Staff: Leadership Weakley County Project 2023 (Along with other LWC participants)

Board notes: David Sudberry suggested that the club endeavor to get involved with more service projects, in particular those that involved children. It was suggested that we consider scheduling some service projects in place of some Wednesday meetings. In this light, it was noted that Kiwanis was participating in an event the next weekend at the Martin Public Library: "Brain Awareness Day/"The Science of Sound." This event was a cooperative effort involving the MPL Children's Library, Kiwanis, the UTM Biological Sciences Department, and the Dana foundation.

Families attending participated in story times at 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 11:30 a.m., and hands-on activities were located at various points in the children's area. Eighteen people served as volunteers, and more than 100 people participated. Another brain awareness event is scheduled at Discovery Park on April 15.

In addition, the Board approved a motion to participate in family-oriented activities during the summer at the Martin Farmers Market.

It was also decided to have a craft activity at the annual Parks and Recreation Easter egg hunt.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Apr. 14 — Board meeting, 12:15, Martin Public Library
Apr. 28-30—Key Leader, Camp Lakeshore, Eva TN

Update on Key Leader: (as of March 3)

22 registered
5 female chaperones
9 student facilitators



Emily Pennington a senior Mass Media and Strategic Communications student at UT Martin, presented a program about her personal platform of "Embracing the Elderly" when she spoke at the Feb.15 Kiwanis meeting.

Emily is involved in the Miss Tennessee Volunteer organization as Miss Northwest Tennessee, and she will compete for the title of Miss Tennessee Volunteer in July. Emily defined the term "elder orphan" as an individual who is over the age of 65 and is either socially or physically isolated with no family member or surrogate family member to provide support. She explained that the elder orphan population is increasing with the aging of the Baby Boomer generation and that, according to the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute, an advocacy and research group, in 2028 there will be an estimated 59,000 openings in Tennessee for home health and personal care aides. She said that since 2017, Embracing the Elderly, her service-oriented initiative, has provided more than 19,000 items to nursing home across the state of Tennessee and spent more than 1,000 hours inside nursing homes. She encouraged everyone to contact local facilities to see what assistance or supplies might be needed.

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