

# November 6, 2024

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

## Today's Program

Katie Parr — Banning Books?

**Last week — America's Greatest Ghost Story:** Kiwanian Roberta Peacock indicated that many consider Tennessee's ghost story about the Bell Witch to be America's greatest ghost story. She also stated that the story has direct historical connections to Weakley County through the community of Gardner, a former town and now an unincorporated community in western Weakley County. Roberta's presentation, supported with personal experience, research, and various travel to sites associated with the Bell Witch, kept the group learning, laughing, and enthralled. Several in the group knew of the Bell Witch connections with the town of Gardner Station, later just Gardner, founded in 1856 on land owned by Colonel John Almus Gardner and named after him. Roberta said that Martin Public Library has several books about the Bell Witch, an invisible and mysterious spirit that from 1817 to 1821 haunted and harassed a man named John Bell and his family.



Bats, spiders, witch's hat and pumpkin give a spooky Halloween flair to Roberta's certificate.

# Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- Nov. 8 Board meeting, MPL, 11:30 am
- Nov. 13 Steve Lemond — State of the Club
- Nov. 20 Katie Parr — Christmas Parade Update
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving
- Dec. 2 Christmas Parade — Theme: **Winter Wonderland**
- Dec. 4 The Santa's Village Experience (Martin Parks and Recreation)



**Halloween at Kiwanis and Martin:** Above Roberta elaborating on Gardner home and Mary Elizabeth recalling it, Richard Gallagher dressed for Pumpkin Parade, Parade Participants (3 of 1203) and Goblin Chewies at Kiwanis.

**Note:** For the local Kiwanis website use address [martinkiwansclub.org](http://martinkiwansclub.org). This is different from what it was formerly, namely [www.martinkiwansclub.org](http://www.martinkiwansclub.org). Yes, there is a difference. If you know folks wanting to download a parade application/release form from the web, this is the "go-to" address.

# Active Members

- Anita Airec
- Richa Airec
- Bill Austin
- Mary Elizabeth Bell
- Otha Britton
- Anna Clark
- Jim Clark
- Danelle Fabianich
- Olivia Fernandez
- Wayne Fields
- Ann Gathers
- Bettye Giles
- Vickie Hazlewood
- Steve Lemond
- Linda Luther
- Jennifer Medford
- Mary Morgan
- Katie Parr
- Jayne Parrish
- Roberta Peacock
- Vincent Politte
- Linda Ramsey
- Sara Sieber
- Clinton Smith
- David Sudberry
- Jamie Summers
- Laura Taylor
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