

March 19, 2025

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

Today's Program

Amber Minton, head UTM STUNT coach will join us to discuss one of the NCAA's newest sports.

Last week: Colin Hatch, senior associate athletics director of development at UT Martin for the Office of Development and the UT Foundation, was the guest speaker for the March 12 meeting of Kiwanis. Colin spoke of his unique perspective as a college athlete (baseball, Union University) and his extensive work in sales that led him to his current position where his passion for athletics and sales combine. He reminded the group of several upcoming opportunities for support of Skyhawk athletes, including Captain's Challenge on April 1-2 where donations will be matched.



Easter Egg Hunt: Alisse Kirk from Martin Parks and Recreation talked Anna with us about changes the city is planning for the 2025 Easter Egg Hunt. Alisse wondered if Kiwanis would like to take care of concessions and that those could be free—free coffee, hot chocolate, and water. She also said that if Kiwanis wanted to give out anything else, that would be fine. Further planning is underway, and volunteers will be needed.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Apr. 3 — Board Meeting, Martin Public Library, 12 noon
Apr. 25 — Meet and Greet, Vantage Coffee, 7–9 am
Apr. 30 — 5th Wednesday Social TBA? (also July and October)

Regional Meeting and News from Kim Jackson: Laura said that there was good meeting with Kim Jackson, Lt. Gov. of Kiwanis District 1A. Kim shared some ideas for club growth and the possibility for a meet and greet sessions. An immediate plan is for Laura and Katie to set up a **meet and greet information session** at Vantage Coffee Roasters, 129B Neal St., Martin, from 7 – 9 a.m. on Friday, April 25. Additional social events may also be planned.

Applications are now being accepted for the \$1,000 Christie Ricketts Memorial Kiwanis Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a Martin Westview High School senior who has exemplified to the highest degree the basic principles of caring and sharing in the home, school, and community. The applicant must be a graduating senior in high school, and the applicant must attend The University of Tennessee at Martin. The recipient will be chosen first from members of the Martin Westview Key Club, but other graduating seniors can be considered.

Application forms are available in the counselor's office at Westview or can be requested from Vickie Hazlewood. Applications are due at the end of the day on April 26, 2024, and can be emailed to Vickie Hazlewood (vickie@cary-ins.com), Steve Lemond (slemond@utm.edu), or Clinton Smith (csmit279@utm.edu). Application forms can also be mailed to the Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 583, Martin, TN 38237.

This scholarship has been presented in the past at the Westview Honors Ceremony held at the end of the school year. The winner usually comes to a Kiwanis meeting to greet Kiwanis members who have made the scholarship possible.

The scholarship is named in honor of Christie Ada DeBoard Ricketts who died after a long illness on July 25, 2020, at the age of 45. She was president of the Martin Kiwanis Club in 2020 and owned and operated Christie's Photography.

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