

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN ***November 10, 2020***

With President Dess Smith presiding, Jane Durden led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ginny Smith gave the blessing. We had 23 members present, including 5 Zoomers. Our guests for the evening were Dr. Anthony Di Lorenzo, EGSC History Professor; Rosa Amerson, Presbyterian Apartments Administrator; and Metter Kiwanian Interclubber's Marvin and Marilyn Lopez.

Gary Couse gave the sports report. In Nascar, Chase Elliot won the Nascar race in Phoenix and also the Nascar Cup Playoffs. In NCAA football Florida beat UGA 44-28. The rankings are #1 Alabama, followed by Notre Dame, Ohio State, and Clemson. UGA dropped to 12th in the polls. In the NFL the Falcons beat the Broncos 34-27 and are now 3-6 for the season. Mary Ellen Smith gave a local sports report. Both Swainsboro High School and Emanuel County Institute lost games before the playoffs begin.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined himself for forgetting to bring his evidence file to the meeting and President Dess because he must have been in the file. He fined President Dess for a cell phone call during the meeting. A Good News \$1 was given by Mary Ellen Smith for a good medical report. Petite Garrett gave a \$1 for Rosa Amerson's attendance at the meeting. Travis Garrett gave a \$1 for his grandson's 10-pt buck and Jim Daughtry gave a \$1 for our newest Eagle Scout in Troop 75, John White.

Deana Patrick updated the Club on the RIF and candy bag give-away project at Swainsboro Pre-K and Kindergarten. We gave 400 bags of candy away at Swainsboro Pre-K and Kindergarten and 200 bags at Twin City Pre-K and Kindergarten. She thanked Windy Ward for being Ruff the Dog. She introduced our next project, participation in the Drive-In Movie Night sponsored by Circle K in the Fall Resource Hunt and the Bobcat Bridge at EGSC. He said it was much appreciated by the students. Ginny Smith reported on the December 17 Christmas Bike Give Away Project at Swainsboro Pre-K. Our goal is to give away 40 bikes. President Dess announced our Fall Gun Raffle has begun. Contact Dess to get tickets and sell, sell, sell!

Carlos Cunya hosted the program for the evening. Petite Garrett filled in for Carlos since he was zooming and introduced Dr. Anthony Di Lorenzo, Assistant Professor of History at EGSC, who

was also zooming. Dr. Di Lorenzo gave us a program on Political Parties and Presidential Elections in Early America. The Founding Fathers, notably the first three presidents (George Washington, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson) were not fond of political parties. They decried the need for parties because it promoted division and political tension and conflict. They also recognized the necessity of their existence to promote issues. Some of the issues that divided us included whether to form a national bank, whether to develop a national military, a strong national government versus state's rights, and even the French Revolution. It is notable that Jefferson co-founded the 1st political party, the Democratic-Republican Party, with James Madison and he lost the election to be the 2nd President to John Adams by 3 electoral votes. Although encouraged by his followers to dispute the election he decided it was better for the country and the process if he did not. He won 4 years later. Dr. Di Lorenzo also noted the founding of partisan newspapers as part of the political process, leading to personal attacks on candidates and usually calls for unity after the election. Lessons learned include calls for unity after the election are deeply rooted in our election process as is political polarization.



The key lime cake, donated by Cayla Page and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$47 and was won by Rosa Amerson. The Domino's pizza was won by Wanda Ellis.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

November 24	Regular Program	Host: Bobbie Daughtry Cake: Frank Patrick
November 24	Board Meeting	Host: Tim Goodman
December 8	Regular Meeting	Host: Wanda Ellis Cake: Bobby Seamans
December 15	Regular Meeting	Host: Jane Durden Cake: Dess Smith

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