

# ***THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN***

***February 7, 2023***

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Mary Ellen Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dess Smith gave the blessing. We had 19 members present. Our guests for the evening were Dr. Val Czerny and Michael Luzzi.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Cheryl Goodman for a Seedling Garden Club picture in the newspaper. He fined President Tammy for a picture in the paper receiving a \$20,000 grant for Family Connection and another fine for starting the meeting late. He caught up on the fines for Dess Smith (5 times in the newspaper) and Scotty Hattaway (8 times in the newspaper) in absentia. He also fined Dess for being outdone by Scotty.

Good News \$1's were given by Mary Ellen Smith for a good report from her doctor last week and Cassie McIntyre.

For the national sports report, it was noted that the Chiefs will play the favored Eagles on February 12 in the Super Bowl in Glendale, Arizona.

Gary Couse did local sports. Coaches from Georgia colleges signed a number of local athletes. GaTech signed SHS senior Jonorian Foots in football. ECI seniors included Kelsey Harper in softball at GaSoU, Shala Stephenson in softball at GMC, Timothy Dobson and P.J. Farnum in football at WGa, and Bryce Kearson in baseball at SGSC. Jacob Durden was signed by EGSC baseball. The SHS boys basketball team are 2<sup>nd</sup> in the region, while the SHS girls are in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the region. The ECI boys are out of region competition, while the girls are in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Spring sports have begun with baseball starting in a week and soccer just beginning. The endangered species of the week is the California Condor.

The program for the evening was hosted by David Gribbin, who introduced Michael Luzzi, Coordinator of the Academic Center for Excellence at the EGSC Statesboro site. Michael and his wife, Professor of English Val Czerny, have worked at the Statesboro Center for a number of years. Michael did not talk about his work in the ACE, but rather his military career. Michael retired in 1999 from the U.S. Navy after serving 21 years. He was a Commander in nuclear-powered ship support. Michael told us of his job interview with Admiral Hyman Rickover, who was the "Father of the Nuclear Navy" and famous for his unorthodox job interviews. He had a way of seeing if you could follow orders and not get rattled. Michael did not serve on a ship, but was responsible for trouble-shooting any

challenges with nuclear-powered vessels as they were deployed. He worked a great deal with nuclear-powered cruisers. He showed us how the cruisers have been stripped and stored since they were decommissioned. They are under guard since they are still radioactive. Michael received the Meritorious Service Medal before his retirement.



The red velvet cake, donated by Mary Ellen Smith and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$49 and was won by Cassie McIntyre. Jane Durden won the Domino's pizza.

Tim Goodman passed out materials for sales of ads for the Pine Tree Festival Tabloid. The deadline for ad sales is March 30. This is our main fund-raiser for the year and we need to all SELL, SELL, SELL.

## **KIWANIS REMINDERS**

Feb. 21 – Couple's Dinner Meeting – hosted by Wanda Ellis with cake provided by Travis Garrett

Feb. 21 – Board Meeting

Mar. 4 – Run Timing – George L. Smith Park

Mar. 7 – Club Meeting – hosted by Jim Daughtry with cake provided by Sondra Fortner

Mar. 21 – Club Meeting – hosted by Karolina Cerpovicz with cake provided by Deana Patrick

Mar. 21 – Board Meeting

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