

# November 13, 2024

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

## Today's Program

State of the Club — Steve Lemond

**Considering Banned and Challenged Books:** At the Nov. 6 meeting of Kiwanis, Katie Parr shared information about banned and challenged books, Banned Book Week, and MPL policies in place for the library staff and patrons to follow if a book is challenged. She explained that Banned Book Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in libraries, bookstores, and schools. She said that this annual event, usually held during the last week of September, "highlights the value of free and open access to information and brings together the entire book community—librarians, educators, authors, publishers, booksellers, and readers of all types—in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas." She explained that written policies approved by the Martin Public Library Board of Trustees are public information available on the MPL website or on request at the library. Katie highlighted titles of several children's books and other books that have been challenged for various reasons. In discussion after Katie's presentation, former MPL Director Roberta Peacock told the story of one person who had checked out all the books dealing with witchcraft and never returned them.



# Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- 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)
- Dec. 18 Christmas Get-Together

The Weakley County Library in Dresden was not immune either as one client hid several books that he felt were offensive in some other place in the library. Finally, a local "pol" inquired about setting up a review board and when told that the procedure was already in place in the bylaws of the Martin Public Library never returned.

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Martin Kiwanis Club & City of Martin  
Christmas Parade: Monday, December 2

# Winter Wonderland

Line up at 5:30 p.m. in the UTM Football Parking Lot  
Parade Theme: Winter Wonderland  
Judging begins at 6 p.m., Parade will begin at 7 p.m.  
Parade will proceed east on University Street and turn left on Lindell Street through downtown Martin.

Entry forms are available at Martin City Hall and  
The Martin Public Library  
[www.martinkiwansclub.org](http://www.martinkiwansclub.org),  
Martin Kiwanis on Facebook.

For information call (731) 571-4607

Entry forms also available on Eventbrite!

# Active Members

- Anita Airee
- Richa Airee
- 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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