

Sept. 16, 2026

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

Today's Program

Austin Ferrell and Clinton Smith
UTM Travel Studies

Last Week



PREPARING TEACHERS FOR FUTURE CLASSROOMS—Dr. Mary Giles and three UT Martin juniors in the Educational Studies program gave a presentation about the Call Me MiSTER scholars program for the Sept. 9 meeting of Kiwanis. Students presenting with Dr. Giles, assistant professor in the department of Educational Studies, were Michael Transley (left) from Nashville, Abigail Karnes (second from left) from Trenton, and Austin Brooks (second from right) from Dyersburg. The presenters shared information about the unique name of the program (Mentors instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) and gave some history of this teacher recruitment and retention program that first began at Clemson University in 2000. The speakers underscored that this program is open to all aspiring teachers, regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender. With the preparation and support from the Call Me MiSTER program, students will go on to pursue successful careers in elementary and middle schools in Tennessee. Dr. Giles noted that UT Martin has the only Call Me MiSTER program currently offered in Tennessee. Dr. Laura Taylor (third from left) presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Giles showing that a donation will be made to Captain's Pantry in recognition of the presenters.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Sept. 23 — LeAnna Hatchett from Red Cross
Sept. 30 — Social TBA
Oct. 8 — Kiwanis Board Meeting (MPL)
Oct. 3 — Martoberfest, Courtyard at 115 Neal St.
Dec. 7 — Kiwanis Christmas Parade

Upcoming Birthdays

Vincent Politte, September 18
Jennifer Medford, September 22
Danelle Fabianich, September 30
Roberta Peacock, September 30

September Anniversaries

Otha Britton, September 21



We had 11 people involved with Faith and Family night—Katie Parr, Steve Lemond, and Anita Airee, who made it all happen— and those of us at the table for all or part of the time—Mary Morgan, Bill Austin, Linda Luther, Linda Ramsey, Jayne Parrish, Vincent Politte, and Jim and Anna Clark. As one person noted the next day: "I saw happy faces waving bubble wands on Thursday! Thank you & Kiwanis for your participation. It was a fabulous 3 days and such a privilege to serve our community." We agreed!

Active Members

Anita Airee
Richa Airee
Bill Austin
Mary Elizabeth Bell
Otha Britton
Anna Clark
Jim Clark
Kayla Colvin
Beverly Claybrooks
Courtney Echols
Danelle Fabianich
Olivia Fernandez
Ann Gathers
Bettye Giles
Vickie Hazlewood
Jessica Hightower
Steve Lemond
Linda Luther
Jennifer Medford
Alexis Millsaps
Mary Morgan
Katie Parr
Jayne Parrish
Roberta Peacock
Vincent Politte
Linda Ramsey
Sara Sieber
Clinton Smith
David Sudberry
Jamie Summers
Laura Taylor
Earl Wright

