

# August 13, 2025

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

## Today's Program

Hannah Bilger - Weakley County Prevention Coalition



**Receives District Award**—Sgt. James Wilbur (Jimmy) Brown (right) received the Kiwanis District Lawperson of the Year Award from Oscar Brown, district service award committee chair, at the LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Convention on Saturday, Aug. 9, in Memphis. Sgt. Brown was also informed that a \$300 check will be presented in his honor to the Weakley County Backpack Program. The 2024-25

Lawperson of the Year award honors in the LaMissTenn District (Kiwanian or non-Kiwanian) who has exemplified service above and beyond the call of duty. Sgt. Brown is currently serving as School Resource Officer Sergeant where he helps oversee the daily activities of the school resource officers. Sgt. Brown has an impressive history of service with the Martin Police Department, where he has worked since December 2014. Prior to joining MPD, he worked for more than 10 years as a firefighter and advanced emergency medical technician at Martin Fire Department. He has also worked with the Weakley County Ambulance Service. Sgt. Brown holds numerous certifications related to safety and has received many well-deserved awards and recognitions, including the Martin Middle School Outstanding Service Award presented to him by MMS Principal John Lifsey. One of his many goals is to continue helping to keep schools safe by teaching the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program.

**Post on FB, From Linda:** I want to share with all my friends that I just received the endorsement of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee Historic District to run for Kiwanis International Trustee in Manila, Philippines in June 2026! I'm so **excited** about this opportunity!

## Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Aug. 7 — Board Meeting noon, MPL  
Aug. 20 — Randy Brundige – City of Martin Mayor (Soybean)  
Aug. 27 — Jason Simpson – UT Martin Head Football Coach "Upcoming Season"  
Sept. 3 — Crossroads Luncheon, Martin Event Center  
Oct. 1 — 2025-2026 Officer Installation

## August Birthdays

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

**Post on FB, From LT:** Great little weekend away to Memphis to be a part of the 107th [Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International](#) Convention. As a first timer, I gained greater appreciation for the incredible work Kiwanis does within our region and met several members from various areas (who are doing great things)! Looking forward to discussing new ideas with Kiwanis Club of Martin! If you are an individual who loves to serve and give back to your community, you strive to be a positive influence, and you want to make a difference in the lives of children to where they know that others believe in them, nurture them, and provide the support they need to thrive, Kiwanis needs YOU!!!

Other members attending from the local club were Linda Ramsey and Jennifer Medford.

**Circle K Reorganization:** At last week's board meeting, Linda reported that Circle K has elected officers and that there will be an informal Charter Night on **August 12** at Trinity Presbyterian Church with a formal Charter Night to follow. All in the Martin Kiwanis Club are invited to attend. Linda shared that there is much excitement about chartering Circle K. Clinton Smith will be the faculty advisor, and Linda will be the Kiwanis advisor. The board voted to assist financially in getting the club started.

**Last week** Dr. John Glass, Director of the Office of Honors Programs at UT Martin, shared information about Programs of Honors Study and the University Scholars Program, which accepts 30 students from each entering class. Glass noted that since its founding in 1981, the University Scholars Program has emphasized the importance of individual integrity, academic achievement, and education that develops intellectual, moral, and social responsibility. He described study abroad opportunities available for a semester in Italy and a several-week immersion program developed for unique experiences in France and Spain. He noted that the travel opportunities are open to all and not just students specifically enrolled in Honors Programs.

## Active Members

Anita Airee  
Richa Airee  
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

