

# **THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN**

## **December 21, 2021**

With President Dianna Wedincamp presiding, Jeff Brewer led the Pledge of Allegiance and did the blessing. We had 22 members present. Our guests for the evening were Barbara Fields, Brenda Henry, Austin Henry, Cliff Mason, Wanda Michael, Zane Scarborough, Jimmy Allen, Betty Clapham, Danny Fortner, and Mayor Charles Schwabe.

President Dianna thanked everyone who helped with the Christmas Bike-Giveaway on December 15. We gave away 46 bikes to selected Pre-K students and their siblings. She reminded everyone our next big event is the Resolution Run on January 1, 2022 at East Georgia State College. See Tim Goodman for details or if you wish to help. We also have the Kiwanis Governor's Rally on January 15. So far we have five Kiwanians who will be attending. If you wish to attend, contact President Dianna ASAP. Mary Ellen Smith indicated her brother Richard is progressing well. In lieu of Court for the evening, Gary Howard told a deer-hunting spouse joke.

Our program for the evening was hosted by Sheriff Jeff Brewer. Sheriff Brewer gave us a summation of the 2021 year in the Sheriff's office. After the election Jeff attended four weeks of training, along with 35 other new Sheriffs, with follow-up training during the year. The Sheriff's Department has 65 employees and a fleet of 35 vehicles. He has appointed a 6-person command staff to assist him with everything from code enforcement to providing security at the courthouse. He explained about a high security drug/gang related trial and how it operated. He also outlined the cost of the trial in overtime pay. The Sheriff's Department has 10 deputies on patrol 24/7, each with in-car video units and body cams for the deputies. There are 4 traffic units operating, up from two at the start of the year. The department has 4 investigators, dealing with drug/gang crimes, computer crimes (sex crimes), and crimes in general. The department has 4 School Resource Officers, one each at ECI, SHS, and SMS, and another unattached to a specific school. The Emanuel County Jail has a very high population. With Covid around, the department is planning to hire a full-time nurse. They have hired a part-time maintenance person to better handle maintenance at the jail. One focus of the department is the training of personnel. All personnel will or have received Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT), Crisis Intervention Training, and training in the use of Ballistic Vests.



With the assistance of Sheriff Jeff Brewer, Mayor Charles Schwabe drew the winning ticket for the gun drawing, Bryant Lewis.

The red-velvet cake, donated by Mary Ellen Smith and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$83 and was won by Tracy Mason. Cheryl Goodman won the Domino's pizza and the box of cookies. Pepper Fields won the bird feeder. The pizza and cookies will be donated to the Emanuel County Sheriff's Department.

### **KIWANIS REMINDERS**

January 4	Regular Meeting	Host: Gary Couse Cake: Tim Goodman
January 15	Governor's Rally 12:00 Noon - Brooklet	
January 18	Regular Meeting	Host: Bobbie Daughtry Cake: Windy Ward
January 18	Board Meeting	Host: Cayla Scarborough
February 1	Regular Meeting	Host: Wanda Ellis Cake: Frank Patrick
February 15	Regular Meeting	Host: Sondra Fortner Cake: Jane Durden

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