

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

December 5, 2017

Love it, Share it, Live it!

With President Jim Clapham presiding, Deana Patrick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pepper Fields gave the blessing. We had 20 members in attendance.

Mary Ellen Smith gave the sports report. The Atlanta Falcons are 7-5 after losing to the Vikings 14-9. The UGA Bulldogs beat Auburn 28-7 to become the SEC Champions and earn the #3 seed in the National Championship. They will play #2 Oklahoma, while #1 Clemson plays #4 Alabama. In Nascar, Dale Earnhardt Jr's Appreci88ion Event took place to celebrate his retirement and to recognize his 15th straight Most Popular Driver Award. Martin Truex, Jr. received recognition for the Monster Energy Nascar Cup Championship. Today is National Bathtub Party Day. Frank Patrick reported that ECI lost to Irwin County to end their football season. He noted deer season was going strong with over 3400 deer legally killed in Georgia and Gary Couse still has open season on crows.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Cheryl Goodman for getting her picture in the newspaper and Dess Smith for getting his picture in the paper also. Dess gave us an update on Ginny Smith's surgery status.

Announcements: Tim thanked the six Kiwanians who helped with the Run, Run, Rudolph 5K/10K in Sylvania on December 2. He also asked for the Club to fully support our Resolution Run 5K on January 1, 2018 at East Georgia State College. Dess Smith reminded us we have only two weeks to sell, sell, sell our gun raffle tickets. The drawing is December 19 at the Kiwanis Christmas Party. Dess reminded everyone about the Christmas Bike Project on December 14. President Jim reminded us about the Kiwanis Christmas Party on December 19 and the Board Christmas Party on December 21 at his house.

The program for the evening was hosted by Chip Durden. Jane Durden, subbing for Chip, introduced Randall Kersey and Jack Clark, who presented a program about their mission trip to Mexico to assist in building and rebuilding churches in Mexico. The program is part of the local Methodist Church's program

through Lifeline Ministries Inc., an organization of Christian Laypersons which feels the call of the Great Commission to spread the gospel to all nations. They gave us a summary of their 6-day trip to Mexico to work on two projects, repair of the roof on the Casa del Alfareno Church in Monterey, Mexico and to put a roof on a church in China, Mexico. Called "baby churches" by the local communities, the materials are donated by Lifeline or other local churches, with volunteers like Randall and Jack doing the work. They talked about \$11.98 Cokes (67 cents in US dollars), eating at the Pollo Loco (Crazy Chicken) Restaurant, the horse-drawn garbage pick-up, and hearing "dios te bendiga" (God bless you) a lot from the locals.



The key-lime cake, donated by Edwin Canady and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$44 and was won by Pepper Fields. The Domino's pizza, donated by Chris Cann, was won by Cheryl Goodman. The meals, provided by Catered Creations, were won by Sarah Fraticelli and Bob Losser.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

December 12	Regular Meeting	Prog: Wanda Ellis Cake: Paul Cerpovicz
December 19	Club Christmas Party	Prog: Sarah Fraticelli Cake: Jim Clapham
December 21	Board Christmas Party	Hosts: Jim Clapham and Cheryl Goodman
December 26	NO MEETING – Merry Christmas!	
January 2	NO MEETING – Happy New Year!	

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