

March 18, 2026

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

Today's Program

Chris Choate, World Traveler

Last Week's Meeting

Mike Varga is in his third year of coaching women's soccer at UTM. He was a four-year starter in soccer at Ashland University in Ohio and is that school's leading scorer with 52 goals. After graduation, he played professionally in Europe and with the Knoxville Impact of the United Soccer League. He coached 14 years at Alabama and Gardner Webb. He indicated that he likes it here at UTM with there being a more relaxed environment without some of the intense environment that athletes may experience in some other sports. He indicated that he does not like to see athletes jumping from school to school to get financial benefit but not really being prepared for when that is gone. He seems to like the atmosphere in Martin and is looking for various ways to get his athletes to participate in the greater Martin community.



Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- Mar. 11 — Mike Varga, UTM Head Soccer Coach
- Mar. 18 — Chris Choate, world traveler
- Mar. 21 — District Education Conference (items for raffle basket needed)
- Mar.28 — City of Martin Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 1 — Eddie Crittendon & Fulton Railroaders
- Apr. 2 — Board Meeting, MPL and Zoom
- Apr. 8 — Amanda Waldon and Vet Tech Program
- Apr.15 — Mary Bondurant and the Capitol Theater Project in Union City (Masquerade)
- Apr. 22 — Program TBA
- Apr 24 — Key Leader — Lakeshore Camp & Retreat
- Apr.29 — Social (or program) TBA
- June 6 — Fishing Derby, Martin Recreation Complex



About us: Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan, U.S. The organization was originally called the Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers. A year later, the name changed to Kiwanis, which was selected by the organization's founders based on their understanding that the word was translatable to "we build" from the Algonquian Native American language family. That same year, Kiwanis became an international organization with the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Initially focused on business networking, the organization changed its focus to service in 1919 — specifically service to children. Over the years, more clubs were created in the U.S. and Canada, and worldwide expansion was ultimately approved in the 1960s. Today, there are Kiwanis clubs in nearly 80 nations and geographic locations.

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
- 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

