

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN ***December 5, 2023***

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Jim Clapham led the Pledge of Allegiance and Scotty Hattaway gave the blessing. We had 17 members present. Our guests for the evening were Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz and Dr. Denise Warnock. Kiwanian Bobby Seamans is having some medical problems, so keep him in your prayers.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined everyone for not applauding our guests. He reminded Tammy Allen and Paul Cerpovicz they owed a fine for their December Birthdays. He fined President Cheryl and Wanda Ellis for a Seedling Garden Club picture in the newspaper. He fined President Cheryl because she turned herself and Tim Goodman and Paul Cerpovicz in for a Tree Campus photo in the newspaper. He fined Bobbie Daughtry and Wanda Ellis for a Retired Teachers picture in the newspaper.

Good News \$1's were given by Bobbie Daughtry for her grandson's winning of the Rain-Gutter Regatta and Dianna Wedincamp because she had finished decorating for Christmas.

Dianna Wedincamp updated us on the Christmas Bike Give-A-Way on December 12 at 4:00 pm at the Pre-K. We will pick up the bikes at Walmart at 2:30 pm. She also indicated we will be in the Christmas Parade on December 7. Meet at 5:00 pm at the Title-Max parking lot.

Tim Goodman, substituting for Dess Smith, reminded us to SELL, SELL, SELL our tickets for the shotgun fund raiser. The drawing will be December 19. He also reminded us that we will be doing the Resolution Run 5K on January 1 at EGSC, with the run beginning at 9:00 am. In addition, he thanked Kiwanian Dess Smith and Handi-House for coordinating and moving our storage buildings to their new home in Harmon Park.

President Cheryl reminded us about the following Kiwanis events; (1) Lunch with Santa on December 9 at the Franklin Library. Be there at 11:30 am to help, (2) the Division 17 Governor's Rally is January 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds in Statesboro with the cost of the meal being covered by the club, and (3) the Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 16 at 10:00 am at the Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Tammy Allen updated us on the December 11 Food Bank Open House at 1:30 pm. We will provide the drinks for the event.

Scotty Hattaway thanked the club for a donation to the Emanuel County 4H which will be used to honor the Faircloths who donated the use of the Georgia Sports Arena for Farm Day.

The program for the evening was hosted by Scotty Hattaway, who presented Dr. Denise Warnock, Emanuel County Schools Assistant

Superintendent. Denise updated us on the recent Literacy Legislation, SB 48 (Dyslexia Identification and Support), HB 538 (Early Literacy Act), and SB 211 (Georgia Council of Literacy). Finding that only 30-35% of students in the early grades show reading proficiency, increasing the rate is essential for student success. The bills will require training of all K-3 teachers in the "Science of Reading" curriculum and methods, multiple screening of students during the school year, the adoption of high-quality instructional materials, intervention strategies for those students identified as having difficulty, and the measurement and reporting of literacy outcomes. In addition, the program will be taught in all college teaching preparation programs in the state and will have a community involvement approach, such as the First Readers, DKG Books Project, Buddy Readers, and Read United currently in place in Emanuel County.

Tim Goodman installed two new members to the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, William Barber and Brenda Barber.



The cake, donated by Tammy Allen, was won by Dianna Wedincamp. She presented the cake to Dr. Warnock. Cheryl Goodman won the Domino's pizza and a plethora of people won Braswell goodies - Tim Goodman, Brenda Barber, Will Barber, Deana Patrick, and Tammy Allen. The Braswell goodies were donated by Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- December 7 - Christmas Parade – 5:00 pm
- December 9 - Lunch with Santa – Franklin Memorial Library - 11:30 am
- December 11 - Food Bank Open House – 1:30 pm
- December 12 - Christmas Bike Give-A-Way – Pre-K – 4:00 pm
- December 14 - Board Christmas Party – Peking China Restaurant – 6:45 pm
- December 16 - Wreaths Across America – Swainsboro City Cemetery
- December 19 - Regular Meeting – Program – Dess Smith,
Cake – David Gribbin
- January 2 - Regular Meeting – Program – Cheryl Goodman,
Cake – Gary Couse
- January 16 - Regular Meeting – Program – Jeff Brewer,
Cake – Cayla Scarborough

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