

March 11, 2026

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

Today's Program

Mike Vargas, UTM Head Soccer Coach

Last Week's Meeting

Barbara Kunkel (third from left) and Shelly Long (second from right) — highlighted the many creative and engaging ways mathematics comes to life for high school students in West TN through hands-on activities, outreach and community programming. The math craft lab is a program consists of 4 day-long workshops on the UT Martin campus showcasing how mathematics can be fun, accessible and inspiring for learners of high-school age. At Kiwanis, the presenters explained that the properties of the Möbius strip is a key concept in topology and has practical application in engineering for creating wear-resistant belts. Steve Elliott (second from left), chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, described how the Math Craft Lab was created and the excitement this outreach has generated.



Below: Barbara and Sara show off their Möbius strips.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- Mar. 11 — Mike Vargas, UTM Head Soccer
- Mar. 18 — Chris Choate, world Traveler
- Mar. 21 — District Education Conference (items for raffle basket needed)
- Apr. 2 — Board Meeting, MPL and Zoom
- Apr 24 — Key Leader — Lakeshore Camp & Retreat
- Apr. 28 — City of Martin Easter Egg Hunt
- June 6 — Fishing Derby, Martin Recreation Complex

Board Meeting Notes:

- 1 Approved membership for Jessica Hightower and Alexis Milsaps.
- 2 Approved donations to Daddy Daughter Dance and Martin Fire Department (National Fire Safety Council a
3. Authorized payments via Venmo

The Martin Kiwanis Award for Leadership and Service is a \$1,000 scholarship given annually in recognition of Dr. S.K. Airee, a long-time faculty member at UT Martin and charter member of the Martin Kiwanis Club. The impact he has made on our community has been tremendous, and this award honors a student who is following in his footsteps. The student who wins this award must show achievement in the areas of academics, leadership in co-curricular activities, and citizenship and service to the school and community. Specifically, the award recipient should have demonstrated leadership and service to youth and children. Additionally, the recipient must have achieved an Eagle Scout or Gold Girl Scout level in the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts of America, been a member of the Key Club in high school or have been involved in a collegiate Circle K Club

Active Members

Anita Airee
Richa Airee
Bill Austin
Mary Elizabeth Bell
Hannah Bilger
Otha Britton
Anna Clark
Jim Clark
Kayla Colvin
Courtney Echols
Danelle Fabianich
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