

# ***THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN***

## ***December 6, 2022***

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Calder Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dess Smith gave the blessing. We had 22 members present. Our guests for the evening were Division 17 Lt Governor Beth Upchurch, Cayla Williams, Austin Henry, Calder Ward, Erin Ward, and Melanie Ward.

Petite Judge Mary Ellen Smith fined Judge Jim Daughtry for not telling her he would not be at the meeting and Bobbie Daughtry because she usually lets her know if Jim will not be there. Mary Ellen reminded all December birthdays (President Tammy, Paul Cerpovicz, Ginny Smith, and Windy Ward) to pay their birthday fine.

President Tammy thanked those who took part in the December 1 Christmas Parade and Tim Goodman thanked the five Kiwanians who helped time the Holly Jolly Trot for Tots 5K in Sandersville on December 3. Tammy also thanked the twenty Kiwanians who attended the dedication of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club bench in Patriots Park at 6:30 pm today. She also thanked Lt. Governor Beth Upchurch and 50+ year member Edwin Canady for helping with the unveiling. Tammy announced our December 20 club meeting has a special menu with special activities and door prizes. We can also dress up in holiday attire and invite guests.

Petite Garrett gave the local sports report. DEA won the state football championship against Windsor Academy, while SHS is in the state championship game against Prince Avenue Christian after winning a close semi-finals game against Irwin County. All the local high schools have begun their basketball seasons. The endangered species of the week is the Black Warrior Water Dog.

Petite spotlighted Kiwanis member Gary Couse. Gary is very active helping with timing 5k runs for the club. Gary enjoys outdoor activities like skiing, hunting, fishing, hiking, and photography. He has thru-hiked the complete 2,190-mile Appalachian Trail and has bicycled across the United States and across Canada. His favorite meal is beef stroganoff and his favorite candy is a Snickers bar. He also enjoys "Rambo" movies.

A Good News \$1's was given by Dess Smith for his grandson's success in his 1<sup>st</sup> wrestling match and another \$1 for his daughter and her family moving into their new house. Karolina Cerpovicz gave a \$1 for sister Anita Cerpovicz's recent engagement. Petite Garrett gave a \$1 for her grandson's play on the DEA championship team, as well as being named the most improved player on the team. Tammy Allen gave a \$1 for her son's work at Disney world.

The program for the evening was presented by Windy Ward who presented Cayla Williams, Children's Coordinator at the Franklin

Library. Cayla outlined some of the special events of the library since she began. Starting with Grandparent's Day for the children to thank their grandparents with breakfast and a craft in which children made special handprint aprons for their grandparents. They also did a "bounty hunt" to find pictures of book characters in the library. They partnered with the pre-K for a library card sign-up day and even had a "Pet Rock" Day so children could paint their favorite rock. Other events include participation with military veterans at their Tuesday morning breakfasts, hosting a Trunk-or-Treat for Halloween, and hosting a float in the Swainsboro Christmas Parade. Their next event is a "Breakfast with Santa" and a "Lunch with Santa" on December 10 at the library. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club is one of the partners in those events. The library has received two grants this year and has had assistance from the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and Family Connection to help carry out these programs.



The pecan pies, donated by Cheryl Goodman, brought \$47 and were won by Travis Garrett and Jane Durden. Anita Cerpovicz won the Domino's pizza. Dess Smith reminded everyone to **SELL, SELL, SELL** those gun-affle tickets. You can turn the money in at the December 20 meeting.

### **KIWANIS REMINDERS**

- Dec. 10 – Breakfast with Santa – 9:00 am and Lunch with Santa – 11:00 am at Franklin Memorial Library
- Dec. 15 - Christmas Bike Giveaway Project at Swainsboro Pre-K at 3:00 pm
- Dec. 15 - Christmas Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Dec. 20 – Special Club Christmas Meeting – Cayla Scarborough is hosting the program, cake provided by Jeff Brewer

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