

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN ***January 21, 2020***

With President Petite Garrett presiding, Bobby Seamans led the Pledge of Allegiance and Roger Peebles gave the blessing. Our guests for the evening were EGSC Circle K'ers Anita Cerpovicz, Jennifer Castro, Sara Bell, Melany Jackson, Mya Saunders, Brianna Librizzi, and Eriyona Stokes. Other guests were Patricia Coleman, Dixon Reeves, Kathryn Cox, Jimmy Aycock, Kasee Cox, Jenna Cox, Mike Cox, and Lisa Cox. We had 18 members present.

Judge Jim Daughtry suspended court for the evening, still recovering from his battle with the microphone.

Jim Clapham gave a sports report. The NBA Atlanta Hawks are 10 and 34, after going 2-2 this week. In NCAA Basketball UGA is sitting at 11 and 6, with 15-1 Baylor taking over the #1 spot in the national polls. In the NFL playoffs the 49'ers beat the Packers 37-20 and the Chiefs beat the Titans 35-24. They will meet in the 54th Super Bowl on February 2 in Miami. Frank Patrick gave the local sports report. In basketball the SHS boys are 20-2, the SHS girls are 11-8, the ECI boys are 2-14, and the ECI girls are 10-8. The EGSC men's team is 4-11, while the women are 7-9. The endangered species of the day is the Etowah Darter.

Tim Goodman gave a Good News \$1 for not being sick. Paul Cerpovicz gave a \$1 for Oskar Cerpovicz's 1st 1/2 marathon and his chess team heading to the state championships and another \$1 for Anita Cerpovicz's 1st place finish in her age group in her 1st 10k.

Announcements –President Petite thanked the 12 Kiwanians who participated in Kiwanis Read Across Georgia Day today at Swainsboro Primary. We read “Pete the Cat, Out of This World” to 11 1st grade classes. She reminded us about the Division 17 Council Meeting and Governor's Rally on January 31 in Collins, with the reigning Miss Georgia, Victoria Hill, as the special guest. The cost will be \$20 per person. The deadline to register is January 27. We have Mid-Year Training in Henry County on March 7. We will be timing our next run this Saturday in Statesboro, the Run Strong JIA 5K. Be at Mill Creek Park (Splash in the Boro) at 7:30 am if you can help.

The program for the evening was hosted by Cheryl Goodman, who introduced Kathryn Cox, the current Miss East Georgia State College. Kathryn introduced members of her family who came to

support her during her presentation. Kathryn's platform deals with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA). She was diagnosed with JIA when she was 2 1/2 years old and has been dealing with the disease since then. Most of us know about arthritis that attacks those of us advancing in years, but this attacks the young. There are over 300,000 cases of juvenile arthritis in the US. JIA, the most common type of arthritis in children, attacks multiple joints in the body. All the joints in Kathryn's body are affected. Kathryn explained how she still gets treatment in Savannah twice a month from a rheumatologist. She has taken as many as 14 medications to curb some of the symptoms, which include joint pain or stiffness, swollen and tender joints, fatigue, blurry vision, rash, loss of appetite, and high fever. She talked about some of the mental issues, like depression and anxiety, which accompany the disease. Kathryn is sponsoring the Run Strong JIA 5k this Saturday to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation of Georgia. Miss EGSC is a business administration major who wants to focus on financial management. She has loved representing East Georgia State College since she was crowned in spring of 2019.



The red velvet cake, donated by Windy Ward, was won by Tim Goodman. The Domino's pizza was won by Kasee Cox, who donated the pizza to under-the-weather Mary Ellen Smith.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

January 28	Regular Program	Host: Ginny Smith Cake: Cindy Ware
January 31	Division 17 Council Meeting and Governor's Rally in Collins, GA	
February 4	Regular Program	Host: Tim Goodman Cake: Joe Ware
February 11	Spouse's Night	Host: Frank Patrick Cake: Petite Garrett
February 18	Regular Program	Host Deana Patrick Cake: Dwight Watt

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