

## **THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN**

**December 12, 2017**

***Love it, Share it, Live it!***

With President Jim Clapham presiding, Joe Ware led the Pledge of Allegiance and Wanda Ellis gave the blessing. We had 18 members in attendance.

**Announcements:** President Jim reminded us we have only one more week to sell, sell, sell our gun raffle tickets. The drawing is December 19 at the Kiwanis Christmas Party. He also reminded everyone about the Christmas Bike Project on December 14. The bikes will be picked up at 1:00 from Walmart and will be distributed at the pre-K at 5:00 pm. The Kiwanis Christmas Party is December 19 and the Board Christmas Party on December 21 at President Jim's house. Sarah Fraticelli gave us information about the program for the December 19 program. Tim Goodman reminded the Club about our Resolution Run 5K on January 1, 2018 at EGSC.

Frank Patrick gave the sports report. The Atlanta Falcons beat the New Orleans Saints 20-17. The UGA Bulldogs will play #2 Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl on January 1, while #1 Clemson plays #4 Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. He noted deer season was going strong with over 143,000 deer legally harvested in Georgia so far this year. He also showed a picture of crows taken by Gary Couse. This is the birthday of the ground-rule double in major league baseball. Sarah Fraticelli updated us on the East Georgia State College women's basketball team.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Kay Peacock for getting her picture in the newspaper with the Seedling Garden Club. He also fined all the wives in the audience who did not bring a plate to their husbands at the beginning of the meeting. Bobbie Daughtry gave a Good News \$1 for grandson Oliver's signing of "Away in a Manger" at church the other night.

The program was hosted by Wanda Ellis, who introduced Chief Randy Ellison and Councilman Johnny Ray Stafford. Chief Ellison gave us information about the local "Shop with a Cop" program in which local law enforcement officers take 25-30 local children for a Christmas shopping trip to Walmart. The program, started in 2015, is funded by a grant. The children are chosen from names submitted by the parents and local DFACS. The children, with the assistance of an officer, are given \$100 to spend on their Christmas

presents. Most of the children are between the ages of 3 and 12 and they enjoy a convoy from the police station and a pizza party at Walmart before shopping. Chief Ellison also updated us on the \$250,000 COPs Grant to expand the number of police officers in Swainsboro and the work of the Crime Suppression Unit carrying out the recent substantial marijuana seizure. Councilman Stafford was very complimentary about our local police force and all the work they have been doing and how quickly they respond to requests from the local community.



The German chocolate cake, donated by Paul Cerpovicz, brought \$35 and was won by Cheryl Goodman. The Domino's pizza, donated by Chris Cann, was won by Randy Ellison. The meals, provided by Catered Creations, were won by Sarah Fraticelli and Deana Patrick. The jar of Cerpovicz honey was won by Pepper Fields.

### **KIWANIS REMINDERS**

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| December 19 | Club Christmas Party          | Prog: Sarah Fraticelli<br>Cake: Jim Clapham |
| December 21 | Board Christmas Party         | Hosts: Jim Clapham<br>and Cheryl Goodman    |
| December 26 | NO MEETING – Merry Christmas! |                                             |
| January 2   | NO MEETING – Happy New Year!  |                                             |

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