

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN
Kiwanis Meeting
March 15, 2011

With President Jason Johnson presiding in the absence of, David Bartram led the Pledge of Allegiance and Roger Peebles gave the blessing. Guests for the evening were Marilyn Couse, Chang Lin, and Shari Watt. The meal for the evening was breaded pork chops, corn-flaked potatoes, and broccoli casserole.

Tim Goodman, using John Black's notes, gave the sports report. He reported Augusta State is playing in the Championship game in the Southeast Regional, one win away from the Elite Eight in Division II basketball. Sixty-eight men's college basketball teams are in the "Big Dance," with Ohio State, Duke, Kansas, and Pittsburg grabbing the number one seeds in the regions. A big surprise was Georgia making the field and Alabama not making the field. The big winner was the Big East with eleven teams. The SEC has five teams (Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, Vanderbilt, and Tennessee). In women's basketball, Connecticut, Tennessee, Baylor, and Stanford are the number one seeds. Other teams from the SEC are Georgia, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt. Nick Waters won \$1.4 million in the WGC-Cadillac Championship at Doral. Nunez golfer Blake Adams won \$7,945 (286th place) in the Puerto Rico Open. The big news of course is the NFL strike, where the owners and players are trying to decide how to split an annual profit of \$9 billion dollars.

Judge Charles Brewer suspended court for the evening.

The program for the evening was hosted by Charles Brewer, who introduced Sheri Watt. Sheri gave us information about the annual Farm Day for the students at Swainsboro Primary School and Swainsboro Elementary School. Usually held on the first Friday in November, Farm Day takes place at the school barn behind the Elementary School with almost 1,500 children attending. Built in 2002 using a grant, the barn has been the site for Farm Day, which began in 2003. Sheri showed pictures of a broom maker, a blacksmith, a basket weaver, and a gourd decorator. Also the children were treated to demonstrations of

horsemanship, organic gardening, fish farming, beekeeping, cane grinding, clothes washing the old-fashioned way (washboard), training retrievers using hand signals, and churning butter. Farm Day also included tractors and displays from the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Agricultural Extension. The program is also supported by 4-Hr's and FFA students who showed their farm projects and animals. Children are always fascinated by cows, goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits, and donkeys. They also enjoyed Shari's plywood cow, used to demonstrate milking without benefit of the swishing tail.

The red velvet cake, donated by Judge Brewer and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$24 and was won by L.H. Weise. Judge Brewer won the Domino's Pizza, donated by Chris Cann, and the two meals were won by David Bartram and Judge Brewer.

In Honor of St. Patrick's Day: "Baloney is flattery laid on so thick that it can't be true; blarney is flattery so thin we love it." - Fulton J. Sheen

KIWANIS REMINDER

March 22	Regular Meeting	Program: Dwight Watt Cake: Dwight Watt
March 29	Regular Meeting	Program: John Black Cake: Ed Bolton
April 5	Regular Program	Program: Jason Johnson Cake: Jason Johnson
April 12	Regular Program	Program: Gary Couse Cake: Gary Couse
April 22	Pre-K Fun Day	Chair: Jason Johnson

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