

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN
February 21, 2017 – Valentine's Meeting
Love it, Share it, Live it!
Current Service Hours – 261 hours

With President Gary Couse presiding, Edwin Canady lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Roger Peebles gave the blessing. We had 17 members in attendance.

Mary Ellen Smith gave the sport's report. The Hawks lost to the Clippers 99-84, the Braves pre-season starts on February 25, and Nascar begins on February 26 with the Daytona 500. Frank Patrick brought us up-to-date on local high school and college sports. The Swainsboro High School boys and girls basketball teams made the district playoffs, but the girls lost their game last week. The East Georgia Women's Basketball team, winning 8 of their last 10 games, are 17-7, while the Men's team are 9-18, losing 4 straight.

Judge Jim Daughtry could not find anyone to fine. He was beside himself. Bobby Peacock gave a Good News \$1 because his daughter was getting married. Jim Clapham gave a \$1 for his wife Betty's retirement next week and President Gary gave a \$1 for his 7-year-old grandson's trip to the skiing slopes with him last week.

Announcements: The Club will not have a meeting on the evening of April 4 so everyone can go to the Governor's Rally in Metter. Sign-up so we can get a count. Tim Goodman announced our first race timing is the Weekend Blessings Run on March 18. Our annual meeting is scheduled April 11, with the Nominating Committee making their nomination on March 7. Deana Patrick announced a stuffed animal project to provide stuffed animals to law enforcement organizations. Bring stuffed animals to the meeting and we will deliver at the end of March. Bobby Seamans handed out tabloid assignments to Club members, with a Sell, Sell, Sell admonition. We have until the end of March, so get started.

The program for the evening was hosted by Dess Smith, who introduced Jim Roberts, owner of Southern Traditions, as the program. Jim told us he does more than flowers in his shop,

everything from Christian gifts, jewelry, gift baskets, antiques, to clothing accessories. Jim's presentation focused on door and table decorations using grape-vine wreaths and swags. He showed us the many ways the grapevines could be used to produce a variety of wreaths. He showed us a key lime spray-painted wreath, a grape-vine cross, and a swag. He gave us a hint on using spray paint, use silver paint as the base coat. He showed us wall baskets that could be used to decorate doors. We watched as he made a low table arrangement from magnolia leaves, umbrella palms, cut flowers, and something that looks like Goldenrod. He explained how he got his flowers and how they are always so fresh looking. The secret is refrigeration and handling. He buys mainly California and Latin American flowers from bucket trucks and at online auctions.



The mandarin orange cake, donated by Betty Coleman and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$31 and was won by Edwin Canady. The Domino's pizza, donated by Chris Cann, was won by Deana Patrick. The meals were won by Petite Garrett and Gary Couse.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

Kiwanis Greeter – February – Petite Garrett

February 28 Regular Meeting Prog: Dwight Watt

Cake: Chip Durden

Kiwanis Greeter - March - Ginny Smith

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| March 7 | Regular Meeting | Prog: Mary Ellen Smith Cake: Kay Peacock |
| March 14 | Regular Meeting | Prog: Dwight Watt Cake: Dess Smith |
| March 21 | Regular Meeting | Prog: Jim Daughtry Cake: Frank Patrick |

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