

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN
Kiwanis Meeting
May 24, 2011

With Vice President Jim Daughtry presiding in the absence of President Jason Johnson, David Bartram led the Pledge of Allegiance and Travis Garrett gave the blessing. Our guests for the evening were Christine McCroskey, Bobbie Daughtry, Kathy Bartram, and Cheryl Goodman.

No sports report was given except to note that the Spurs beat the Thunder to take a 3-1 lead in the best of seven series in the NBA West, while the Heat is playing the Bulls in the NBA East Finals. The Heat holds a two games to one lead over the Bulls. The Indianapolis 500 will take place on the Sunday, May 29, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. In NASCAR, the Coca-Cola 600 will also take place on May 29 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. The racing series standings are 1. Carl Edwards. 2. Jimmie Johnson; 3. Kyle Bush; 4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.; and 5. Kevin Harvick.

Judge Charles Brewer suspended court for the evening.

Ed Bolton made an announcement about the Patriotic Concert by the August a Symphony on June 23 at East Georgia College. Cheryl Goodman thanked the Kiwanis Club for their generous donation to the Swainsboro Middle School International Night.

The program for the evening was sponsored by Chip Durden, who introduced his wife, Jane, as our program for the evening. Jane gave us a history of Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday that honors soldiers and is observed on the last Monday of May. It commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the American Civil War, it was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars. A Georgian, Lizzie Rutherford, established a day to honor Confederate soldiers by decorating the graves of Confederate soldiers

buried in Columbus, Georgia. As secretary for the Columbus Ladies' Memorial Association, she presented the idea to them and a date of April 26 was set aside for the ceremony. The custom soon spread around the former Confederate States as a direct result of Rutherford's work. Many believe this led to the modern day Memorial Day. Jane gave us the history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the history of the Pledge of Allegiance. Written by Francis Bellamy in October 1892 on the 400th anniversary of Columbus Day, Jane shared the changes in the Pledge to where it is today.

The lost cake, provided by Jim Daughtry and baked by Bobbie, brought \$27 and was won by Christine McCroskey. Jane Durden won the Domino's Pizza, donated by Chris Cann. The meals were won by Jane and Christine also.

A Special Note: LH's program on June 7 will be Swainsboro High School's football coach, David Johnson.

KIWANIS REMINDER

May 31	Regular Program	Program: John Black Cake: Ed Bolton
June 7	Regular Program	Program: LH Weise Cake: LH Weise
June 14	Regular Program	Program: Raymond Hendrix Cake: Roger Peebles
June 21	Regular Program	Program: Dwight Watt Cake: Tobe Karrh

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