



# **THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN**

**February 17, 2026**

With President Dianna Wedincamp presiding, Jeff Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Wanda Ellis gave the blessing. Wanda announced that Petite Garrett was recovering from her fall and is in the hospital in Augusta. Our guests for the meeting were Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, Jim Sherrod, John Moore, Shari Watt, Eddie Hudson, and Destiny Wilcher. We had 11 members and 6 guests.

President Dianna welcomed new member Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz. Paul and Karolina Cerpovcz sponsored Joelle.

President Dianna gave us an update on our Spring Fundraiser, a Daddy/Daughter Dance on February 28 at the Georgia Southern University-East Georgia Campus (GS-EG-Swainsboro) student gym. The GS-EG Circle K is the co-sponsor. We will make cotton candy on the day before the Dance and will provide popcorn on the day of the Dance. An event flyer has been developed. Registration and payment can be made through Cash App and Venmo. Contact President Dianna if you wish to help.

Judge Bobbie Daughtry fined herself for getting her picture in the newspaper. She put Dess Smith on hold for lots of pictures in the newspaper. Bobbie related the "rural legend" about a snake in a donated couch at an early Kiwanis White Elephant Sale.

Bobbie Daughtry gave a Good News \$1 for the win of Treutlen County's soccer team. Bobbie's grandson is the goalie for the team. President Dianna gave a \$1 for her granddaughter's skill at painting her grandmother's fingernails.

Tim Goodman circulated a sign-up sheet for the Knotty Pine 5K on May 2 from 6:00 am until 10:00 am across the road from 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church on W. Main Street. Everyone who helps will get a run t-shirt.

President Dianna introduced County Commission Chairman Jim Sherrod and Commissioner John Moore. The Kiwanis Club has proposed we help with the outside lighting at the Franklin Memorial Library. Jim proposed we look at a couple of options for additional outside lighting - - maybe streetlights, light fixtures on the side of the building, and stand-alone lighting at points around the building. He suggested we run options through the Library Board, of which John is a member. He indicated he would help us identify the owner of the building. He also indicated we would need to identify the city and county departments that would need to get involved. Jim also gave us insight on the Dong-Won Autopart Technology coming to Emanuel County. They are expected to invest \$30 million to build a

facility in the Highway 297 Industrial Park. They are expected to bring 200 jobs to the County.



Left-to-Right: County Commission Chair Jim Sherrod, President Dianna Wedincamp, and Commissioner John Moore



Left-to-Right: Karolina Cerpovcz, Paul Cerpovicz, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, and Dianna Wedincamp

Deana Patrick won the Leanna's Strawberry Cheesecake. Wanda Ellis won the Domino's pizza, and Cheryl Goodman won the jar of honey provided by Paul Cerpovicz.

## **KIWANIS NEWS**

February 24	Regular Meeting	Meeting at 12:00 Noon
February 28	Daddy/Daughter Dance at GS-EG Student Gym	
March 3	Regular Meeting	Host: Cheryl Goodman Raffle Item: Deana Patrick
March 10	Board Meeting	
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Program	Raffle Item: Dianna Wedincamp
March 21	Mid-Winter Training	MGSU Macon
March 24	Regular Meeting	Meeting at 12:00 Noon

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