

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

November 7, 2023

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Gary Couse led the Pledge of Allegiance and Wanda Ellis gave the blessing. We had 21 members present. Our guests for the evening were Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, Calder Ward, Erin Ward, Melonie Ward, Bill Barber, and Brenda Barber.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Dess Smith for a number of SAR pictures in the newspaper. He fined President Cheryl for a garden club picture in the newspaper. He also fined Bobbie Daughtry, and Scotty Hattaway for pictures in the newspaper. He fined Tim Goodman for forgetting his nametag.

Dess Smith passed out tickets for the shotgun fund raiser. The drawing for the 12-gauge Weatherby Orion I, O/U will be December 19. The donation is \$5 per ticket. He reminded us to SELL, SELL, SELL.

Scotty Hattaway reminded the club about the Read United Program in the school system and told us to see him if we wish to volunteer for the program.

President Cheryl gave an update on the October 13 Trunk or Treat at the Franklin Memorial Library with 471 participants and the 4H Trunk or Treat on October 31, with over 400 participants. Lots of candy was given out with much fellowship. She also reported on the annual Fall Festival on October 24 in downtown Swainsboro. We made over 200 bags of popcorn and 200 bags of cotton candy for the event. We also supported the DFACS Fall Fling which served over 1,200 children.

President Cheryl also announced the date and time of the Division 17 Governor's Rally. It will be January 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Statesboro Kiwanis Building. The cost of the meal will be \$13.50 and will be covered by the club. See President Cheryl if you wish to attend.

Dess Smith reported on our timing of the Cotton Blossom Festival 5K on November 4 in Twin City and thanked the 6 Kiwanians who helped.

Good News \$1 were given by Wanda Ellis for getting back on her feet, Dianna Wedincamp for her purchase of a trampoline for her

two-year-old granddaughter, Petite Garrett for her middle grandson's 1st football victory, Paul Cerpovicz for adopting a new puppy, and President Cheryl for her anniversary and her son's anniversary being the same day (November 11). She noted the marriages were over 40 years apart. Tammy Allen gave a \$1 for a successful online Book Character fund-raiser (over \$7,700).

President Cheryl introduced Dianna Wedincamp, who updated us on the TLC-CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program. The Emanuel County Circuit has been combined with the Oconee Circuit and they are looking for more volunteers. They are finishing their Christmas program which began in July by gathering more toys for Christmas presents. They have sent out wish lists to local merchants and are beginning to sort the toys they have.



The Hersey-Bar Triple-Chocolate cake, donated by Deana Patrick, was won by Brenda Barber. Jim Clapham won the Domino's pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- November 21 – Regular Meeting – Program - Scotty Hattaway,
Cake - Petite Garrett
- November 21 – Board Meeting
- December 5 - Regular Meeting – Program - Tracy Mason,
Cake – Tammy Allen
- December 19 - Regular Meeting – Program – Dess Smith,
Cake – David Gribbin
- January 2 - Regular Meeting – Program – Jane Durden,
Cake – Gary Couse