



WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER NEWS



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2017 Leadership Weakley County



The 2017 Leadership Weakley County Class began sessions January 5th. This program is an educational experience consisting of structured sessions: Leadership Orientation, Quality of Life, Economic Development, Education, State Government, Agriculture in West TN, and Weakley County Local Government. The purpose of Leadership Weakley County is leadership training programs that provide Weakley County with people and ideas necessary to:

- * Motivate more people to assume leadership roles
- * Enhance our economic climate
- * Improve quality of life
- * Stimulate ways to meet challenges
- * Develop a better understanding of local area's strengths and weaknesses
- * Create enthusiasm for Weakley County

Attending this year's class are: (front row l-r) Linda Morris, MTD, and Suzann Kroll, Weakley County Office on Aging. (Middle row l-r) Leanna Slusser, Weakley County Finance Department; Chloe Humphrey, Cowart Reese Sargent, CPA's; Sara Pope, Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC; Suzanne Harper, Weakley County Prevention Coalition; Josh Moore, Brundige & Moore Insurance; and Courtney Horton, Weakley County Prevention Coalition. (Back row l-r) Darrell Blaylock, Tennova - Volunteer Martin; Chad Brawner, MTD; Virginia Grimes, UT Martin WestStar; Dana Prince, UT Foundation Inc.; Vickie Hazlewood, Cary Insurance Services; Erica Moore, Weakley County Government; Brian Donavant, UT Martin; April Jones, Weakley County Register of Deeds; Destin Tucker, UT Martin Admissions, and attending this year's class but not present this day, Kim Hughey, Weakley County Clerk.

Anyone interested in participating in the 2018 Leadership Weakley County Class, please contact the Chamber at (731) 364-3787, email wccc@weakleycountychamber.com, or apply at the office at 114 West Maple St., Dresden, TN.



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From the President

As 2016 ends and 2017 begins, I want to thank each member of the Chamber for your energy, your good work, and of course your financial support. The Chamber couldn't function without the support of our cities, the county, and of course the members, from our banks, to industry, the independent businesses, and the many individuals. We are bound together not only geographically, but with the common goal of, very simply, a better life for our families, friends, and neighbors. The work of the Chamber is directed primarily to that end. While much of what the Chamber does is very public, perhaps the most important work is acting as a clearing house of information about our cities and county, including, but not limited to, our infrastructure, our work force, the educational opportunities, and helping our members unite with one another to form a strong county-wide bond.

We owe a great deal of thanks to Barbara Virgin and to Marguriet Frazier. They are both professionals who work efficiently and with a commitment toward excellence. I'd like to thank each member of the Board of Directors for your continued interest and support of the work we do. In the first half of our fiscal year we managed to set up an operational FaceBook page. If you haven't visited there yet, I hope you'll drop in, "LIKE" us and become a part of the network. Our website www.weakleycountychamber.com is well maintained and up to date, so feel free to direct anyone there as opportunities arise. If you have ideas to improve on the information found there, please share it with us. I personally want to thank our Dresden members for the very fine way you supported and sponsored the Christmas party. Terri Brundige, Amy Lewellen, and Jake Bynum were key in making the night a great success and I want to issue a special word of thanks to them.

I wish for each of you a year of good health and great prosperity, a year blessed by Divine guidance and safekeeping.

Ricky Finney, President
Weakley County Chamber of Commerce

Welcome New Members

ClaireBrooke Consignment

Tiffany Browning
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Owner - University Plaza Shopping Center
Martin, TN

Save

The

Dates

April 18, 2017

Chamber Awards Banquet
UT Martin Boling University Center
Martin, TN

May 18, 2017

40th Annual Stephen Wright Memorial
Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament & Dinner
Persimmon Hills Golf Course
Sharon, TN



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Welcome New Member

Claire Brooke Consignment



The Weakley County Chamber of Commerce welcomed ClaireBrooke Consignment to the community with a Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting. Owners Robert and Tiffany Browning, family, and staff welcomed Chamber President Ricky Finney, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, plus representatives from BancorpSouth, Simmons Bank, Thunderbolt Broadcasting, Fast Pace Urgent Care, Finney's Floor & Home Center, Jordan Plumbing Company, customers, and friends.

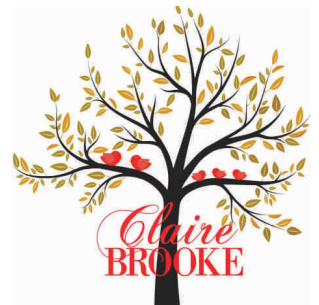
ClaireBrooke Consignment is a "name brand, upscale consignment store containing clothing, purses, shoes, and jewelry at prices you won't believe." To find out more about ClaireBrooke Consignment, stop by their location at 126B N. Wilson St., Dresden, call (731) 364-3612, visit their web site at www.squareup.com/store/clairebrooke-consignment, email clairebrookeconsignment@yahoo.com, or like them on Facebook.



