

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN
March 20, 2018

With President Jim Clapham presiding, Maybrey Raulerson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dess Smith gave the blessing. Our guests for the evening were Tammy Lanier, Tim Wood, and Gary Howard, an interclub from the Metter Kiwanis Club. We had 26 members present.

Mary Ellen Smith gave a sports report. In Nascar, Martin Treux, Jr. was 1st at the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California, followed by Kyle Larson, and Kyle Busch. The Braves are still in spring training. Today is National Proposal Day and the 1st day of spring. In local sports, Sarah Fraticelli gave us an update on the EGSC baseball and softball teams. The EGSC baseball team is 8-1, 1st place in the conference, while the softball team is in 3rd place at 6-4 in the conference. ECI is undefeated in the district in baseball, while SHS beat last year's #1 team in the state.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Dess Smith and Jane Durden for being in the newspaper with the Briar Creek Battlefield dedication and encouraged Jane to get into uniform. Dess promised he would get the scout buildings moved, so the Judge did not fine him for that. Gary Couse gave a Good News \$1 for Marilyn's return home from the hospital and Chip Durden gave a Good News \$1 for the good rain we just got.

Announcements: Tim Goodman reminded Kiwanians that we have runs to time on March 24, April 7, April 14, April 21, and May 5. Chip Durden announced we were awarded 2nd place in the Division 17 interclub contest. We still need to visit the Brooklet Kiwanis Club. Bobby Seamans reminded all of us to sell, sell, sell the Tabloid ads. Cheryl Goodman presented a change in how our scholarship donation to the EGSC Foundation is spent. The Board approved a change so that scholarships could be extended to children and grandchildren of active members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club. A committee will be formed to work out the criteria for receiving the scholarships and other details. We have committed to selling hot dogs at the opening of the new dog park at Harmon Park on April 21. Linda Lamb will work with Barb Moore to get everything organized.

The program for the evening was hosted by Terri Raulerson, who introduced long-time Swainsboro gardener Paula Karrh. Paula presented a program on her passion, plants and flowers. A

member of the Seedling Garden Club, Paula explained how the garden clubs in Swainsboro were responsible for encouraging the local city officials to plant dogwoods and crepe myrtles to beautify the city many years ago. Growing up in a family in which everyone grew plants, she explained her love affair with camellias and daffodils and even brought some samples to show us. She is a flower show judge for camellias and daffodils. She credits being a member of the garden club for how much she has learned about local plants. Paula explained the benefits of gardening, including getting vitamin D from sunlight and increasing your stamina and vitality. She called it a happiness increase with gardening. She gave us a flower gardening calendar for Emanuel County which should be very useful for those of us who garden.



The banana-rum cake, donated and baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Dianna Wedincamp. The Domino's pizza, donated by Chris Cann, was won by Bobby Seamans. The meals were won by Dess Smith and Mary Ellen Smith.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

March 27	Regular Program	Prog: Pepper Fields Cake: Cheryl Goodman
April 3	Regular Program	Prog: Dess Smith Cake: Tim Goodman
April 10	Regular Meeting	Prog: Ginny Smith Cake: Linda Lamb
April 17	Regular Meeting	Prog: Mary Ellen Smith Cake: CLUB
April 24	Regular Meeting	Prog: Pete Sutherland Cake: Deana Patrick