

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN
November 26 2019

With President-Elect Dess Smith presiding, Jim Clapham led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dess Smith gave the blessing. Our guest for the evening was Tripp Fitzner. We had 16 members present.

“Little” Judge Bobby Seamans opened court and fined Dess Smith for multiple pictures in the paper. Tim Goodman gave a Good News \$1 for the completion of the interclub challenge by the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club. President-Elect Dess gave a \$1 for Ginny Smith reducing the number of people coming to Thanksgiving at their house this year.

Gary Couse gave the sports report. In NCAA football #4 Georgia beat Texas A&M 19-13. With all ranked teams winning this week except Oregon and Penn State, the polls this week show #1 LSU, #2 Ohio State, #3 Clemson, #4 Georgia, and #5 Alabama. In the NBA the Atlanta Hawks are 4-13 after losing 125-113 to the Timberwolves. In the NFL the Falcons are now 3-8 after losing 35-22 to Tampa Bay. Frank Patrick gave the local sports report. Both local teams are out of the playoffs with Swainsboro High School losing 70-28 to Hapeville and Emanuel County Institute losing 44-21 to Clinch County. Duck season opens on November 23. Two endangered species, the Panda Bear and the Yellowstone Grizzly, are making a comeback.

Announcements –President-Elect Dess reminded us about the Resolution Run on January 1 at EGSC. Thank you to everyone who worked the Turkey Trot in Glennville this weekend. We are selling tickets for a drawing for a 12-gauge Weatherby Over/Under. We will draw at the December 17th meeting, so SELL, SELL, SELL. Spouse’s Night is December 10. The Christmas Bike Giveaway is December 17, with preparation of bikes at 9:00 am, loading of bikes at 3:00 pm, and actual bike giveaway at 5:00 pm at the Pre-K. We will have an entry in the Christmas Parade on December 5. See Mary Ellen Smith to help.

The program for the evening was hosted by Bobbie Daughtry, who introduced Tripp Fitzner, Assistant District Attorney covering Candler and Toombs Counties. Tripp noted our function was to serve the children of the world and he gave us a program on international adoption. He and his wife Jennifer adopted two children from China. They chose to go the international route to adopt since DFCS and other agencies in the U.S. have a re-

unification track and they wanted to adopt to keep the child. They also knew people who had gone this route. They knew for every newborn and toddler, there were 20 couples wanting to adopt. The 1st step in the adoption process was completion of a dossier by the potential parents, followed by submission of the dossier for selection by the Chinese. The acceptance of a referral from the Chinese government was the next step and the final step was going to China to complete the adoption. Tripp showed pictures of his two sons. He also showed us the Mandarin-to-English sheet used to communicate with toddlers. During the two weeks they spent in China getting acquainted with son Song, they visited the Great Wall of China and drove through a drive-through zoo.



The two chocolate pecan pies, donated by Frank Patrick and baked by Deana Patrick, were won by Dess Smith and Cheryl Goodman. The Domino’s pizza was won by Tim Goodman. The two meals were won by Dianna Wedincamp and Tripp Fitzner.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

December 3	Regular Program	Host: Chip Durden Cake: Roger Peebles
December 10	Spouse’s Night	Host: Jane Durden Cake: Bobby Seamans
December 17	Regular Program	Host: Wanda Ellis Cake: Dess Smith
December 19	Board Meeting	Hosts: Petite Garrett Dess Smith
December 24	NO MEETING	
December 31	NO MEETING	

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