

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

March 7, 2023

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Gary Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance and Cindy Ware gave the blessing. We had 17 members present. We shared information about the loss of our good friend and Kiwanis member Ruby Virginia (Ginny) Smith. Dianna Wedincamp has a March birthday (March 19).

The club thanks those that read to the 2nd grade on February 28 for Reading in the USA and Reading for Kiwanis. Also we thank those Kiwanians who read at Franklin Library on March 2. On March 30 at 4:00 the City and the Library will be hosting a "Take a Walk in the Park" at the Rec. Center. We will be grilling hot dogs and providing chips and water to participating families. Be there at 3:30 to help cook hot dogs. On April 21 we will help with the Pre-K Fun Day at the Swainsboro Pre-K. We will be cooking hamburgers for the parents of Pre-K students and popcorn and cotton candy for the parents and students. More details to follow. Check with President Tammy to see if you can help with any of these events. Remember to sell your Pine Tree Festival Tabloid ads. The deadline for ad sales is March 31. This is our main fundraiser for the year and we need to all SELL, SELL, SELL.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Wanda Ellis and Cheryl Goodman for garden club pictures. He fined Dess Smith in absentia for his picture in the national SAR magazine. Jane Durden paid his fine. He fined President Tammy for another picture about the Family Connection grant.

Good News \$1s were given by Bobbie Daughtry for her grandson having the highest math average in the local RESA area, Petite Garrett for her grandson winning an important tennis match against a local rival, Wanda Ellis for her granddaughter being accepted for a Summer Study Abroad to Italy, and Sondra Fortner for her grandson's basketball team winning 2nd place this year.

Petite Garrett did local sports. The SHS boys basketball team finished their season in the Final Four of the state playoffs, while the girls basketball team finished in the Elite Eight. The SHS girls soccer team is 5 and 2. Caley Wilkerson has signed a letter of intent to play softball at EGSC. The ECI baseball team is 6 and 3. The endangered species of the week is the Cross River Gorilla.

Petite used the Kiwanis spotlight in memory of Ginny Smith. Ginny hosted countless events at her home, taught kindergarten and primary grades for many years in the Emanuel County School System, and sang in the Methodist Church choir. She and her husband Dess enjoyed many RVing trips around Georgia and the US. They have camped in all 48 contiguous states.

The program for the evening was hosted by Jim Daughtry, who entertained us with commentary about his "Last Coon Hunt in Stillmore." Jim was accompanied by some of the elite citizenry of Stillmore, some of whom were related to Jim. Taking place sometime in the 60's, the hunt involved dogs, guns, windshields being shot out of a truck, at least one participant being shot by accident, and expansion of the coon hunt into a possum hunt. No one was arrested, but it did end up in court. Since this was the 60's and the story was so convoluted, no one was charged or fined.



The 16-layer chocolate cake, donated by Sondra Fortner, brought \$47 and was won by Sondra Fortner. Jill Briercheck won the Domino's pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- Mar. 21 – Club Meeting – hosted by Karolina Cerpovicz with cake provided by Deana Patrick
- Mar. 21 – Board Meeting
- Mar. 30 – "Take a Walk in the Park" – 4-5:30 at Rec Department
- Apr. 4 – Club Meeting – hosted by Petite Garrett with cake provided by Jill Briercheck
- Apr. 18 – Club Meeting – hosted by Anita Cerpovicz with cake provided by the Club
- Apr. 21 – Pre-K Fun Day

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