

## November 29, 2023

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

### Today's Program

Christmas Parade Prep!  
Laura Taylor



**At the Nov. 15 meeting of the Martin Kiwanis Club,** representatives from two Weakley County food assistance programs offered Kiwanis members information about the programs and suggested how members might support and serve. Bethany Allen (left), coordinated school health director for Weakley County Schools, is in her eighth school year in this position. She said, "Working in coordinated school health has given me the opportunity to help immediate needs of families across our county." She explained that the Weakley County School Food Pantry is a local assistance program designed to increase food access for school children and their families. She said that food is available for anyone associated with the school, including students, parents, and staff. Mary Margaret Chester (center), secretary for the Weakley County Back Pack Board of Directors, said that the mission of the program is "to meet the needs of hungry children by providing nutritious and easy-to-prepare foods at times when other resources may not be available. She said that the program is currently serving more than 350 students in pre-school through 12th grade in all schools in Weakley County. Mary Margaret encouraged Kiwanis members

## Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- Dec. 4 — Kiwanis – City of Martin Christmas Parade, Theme: Deck the Halls. Rain date Dec. 5.
- Dec. 6 — Kiwanis Program: Christmas Events at Discovery Park
- Apr. 26-8— Key Leader 2024
- Dec.13 — No noon meeting, evening celebration at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 20, 27 No meeting
- Jan. 3 — First Kiwanis meeting of 2024
- Jan. 4 — January Board Meeting, 12 noon, Martin
- Feb. 24 — Pancake Day (or maybe Feb. 17)
- Jan. 3 — First Kiwanis meeting of 2024!

to volunteer to pack food with other Back Pack volunteers on any of these upcoming days: December 5, January 2, February 6, March 6, and April 2. Volunteers are to meet at noon at Dresden First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 490 Morrow Street.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Kiwanis Member Mary Morgan has requested help from the Martin Kiwanis Club for an upcoming County 4-H event. She needs three judges for a public speaking contest that will be held on Tuesday, December 5, at Dresden Elementary School. She asks that judges arrive by 5:15 p.m. for a quick orientation before the contest begins at 5:30 p.m. The contest will be over by or before 7 p.m. Anna has volunteered to serve as a judge and invites other volunteers to ride with her. Please let Anna ([aclark8@utm.edu](mailto:aclark8@utm.edu)) and Mary ([markmorg@utk.edu](mailto:markmorg@utk.edu)) know by Thursday if you can serve.



Dec. 5, 2022

## Active Members

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Mary Elizabeth Bell  
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Anna Clark  
Jim Clark  
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Wayne Fields  
Ann Gathers  
Bettye Giles  
Vickie Hazlewood  
Harry Henderson  
Annie Jones  
Steve Lemond  
Linda Luther  
John Mayros  
Jennifer Medford  
Mary Morgan  
Katie Parr  
Jayne Parrish  
Roberta Peacock  
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