

# 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 32<sup>nd</sup> year that Martin has hosted the Soybean Festival.

In addition to discussing the Soybean Festival, the mayor 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 (LaMissWestTenn) 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 and she currently advises the Kiwanis High School Key Club of the District Foundation Board. Her contributions to the foundation have earned her the John T. Roberts Award, Charlie Ford Award and the Kiwanis International Award. She has received emergency grants for the Martin and Greenfield Kiwanis Clubs to aid tornado victims in Memphis.

Ramsey has been a 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 Builders Club, the Kiwanis Club of Martin

and the Kiwanis Club of the District Foundation Board. Her contributions to the foundation have earned her the John T. Roberts Award, Charlie Ford Award and the Kiwanis International Award. She has received emergency grants for the Martin and Greenfield Kiwanis Clubs to aid tornado victims in Memphis.

Ramsey is a past district governor, district trustee and lieutenant governor for Region 1A of the LaMissWestTenn District. She has served as chair of the West Tennessee Key Leader District Committee for 14 years and spent seven years on the Kiwanis Club

and the Kiwanis Club of the District Foundation Board. Her contributions to the foundation have earned her the John T. Roberts Award, Charlie Ford Award and the Kiwanis International Award. She has received emergency grants for the Martin and Greenfield Kiwanis Clubs to aid tornado victims in Memphis.

Ramsey received the UT Martin Service Award in recognition of both personal contributions and those made in her honor.

Outside of Kiwanis,

Ramsey is an active el-

der and choir member



Linda Ramsey

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.

## 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

