

August 12, 2026

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

Today's Program

Grassroots Soybean Festival

Last Week's Program



Brittany Newton interim city manager for the City of Martin, spoke with Kiwanis members at the Aug. 5 meeting and said that the city is facing challenges but a five-year plan is in place and departments are working together to move forward. Newton outlined some of the recent changes in city government, including the hiring of William Carr as the new city recorder and Jenny Claiborne as the director of Martin Public Library. She said the city is getting ready to hire a building inspector and that the next big hire will be the director of community development. In her remarks, Newton discussed ongoing projects such as the paving of Hunter Drive and the new water lines in the area near Hampton Inn, where apartments are under construction. She also highlighted additional positive actions supported in part by the city: the back-to-school event scheduled for Aug. 8 at the Farmers Market, the 99th annual Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church Homecoming to be held in Virginia Weldon Park on Aug. 15, and the Grassroots Soybean Festival to be held Sept. 8-12 in Virginia Weldon Park. Pictured with Brittany are (l-r) Kiwanians Jim Clark and Bill Austin Alisse Kirk, interim city recorder and administrative specialist for Park and Recreation.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- Aug. 13 — Board meeting, MPL, 12 noon
- Aug. 19 — Linda Ramsey discussing conventions far and wide
- Aug. 26 — Rochelle Alexander — Back Yard Birding
- Sept. 8 - 2 Grassroots Soybean Festival
- Oct 3 — Martoberfest, Courtyard at 115 Neal Street

Congratulations to our new Lieutenant Governor for Division 1A! Selena falls in the tradition of folks from Union City serving in this position.



And speaking of folks from Union City: The Obion County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce John Fry as the 2026 recipient of The Pride of Obion County Award. This prestigious honor recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, civic involvement, and an unwavering commitment to the betterment of Obion County. "When I consider the list of individuals that have been recognized with this honor for the past 30 plus years, I am truly humbled to be part of that list. I love where I live and work and where we've raised our family and can't imagine quality of life being any better anywhere else. I've learned a lot of lessons in life but one of the most important is to try to make an impact that leaves where you've been better than it was before you got there and I've tried to do that," said Fry.



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Active Members

Anita Airce
Richa Airce
Bill Austin
Mary Elizabeth Bell
Hannah Bilger
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
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