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Ribbon Cutting

Kirkland's Antiques, Gifts, Interiors, & Lighting



Kirkland's Antiques, Gifts, Interiors, & Lighting and the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Ribbon Cutting and Ladies Night Out to celebrate the opening of Kirkland's Bridal. Owner Warner Pace and his staff welcomed Martin Mayor Randy Brundige, Chamber Executive Director Barbara Virgin, and representatives from J.J.'s Quick Shop, Westan Insurance, Twin Oaks Technology, Thunderbolt Broadcasting, WLJT TV, Weakley County Prevention Coalition, Chamber members, MBA members, and customers.

Kirkland's Bridal is located inside Kirkland's Antiques, Gifts, Interiors, & Lighting. For the perfect wedding gift, stop by Kirkland's location at 232 Lindell St., Martin, call (731) 587-6910, or like them on FaceBook. Let Warner help with other gift, lighting, interior design, and decorating needs. Business hours are Monday through Saturday 10:30 am to 5:00 pm.

2017 Leadership Sessions



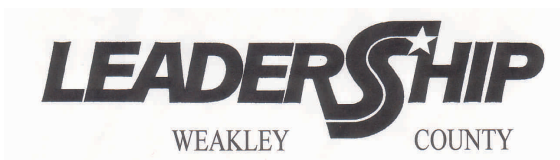
Financial Day



Class Project



Economic Development Day



Quality of Life

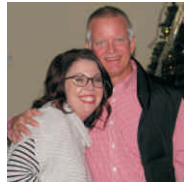
Thank You

We would like to thank the 2016 Chamber Christmas Reception sponsors. Thanks to you, the reception was a huge success!

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2016 Chamber Christmas Reception



Just What Is The Chamber of Commerce?

To the Secretary of State we are a non-profit corporation.

To the IRS we are a 501(C)6 business association.

We are, first and foremost, a membership organization. Our only significant resources are the time, skills, and financial support of our members.

We are defined by people's perceptions of our past accomplishments, our current actions, and our preparation to deal with the future.

The scope and effectiveness of your Chamber is limited only by the commitment of our leaders and members.

YOUR CHAMBER IS:

- Voluntary business association
- Non-profit private corporation
- Coordinated team
- Supported by member investors
- Cooperative effort of all members working for common benefit of all members and community
- Well planned Program of Work to address prioritized needs
- Chamber members working throughout the community
- Opportunities to share, plan, and work with fellow business leaders to make important things happen
- Coordinated efforts of members and their investments of time, skills, and money
- **RETURN OF INVESTMENT**

YOUR CHAMBER IS NOT:

- NOT a social agency or club
- NOT part of local government
- NOT an individual or clique
- NOT supported by tax dollars
- NOT any single business or business category working for its own benefit
- NOT unplanned reactions to unexpected situations
- NOT just the Chamber staff and the visible office operations
- NOT a series of needless meetings
- NOT just the efforts of office staff or the directors
- **NOT JUST ANOTHER DONATION**

Calendar of Events

Feb. 10
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Working Women's Conference
UT Martin University Center Ballroom
Martin, TN

Feb. 17

Black History Celebration
Gateway Center
Martin, TN

Feb. 21
5:30 pm

Chamber Board Meeting
Dresden, TN

Mar. 11
5:30 pm

Carl Perkins Center
13th Annual Dinner & Auction Gala
UT Martin University Center Ballroom
Martin, TN

Mar. 12

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Mar. 21
5:30 pm

Chamber Board Meeting
Dresden, TN

Apr. 14

Good Friday
Chamber Office Closed

Apr. 22

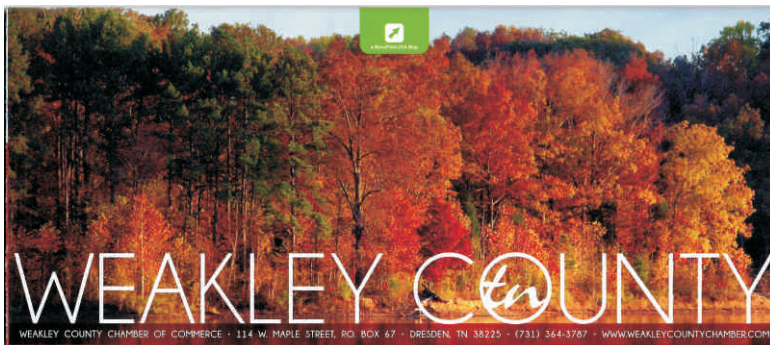
Touch-A-Truck
Parks & Recreation
Martin, TN

Apr. 18

Chamber Awards Banquet &
Leadership Graduation
UT Martin University Center Ballroom
Martin, TN

Apr. 29 - May 6

38th Annual Tennessee Iris Festival
Dresden, TN



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