

July 12, 2023

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

Today's Program

Charles Harding, Wood Characteristics and Toy Making

Upcoming Programs

July 12 —

July 19 — Roberta Peacock and Linda Ramsey, International Kiwanis Convention 2023

July 26 — Larry Snider, Viniculture in Weakley Countt



"Deaf Education and the Decibels Foundation" was the title of the presentation given by former Martin resident Brad Austin at the July 5 meeting of Kiwanis. A professor of history and history education at Salem State University, Salem, MA, Brad is also the current president of the Decibels Foundation, a nonprofit organization with the mission "to provide specialized early intervention, educational services, family support, and access to essential technologies for children with hearing loss from infancy through high school." Brad's daughter, Phoebe, age 12, accompanied her father and grandfather, Kiwanian Bill Austin for the presentation. Phoebe, who was born hearing impaired, answered questions about her experience with cochlear implants, which were implanted when she was small and now allow her to hear.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

August 3 — Board Meeting, Martin Public Library, 12 noon

August 4-6 District Convention, Lafayette, LA.

July Birthdays

Annie Jones.....July 14

Chris Alexander.....July 15

Bill Austin.....July 25

July Anniversaries

Katie ParrJuly 07

The implants consist of an external portion that sits behind the ear and a second portion that is surgically placed under the skin. Brad explained that 1-3 children in every 1,000 are born deaf or severely hearing impaired. He said that all kids deserve to thrive and receive the medical attention they need—just as Phoebe has. The Decibels Foundation offers free support for children and their families. Brad also urged us all to learn more about The West Tennessee School for the Deaf (WTSD), located in Jackson TN. WTSD is a state school that offers a comprehensive education to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing students in pre-school through sixth grade.



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