

January 14, 2026

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

Today's Program

Club conversation about summer programs, fundraising, Pancake Breakfast info, Committees and whatever comes to mind – led by Katie Parr

Last Week's Program

John Parr, director of wildlife at Discovery Park of America (DPA) and lecturer in the department of biological sciences at UT Martin, shared insight with Kiwanis members about the state-of-the-art 100,000-square-foot museum sitting on the beautifully landscaped heritage park in Union City. Parr was the special guest at the Jan.7 meeting of the group. He said that more than 250,000 visitors came to DPA last year and that figure included more than 50,000 children and at least 10,000 children who got free admission. Parr talked about the variety of programs, exhibits, and hands-on activities offered to visitors, including the excitement generated by the wildlife exhibits. For his presentation, Parr brought two nonvenomous snakes (a spotted king snake and a corn snake) and a box turtle for members to see closely and touch if they wanted to do so. He discussed the behind-the-scenes care of the animals at the park and some of the policies of the Tennessee Wildlife Association that guide acquisition and care. He encouraged everyone to visit DPA and reminded everyone that children get free admission in January.



Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- Jan. 8—Board Meeting, Martin Public Library
- Jan. 21 —Kim Hughey Weakley County Court Clerk concerning the driver's license process at the courthouse
- Jan. 22—Friends of the Library Soup Luncheon, 11 a.m.
- Jan. 28 —Jessica Gibson — Little Free Libraries in our area
- Feb. 7 — Polar Plunge, Union City, TN supports Upper West TN Area 7 Special Olympics Activities
- Feb. 28—Pancake Breakfast at Martin Elementary School

Katie is participating in Leadership Weakley County 2026. She joins a host of Kiwanis members who have participated in this annual program that serves as a gateway to making a meaningful difference in our region. Designed for individuals who are ready to lead, the program provides a unique opportunity to explore the challenges and opportunities that define Weakley County. From economic development to education and healthcare, participants gain an insider's perspective on the issues shaping our community's future. Last year Laura participated.

Seems like yesterday: Dec. 17, 2025



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