

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN ***November 15, 2022***

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Austin Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Wanda Ellis gave the blessing. We had 26 members present. Our guests for the evening were Austin Henry, Calder Ward, Erin Ward, and Holly Hattaway.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Sheriff Jeff Brewer for two pictures in the paper and Windy Ward for dressing up like Dorothy and getting her picture in the paper. He fined President Tammy for her picture in the paper giving away money and Scotty Hattaway for his picture reading to students with no mention of Kiwanis. Wanda Ellis was also fined for a picture in the paper.

President Tammy reminded everyone about the Farm to School Day at the Georgia Sports Arena on November 18, starting at 8:00 am. We will be cooking popcorn for the event. She also reminded everyone to **SELL, SELL, SELL** those gun raffle tickets. You can turn the money in at the December 6 meeting. Jane Durden announced that we would be participating in the Kiwanis Two for Two membership growth program. She passed out forms to list potential members for us to recruit. We will have a special program in May at the mid-point of the program if we are successful. Note also, December 1 is the Swainsboro Christmas Parade.

A special thanks to the nine Kiwanians who helped with the Cotton Blossom 5K in Twin City. Our next run timing is the Holly Jolly Trot for Tots 5K at 8:30 am in Sandersville on December 3.

Petite Garrett gave the local sports report. The ECI football team lost to Montgomery County in the region playoffs. The SHS Softball team won the Class A, Division 2 championship, with Charla Clifton being named the overall player of the year and Kelsey Harper selected as the defensive player of the year. The SHS and DEA football teams remain undefeated. The SHS team won their 1st round playoff game against Bacon County and DEA will play McDonough for the state championship. The SHS cheer team took 6th place in the state "cheer-offs." The endangered species of the week is the Giant Panda.

Petite spotlighted Kiwanis member Mary Ellen Smith. Mer Mer to her nieces and nephews, Mary Ellen has lived in Swainsboro all her life. She played the flute in the SHS Band of Gold. Her hobbies include reading, painting by the numbers, and organizing parades for Kiwanis. She has worked at the hospital for over 14 years and her favorite TV show is "Rosanne." She has a special place in her heart for her dog Rosie. She likes Baby Ruth and Nestle's Crunch bars.

Good News \$1's were given by Cassie McIntyre for moving into her new house, Tim Goodman for he and Cheryl's 50th wedding anniversary, Petite Garrett for her grandson's playing of Taps on Veterans Day, and Jane Durden for the Wreaths Across America donation made by some Swainsboro Elementary students.

The program for the evening was presented by Emanuel County School Superintendent Scotty Hattaway. Scotty presented a program about an initiative in the school system in a partnership with Central Georgia United Way. He noted that less than 50% of 3rd graders in Emanuel County read at grade level. Factors affecting this include a majority of students not having a Pre-K experience, the education level of the parents, and the lack of a financial base for the family. The program will be asking for volunteers to mentor students. It will use a program from the United Way in Bulloch County to recruit AARP members and 18+ volunteers to deliver the Read2Success program. Program training will be made available to the volunteers to carry out the specific curriculum which will target the middle quartile of 3rd grade students. The goal is to increase the number of students reading at grade level and lead to success in high school and career success.



The sour-cream pound cake, donated by Dess Smith and baked by Ginny Smith, brought \$63 and was won by Jill Briercheck. Austin Henry won the Domino's pizza and Jane Durden won the pastry assortment donated by Dianna Wedincamp.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

Nov. 18 – Farm Day – Georgia Sports Arena – 8:00 am

Dec. 1 – Swainsboro Christmas Parade

Dec. 3 – Holly Jolly Trot for Tots Run – 8:30 am in Sandersville

Dec. 6 – Club Meeting – Gary Howard hosting, cake provided by Cheryl Goodman

Dec. 20 – Club Meeting – Cayla Scarboro hosting, cake provided by Jeff Brewer

Dec. 20 – Board Meeting

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