

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN ***January 17, 2023***

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Jim Clapham led the Pledge of Allegiance and Wanda Ellis gave the blessing. We had 24 members present. Our guests for the evening were Immediate Past Georgia Kiwanis Governor Byron Mullican and Larry Jones from the Statesboro Kiwanis Club.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined everyone who had a “o” in their phone number. He also fined Gary Howard for wearing a tie.

For the national sports report, it was noted that UGA won their 2nd straight NCAA football Championship, handily beating the TCU Horned Frogs 65-7. In the NFL playoffs the Cowboys beat the Buccaneers, much to the displeasure of Gary Howard.

Petite Garrett did local sports. Thus far the SHS men’s basketball team is 1-7, while ECI is 1-14, and DEA is 5-2. In girl’s basketball SHS is 6-5, ECI is 1-11, and DEA is 0-6. Local football player Demello Jones was recently visited by Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban, who is recruiting the stand-out junior wide receiver. The endangered species of the week is the northern white rhinoceros.

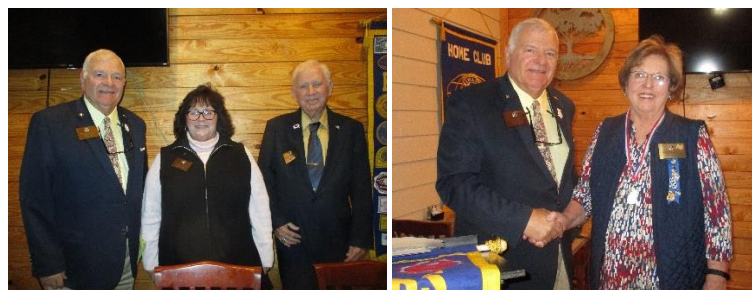
Petite turned the Member Spotlight on Jill Grier Briercheck. Born in Swainsboro, she attended Swainsboro High School, graduated from Georgia Southern University with a BS in Education, and received an MEd from Armstrong Atlantic. Jill taught in Savannah, where she met her husband Glenn. They moved to Pennsylvania, where she was a member of the Junior league and the DAR for over 40 years. She served on a number of boards and enjoys playing bridge and the piano. She has performed in numerous dancing and ballet companies. Since moving back to Swainsboro she has gotten involved in a number of lineage societies, thanks to her sister Jane Durden. Her favorite candy bar is the Hershey bar.

Good News \$1’s were given by Petite Garrett for two of her grandsons, one for being named Senior Superlative and the other for making the middle school baseball team. Tracy Mason gave \$1’s for her son making the middle school baseball team and her daughter for her trip to California to support the UGA football team as a member of the UGA Dance Team. Scotty Hattaway gave a \$1 for his daughter making the VSU Dean’s List and Bobbie Daughtry gave a \$1 for a scouting parent’s and leader’s reunion.

President Tammy announced we would be supporting the Kiwanis Reading Across Georgia on January 19. If you can help, let her know.

Tim Goodman noted we will be timing the TCE Jr. Beta Club run on March 4.

The program for the evening was hosted by Gary Howard, who introduced Past Kiwanis Governor Byron Mullican. Byron recognized members of the club who had been presented with the Governor’s Leadership Medallion and presented 2023 Leadership Medallions to Dianna Wedincamp and Petite Garrett. He also noted the dates for submission of the Kiwanis Club Signature Project (Jan. 27), the Kiwanis Reading Across Georgia (Jan. 19), Mid-Year Training (Apr. 15 in McDonough), the Art and Music Showcase (Apr. 22 in Gainesville), the Kiwanis International Convention (June 21-24 in Minneapolis), and the Georgia Kiwanis District Convention (Aug. 25-27 in Savannah). He encouraged the club to work to continue being a Distinguished Club and to send delegates to the conventions because of critical issues like potential dues increases this year.



The chocolate-on-chocolate cake, donated by Edwin Canady and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$69 and was won by Gary Howard. Jane Durden won the Domino’s pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- Feb. 7 - Club Meeting – hosted by David Gribbin with cake provided by Mary Ellen Smith
- Feb. 21 – Couple’s Dinner Meeting – hosted by Wanda Ellis with cake provided by Travis Garrett
- Feb. 21 – Board Meeting
- Mar. 7 – Club Meeting – hosted by Jim Daughtry with cake provided by Sondra Fortner
- Mar. 21 – Club Meeting – hosted by Karolina Cerpovicz with cake provided by Deana Patrick
- Mar. 21 – Board Meeting

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