

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

Kiwanis Meeting

January 25, 2011

With Vice President Jim Daughtry presiding in the absence of President Jason Johnson, David Bartram lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Roger Peebles gave the blessing. The quests this evening were Bobby Daughtry, Jean Weise, and Marilyn Couse.

John Black gave the sports report. The Packers defeated the Bears 21 to 14 and the Steelers defeated the Jets 24 to 19. Both will play in the Super Bowl will be February 6th. The Packers have been installed as a 3 ½ point favorite for the game. Jhoathan Vegas won the Bob Hope in just his 5th PGA start. Defending Champion Roger Federer advanced to the semifinals of the Australian Open. UGA is currently 14 and 3 and will play Florida tonight. Michigan State's Women are ranked at #12 in the country with an 18 and 2 record. EGC lost two to Georgia Perimeter in Atlanta and will play again on Wednesday night in Swainsboro against Albany Tech. Games times are 5:30 and 7:30. The Augusta State basketball team, after losing 5 starters from last year's squad that made it to the Elite 8, is currently 17 and 1 and has extended their home court winning streak to 39 games with an overtime win over USC Aiken.

Judge Brewer did not hold court this evening, but did remind those that had birthdays in January to pay their dollar to the Treasurer before the end of the month. Jim announced that this Saturday the club would be gathering at 9:00 am at L.H. Weise's home to cut the grape vines.

Roger Peebles was the program chair for the evening. He introduced Lisa Sammons from the Pre-K school as the evening speaker. Mrs. Sammons provided some background on how she came to be at the Pre-K. She indicated that her position was Lottery funded as well as the entire Pre K

program in Georgia. She spoke about literacy of young children in the Georgia and Emanuel County. Some of the facts were very surprising. Sixty percent of low income families do not have reading material for children in the home, seventy-one percent of fourth grade student read below grade level. Parents seem to read to their children if they are given a book to read to them. In Emanuel County the teen pregnancy is very high and a high rate of households headed by a single parent. She ended her presentation by discussing a handout about a Literacy program that provides books for children up to age 5. In some communities civic groups are joining together to fund some the program in their area.

The multi-chocolate cake, donated by John Blackburn, was won by Marilyn Couse. Roger Peebles won the Domino's Pizza, donated by Chris Cann, and the two meals were won by Jean Weise and Ed Bolton

KIWANIS REMINDER

February 1	Regular Meeting	Program: John Blackburn Cake: Raymond Hendrix
February 8	Regular Meeting	Program: Jason Johnson Cake: Club
February 15	Regular Meeting	Program: Raymond Hendrix Cake: Tim Goodman
February 22	Regular Meeting	Program: Ed Bolton Cake: Chip Durden

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