

# January 8, 2025

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

## Today's Program

David Hawks

Weakley County Rolling Thunder



**Dec. 11 Meeting Recap:** Briana Jimenez, Interim Director UTM Child and Family Grant Programs and Director of the Margaret N. Perry Children's Center, spoke about how the Healthy Start Program and the Infant Stimulation Program make a difference in the lives of families in northwest Tennessee. She said that the Healthy Start Program has been in operation for more than 20 years and that ongoing goals are to get families enrolled as early as possible and to strengthen families. She explained that funding for the programs is channeled through three different revenue streams. Briana also discussed her teaching in the child development area and her work at the Children's Center, which presently operates as a day-care facility, pre-school, and school for children with special needs. In her informative presentation, she shared how blessed and grateful she feels to be working in child development and to be helping UTM students and area families.

## Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Jan. 8 First meeting of 2025!  
Jan. 10 Board Meeting, MPL 11:00 am  
Feb. 22 Kiwanis Pancake Day, Martin Elementary School



At the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> pre-parade meeting, Karen Fowler, Weakley County's PreK School Counselor, was presented a check for \$422 from the "Happy Dollars Fund" in support of Weakley County's pre-K program (PAUSE).

**Christmas Party Happenings, Dec. 18:** Fifteen members and 10 guests attended the Christmas festivities at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Everyone enjoyed the bounteous feast of brisket, casseroles, salads, desserts, and as people in this area say "fixins!" After dinner entertainment involved riddle-telling at each table with appropriate groans when folks either learned or blurted out the correct answer. Eight members participated in a round of "left, right, center," which had nothing to do with politics but is a game of chance. Linda Luther walked away with the \$24 grand prize.. Note to Linda: the IRS was watching!



## 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  
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