

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

April 16, 2024

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Dianna Wedincamp led the Pledge of Allegiance and Scotty Hattaway gave the blessing. We had 15 members in attendance and 2 guests, Division 17 Lt. Governor Trish Tootle and Anthony McCastle.

Judge Mary Ellen Smith reminded everyone to pay their birthday fine and fined President Cheryl for starting the meeting late and Dianna Wedincamp for using the “Miss” word.

Wanda Ellis gave a Good News \$1 for a very good doctor’s report. All the tests were back and all were benign. Dianna Wedincamp gave a \$1 for the visit of her 2 ½ year old granddaughter. Tim Goodman gave a \$1 because the Tabloid has been proofed and is headed to the printer on April 17.

Tim Goodman updated us on the Tabloid and Knotty Pine. The final proofing was completed about 2 hours before the meeting and it is headed to the printer at noon on April 17. It will be published on April 24. The Knotty Pine 5K is scheduled for May 4 starting at 8:00 am at Stewart’s Jewelers on Green Street. Be there at 7:30 am to help. President Cheryl noted Pre-K Fun Day is April 19 at the Pre-K. We will be making cotton candy for Fun Day on Thursday, April 18, at 9:30 am. We will be co-sponsoring the flower show at the EGSC Fulford Center on April 27th and 28th.

The program was hosted by Deana Patrick, who introduced Anthony McCastle, Director of Herrington Homestead. Anthony focused on the wholesome learning environment at Herrington Homestead. As a beneficiary of the Sheriffs’ Youth Homes program as he was growing up, he knows the value of the experience. For over 60 years, Georgia Sheriffs’ Youth Homes has provided quality care for hundreds of children. Sheriffs of Georgia are committed to continue this valuable program for the youth of Georgia as well as our communities. There are five Youth Home campuses, Boys Ranch in Hahira, Cherokee Estates in Dalton, Herrington Homestead in Nunez, Mountain View in Chatsworth, and Pineland in LaGrange, across the state in which residents live in a structured, loving environment. The children attend public school and are offered spiritual and moral teachings. They also receive valuable training and services to help them grow into responsible, successful adults including life skills training,

educational support, and recreation. The children in the program learn practical skills they will need to live productive and responsible lives. The children are provided with daily academic tutoring, research training at the library, summer learning programs, college and vocational school scholarship options, and more. The children are involved in extra-curricular activities in school and the community such as outdoor adventures including camping, attending professional sporting events, movies, and other structured programs and field trips. Georgia Sheriffs’ Youth Homes has also created Camp Pioneer, a unique outdoor program on the Pineland Campus in LaGrange. The summer camp is offered to children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor, recreational experience. Georgia Sheriffs’ Youth Homes is sponsored by the Georgia Sheriffs’ Association.



The vanilla-crème cake, donated by Mary Ellen Smith, was won by Tim Goodman. Tim “gifted” the cake to our speaker. Dianna Wedincamp won the Domino’s pizza and “gifted” the pizza to our speaker.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- May 4 - Knotty Pine 5K – 8:00 am – Stewart’s
- May 7 - Regular Meeting – Program – Gary Couse, Cake – Wanda Ellis
- May 21 - Regular Program – Program - Petite Garrett, Cake – Club
- May 21 - Board Meeting
- June 4 - Regular Meeting – Program – Tammy Allen, Cake – Scotty Hattaway
- June 18 - Regular Meeting – Program – Jeff Palmer, Cake – Dess Smith