Oct. 28, 2026

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

Expect the Unexpected…

"Expecting the Unexpected" is the title for the Kiwanis program on Wednesday. Each of you and several guests will have the opportunity to share a brief story about an eerie experience that has happened to you or a friend—something just a little (or a lot!) out of the ordinary. Several people have actually lived in a truly haunted house; Jim and I have stayed two nights in a haunted hotel; ghosts/spirits have been reported in various places here in Martin. As proof of one actual haunting here in Martin, I will have with me a fact-checked news article that appeared in *The Pacer* in 1996.

Last Week's Meeting: "Inspired by sharing local news"—Domine Spinelli, news director at Thunderbolt Radio, spoke to members of Kiwanis on October 21 about how she found her way into radio, what she has learned in the local newsroom, and why she believes the work that she and others do matters. However, Spinelli's inspirational talk was also a story about faith, taking chances, and discovering that sometimes the opportunity one prays for doesn't look like what one might have expected. Originally from New Jersey, Spinelli said she felt called to Tennessee where she bought a home and first worked at a Dollar Tree in Kentucky before offering to volunteer at Thunderbolt Radio and then applying for full-time work. Spinelli finds much joy in her current work and says that she continues to learn something every day about the community

She is committed to getting the facts right and sharing information that people can trust. Pictured with Dominee is her husband O'Dell along with others you might recognize.

Kiwanis member **Dr. Clinton Smith** of UT Martin recently joined WLJT's Tennessee is Talking host Don McCorry to discuss his recent recognition as the National Education Association's Higher Educator of the Year, his passion for preparing future educators, and why changing the life of just one student can make all the difference.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Nov. 7 — Frank Black Memorial Service, FUMC Martin, TN 10:00 a.m.
Nov.12 — Board Meeting, Martin Public Library
Dec. 5 — Martin Public Library Open House
Dec. 7 — Kiwanis Christmas Parade (Rain Date Dec. 8)
Dec. 16— Christmas Social

November Programs Preview

Nov. 4, Kimi Griffin, Executive Function Coaching
Nov. 11, Linda and Lee Smith, Wreaths Across America
Nov. 18, Merry Brown, Conflict Resolution

Active Members

Anita Airee
Richa Airee
Bill Austin
Mary Elizabeth Bell
Otha Britton
Anna Clark
Jim Clark
Kayla Colvin
Beverly Claybrooks
Courtney Echols
Danelle Fabianich
Olivia Fernandez
Ann Gathers
Bettye Giles
Vickie Hazlewood
Jessica Hightower
Steve Lemond
Linda Luther
Jennifer Medford
Alexis Millsaps
Mary Morgan
Katie Parr
Jayne Parrish
Roberta Peacock
Vincent Politte
Linda Ramsey
Sara Sieber
Clinton Smith
David Sudberry
Jamie Summers
Laura Taylor
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