

August 27, 2025

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

Today's Program

Jason Simpson, Skyhawk Football Coach

Last Week: Mayor Randy Brundige: We laughed when Mayor Brundige said that the skiing squirrel is not returning this year, but just look what is coming!

Mayor Brundige distributed copies of the colorful 2025 Tennessee Soybean Festival magazine and summed up the numerous offerings from September 2-6 with this confident statement: "It's going to be good again this year." The magazine cover shows 11 members of the Coates Family, who are being honored as the grand marshal of the Soybean Festival. Mayor Brundige said this festival is diverse, offering something for everyone from music and Bach to BBQ to athletic dogs in the "Disc-Connected K9's," a midway, and much, much more. This is the 32nd year that Martin has hosted the Soybean Festival.

In addition to discussing the Soybean Festival, the major also mentioned big improvements to the recreation complex with a refurbishing of the Kiwanis playground, new pickleball courts, resurfacing the walking trail, new sidewalks and other public works.



Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- 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**
- Sept. 10 — Laura Taylor, Membership Orientation Ideas from DCON
- Sept. 17**—Kevin Decker, CEO, West Tennessee Health Care Volunteer Hospital (**Room 125**)
- Sept. 24—Possibly Circle K Club
- Oct. 1** — 2025-2026 Officer Installation (**Room 125**)

August Birthdays

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

UT Martin Circle K had its first meeting Monday.

From The Dresden Enterprise and The Martin Post (as submitted by the Martin Kiwanis Club)

Ramsey endorsed as candidate for Kiwanis International Board trustee

Dr. Linda C. Ramsey of Martin has been endorsed by the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee (LaMissTenn) Kiwanis District to run for the position of International Trustee on the Kiwanis International Board. The endorsement was made during the district convention held Aug. 8-9 in Memphis.

Ramsey will attend the Kiwanis International Convention in Manila, Philippines, in June 2026, where she will run for election to the board. If elected, she will serve a three-year term as an international trustee. Her candidacy is supported by her home club, the Kiwanis Club of Martin.

In addition to Ramsey's endorsement, delegates at the LaMissTenn District convention elected candidates to serve in roles including governor, vice governor, governor-elect, district trustee, and lieutenant governor. This year, the district was also eligible to nominate a candidate for international trustee.

Ramsey has been a Kiwanis member for nearly 35 years and has served in numerous leadership roles at the local, district and international levels. Locally, she has served as president of her club and in other offices. She was the founding advisor of the Martin Middle School Builder's Club, and she currently advises the Westview High School Key Club and is working to reorganize the Circle K Club at the University of Tennessee at Martin in fall 2025.

Ramsey also applied for and secured emergency grants for the Martin and Greenfield Kiwanis Clubs to aid tornado victims in Dresden. At the district level, Ramsey is a past district governor, district trustee and lieutenant governor for Region 1, Division 1A of the LaMissTenn District. She has served as chair of the West Tennessee Key Leader District Committee for 14 years and spent seven years on the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee. She is a former member of the District Foundation Board. Her contributions to the foundation have earned her the John T. Roberts Award, Charlie Ford Award and the River of Life Award. Internationally, Ramsey is a Cornerstone Society member of the Kiwanis Children's Fund and an editor for the Kiwanis Key Leader curriculum. She has received the Diamond Zeller Award, the Legion of Honor Award and the Hixon Award in recognition of both personal contributions and those made in her honor.

Outside of Kiwanis, Ramsey is an active elder and choir member at Trinity Presbyterian Church. She is a professor emerita in the Department of Health and Human Performance at UT Martin, where she taught full-time for 37 years and part-time for an additional two years. She served as interim department chair for three years, was president of the Faculty Senate, and presented at professional conferences at the state, district and national levels. Ramsey received the UT University Community Service Award, recognizing her leadership in initiatives such as Jump Rope for Heart, the Tennessee Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Tennessee Sportsfest, Relay for Life, and Special Olympics. She is the mother of two sons, Brett Ramsey and Matt Ramsey. Brett is married to Marybeth Ramsey. Matt and his wife, Jennifer, have three children: Eliana, Andrew and Trevor.



Linda Ramsey

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

