

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN
December 8, 2019

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Gary Couse led the Pledge of Allegiance and Roger Peebles gave the blessing. We had 17 members present. Our guest for the evening was Circle K'er Blake McBride.

Jim Clapham gave the sports report. In NCAA football, Alabama won the Orange Bowl over Oklahoma and Clemson won the Cotton Bowl beating Notre Dame. They met in the National Championship game in Santa Clara and Clemson destroyed Alabama 44-16 to win the 2018 National Championship. The University of Georgia lost to Texas in the Sugar Bowl but Georgia Southern won the Camilla Bowl over Eastern Michigan. In the NFL, the Falcons ended the year at 7-9. Today is National Bubble Bath Day. Frank Patrick gave the local sports report. Swainsboro High School girl's basketball is 10-2 for the season, while the boys are 6-5. East Georgia State College men's basketball team is 7-7, while the women are 5-5. He also updated us on the hunting seasons that have begun - watch out crows, dove, foxes, and bobcats. The endangered species of the day is something purple.

Judge Jim Daughtry suspended court for the evening searching for a dishonest Kiwanian. Petite Garret gave a Good News \$1 for a successful return from Colorado, while Travis Garrett gave a \$1 for his grandson's rabbit-hunting success. Jim Clapham gave a \$1 for his daughter doing fine after totaling her car.

Announcements – President Cheryl thanked everyone who donated toys for the December 100 project. We gave away 36 bikes to selected Pre-K students and their siblings and 65 other toys distributed to DFCS, the Swainsboro Fire Department, the Swainsboro Police Department, and Goodwill. Our January 100 project is the collection of hats, scarves, and gloves for children. President Cheryl thanked 14 Kiwanians who helped time the Resolution Run on January 1. A special thanks to Christie Canady, who always shows up to help with the runs.

The program for the evening was hosted by Jane Durden, who introduced Jeffrey Peebles, the Emanuel County Coroner. Jeffery has been in that position for approximately 30 years. He works 24/7 out of his personal residence and usually interacts with people in one of the lowest points in their life. He has a Deputy Coroner to assist, so he does get a little time off. Emanuel County reports some 60-80 deaths annually. This covers those that pass

away from natural causes and to other causes such as traffic accidents and homicides. He discussed when an autopsy was required or could be requested by the family, law enforcement, or the court. Those are done out of a lab in Savannah or Augusta. Most of the deaths in the community are from some cardiac event but Jeffery noted that there seems to be an increase in drug-related deaths, especially those due to mixing a "cocktail" of incompatible drugs. He also noted some changes in the office in the last 30 years, including more lawsuits.



The key-lime cake, donated by the Club and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$29 and was won by Mary Ellen Smith. The Domino's pizza was won by Bobbie Daughtry. The two meals were won by Travis Garrett and Cheryl Goodman.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

January 15	Regular Meeting	Prog: Bobbie Daughtry Cake: Chip Durden
January 17	Board Meeting	Host: Dess Smith
January 22	Regular Meeting	Prog: Frank Patrick Cake: Petite Garrett
January 29	Regular Meeting	Prog: Cindy Ware Cake: Deana Patrick

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