

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

February 2, 2021

With President Dess Smith presiding, Gary Couse led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ginny Smith gave the blessing. We had 19 members present, including 6 Zoomers. Our guests for the evening were Governor-Elect Byron Mullican, former Lt. Governor Gary Howard, Veronica Cheers, LaDerrica Knight, Eula Knight, Farrah Knight, Mary Knight, and Yvette Knight.

Gary Couse gave the sports report. In the NFL we are down to the Super Bowl, with the Chiefs playing the Buccaneers next Sunday at 6:30 pm. In the NBA the Hawks lost to the Lakers 107-99 and are at 10-10 for the year. In NCAA basketball UGA is 10-6 overall and 3-6 in the SEC. Gonzaga still holds the #1 NCAA ranking, followed by Baylor, Villanova, Michigan, and Houston. Frank Patrick gave the local sports report. The SHS boys are 11-1 and the SHS girls are 5-8, while the ECI boys are 8-8 and ECI girls are both 6-6. EGSC basketball, baseball, and softball are beginning their seasons. The endangered species of the day is the Slender-Horned Gazelle.

Petite Judge Mary Ellen Smith could not fine President Dess and Ginny Smith for their picture in the *Crossroads Chronicle*, but did fine President Dess for being AWOL from SAR articles. She also fined Judge Jim Daughtry in absentia for missing two meetings in a row. She noted today is Groundhog Day, with Punsutawney Phil predicting 6 more weeks of winter. Alternative groundhogs, Staten Island Chuck and General Beauregard Lee, predicted an early spring. Good News \$1 was given by Petite Garrett for she and Travis getting their 2nd Covid shot.

President Dess gave a report on the virtual Division 17 Governor's Rally last Friday. He announced the Kiwanis International Convention would be on June 23-26 in Salt Lake City and the Georgia District Convention will be August 20-21 in Stone Mountain. Cheryl Goodman reported on the pizza lunch for the Forest-Blade staff in appreciation for what they do for Kiwanis and the community and Deana Patrick reported on Spouse's night on February 16.

Governor-Elect Byron Mullican presented a Mel Hayden Award to EGSC Circle K member LaDerrica Knight and a Governor's Leadership Medallion to Deana Patrick. LaDerrica sang for us at the end of our program.

Tim Goodman hosted the program for the evening. He introduced Veronica Cheers, the Coordinator of Student Life at EGSC. Veronica is also the coordinator of the Bobcat Bridge. The Bobcat Bridge

program was organized to ensure that students attending East Georgia State College would not be adversely affected in their academic studies due to their inability to provide basic needs. The program also fosters relationships among students, staff, and faculty. She talked about how the program is sustained by donations and by grants. The Kiwanis Club members brought items for the bridge, enough to fill a pickup. Some student groups like Phi Theta Kappa volunteer to assist in the program. The program is a little smaller this spring because of lower enrollment because of Covid, but it usually serves about 300 students per year.



The whipped-cream pound cake, donated by Joe Ware, brought \$54 and was won by Travis Garrett. The Domino's pizza was won by Dess Smith.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

February 16	Regular Meeting	Host: Deana Patrick
	Spouse's Night	Cake: Dwight Watt
February 16	Board Meeting	Host: Joe Ware
March 2	Regular Meeting	Host: Roger Peebles
		Cake: Tammy Allen
March 16	Regular Meeting	Host: Petite Garrett
		Cake: Paul Cerpovicz

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