

# January 7, 2026

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

## Today's Program

John Parr, Discovery Park of America Wildlife Director

## Last Formal Meeting



**Giving the Gift of Knowledge:** Erik Nordberg Dean of the Paul Meek Library at UT Martin, and Ben Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development, teamed up to give a presentation for Kiwanis entitled "Giving the Gift of Knowledge." At the Dec. 10 meeting, Nordberg outlined the content, spaces, services, and outreach of the library, and Jones highlighted possible areas of the library where donors might give the "gift of knowledge" as their donations in any amount support library programs for students and the community.

**Christmas gathering:** 22 folks actively participated in our annual Christmas gathering. 3 others who were participating in the FUMC live nativity came towards the end of the gathering. Blake's was responsible for both ribs and brisket. Thank you to those who helped with table decorations, coffee, side items, desserts, and critically, Trinity Presbyterian, and the cleanup!

## Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Jan. 8—Board Meeting, Martin Public Library  
Jan. 22—Friends of the Library Soup Luncheon, 11 a.m.  
Feb. 28—Pancake Breakfast (conjectured)



Long time Kiwanis member Steve Lemond was recently (Nov. 6) recognized for 45 years of service in the area of Information Technology Services at UTM.



Coffee is lined up in the library for members to pick up for distribution to those they sold coffee to. A total of 96 bags of coffee were sold by members!

## Active Members

Anita Airee  
Richa Airee  
Bill Austin  
Mary Elizabeth Bell  
Hannah Bilger  
Otha Britton  
Anna Clark  
Jim Clark  
Kayla Colvin  
Courtney Echols  
Danelle Fabianich  
Olivia Fernandez  
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  
Earl Wright

