

August 6, 2025

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

Today's Program

John Glass, Director of Honors Program at UTM (Summer in Europe and all things University Scholars)

Last Meeting: Empowering Communities—Caroline Ideus co-manager of the City of Martin Farmers Market, described the mission of the Northwest Tennessee Local Food Network when she visited Kiwanis. She explained that The Northwest Tennessee Local Food Network is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating a strong, more resilient local food system. Through education, advocacy, and collaboration, the group facilitates connections with farmers, businesses, schools, and communities to ensure fresh, locally-grown food is accessible to all. Three projects of the Local Food Network are the Grow Food Challenge, a program inviting individuals, families, schools, and community groups across Northwest Tennessee to grow food and compost; the Northwest Tennessee Farm to School initiative, which focuses on growing healthy kids and strong communities by connecting students with local farms; and the third focus of promoting Northwest Tennessee Farmers Markets. She said that outreach in certain areas will have to be restructured because funds from several grants recently have been eliminated. She said that in the last few years the City of Martin Farmers Market has grown to the point where currently approximately 40 vendors participate.



Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Aug. 7 — Board Meeting noon, MPL
 Aug. 8-10 DCON, Memphis, TN
 Aug. 13 — Hannah Bilger - Weakley County Prevention Coalition
 Aug. 20 — Randy Brundige – City of Martin Mayor (Soybean)
 Aug. 27 — Jason Simpson – UT Martin Head Football Coach “Upcoming Season”

August Birthdays

Linda Lurth Aug. 18
 Jamie Summers Aug. 22
 Katie Parr Aug. 22



Kiwanis about town: Laura and Katie at US Donuts for a “meet and greet,” and members and guests dined at Blue Oak last Wednesday at a social.



The Martin Chapter of Kiwanis has been informed that Jimmy Brown, here pictured as he accepted the local award for Law Officer of the year, is also to be honored as the district recipient during this weekend's DCON!

Active Members

Anita Airce
 Richa Airce
 Bill Austin
 Mary Elizabeth Bell
 Otha Britton
 Anna Clark
 Jim Clark
 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

