

August 5, 2026

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

Today's Program

Interim City Manager Brittany Newton

July 15th Program



SPREADING THE JOY OF READING—Jessica Gibson, administrative specialist at Obion River Regional Library, shared her passion for Little Free Libraries during a presentation at the July 15 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Martin. Gibson explained that Little Free Libraries (LFL) are book-sharing boxes that contain completely free books where members of the community are invited to take a book or leave a book (or both). She said that Little Free Libraries bring attention, tourism, and charm and are a fun way to share literature with the community. Gibson said that she got started with Little Free Libraries during the COVID-19 shutdown when the book club she was attending did not meet and she was left longing for community and readership engagement. In 2021, she installed a LFL in her front yard and started posting about it on her social media accounts. She said that she is grateful for the enthusiasm from those who have used a LFL and for the support she has received from her husband, other family members, and friends. She has made a goal of placing a Little Free Library in each town in Obion County and in other locations in Weakley County. Kiwanis president Katie Parr introduced Gibson and presented her with a certificate of appreciation showing that a donation will be made in her honor to Captain's Pantry at UT Martin.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

Aug. 6 — Peter Fletcher, Classical Guitarist — **free**

Concert, Martin Public Library, 6 p.m.

Aug. 13 — Board meeting, MPL, 12 noon

Aug. 19 — Linda Ramsey discussing conventions far and wide

Aug. 26 — Rochelle Alexander — Back Yard Birding

Sept. 10-12 Martin's Grassroots Soybean Festival

Virginia Weldon Park and environs.

Check out <https://www.wbbjtv.com/2026/06/23/martins-grassroots-soybean-festival-continues-take-shape-after-cancellation-tennessee-soybean-festival/> for more information.



Lt. Clay Dean accepts his award as 2025-2026 Lawperson of the Year at the recent LaMissTenn annual convention. He was accompanied by fellow officer Sgt. John Colt Fulcher.

Active Members

Anita Airee
Richa Airee
Bill Austin
Mary Elizabeth Bell
Hannah Bilger
Otha Britton
Anna Clark
Jim Clark
Kayla Colvin
Beverly Claybrooks
Courtney Echols
Danelle Fabianich
Olivia Fernandez
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Jessica Hightower
Steve Lemond
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