

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

April 7, 2026

President Dianna Wedincamp opened the meeting, Paul Cerpovicz led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Dess Smith gave the blessing. We had 12 members present. Sharekia Lewis, Destiny Wilcher, and Nancy Lisenby were our guests for the evening. April birthdays were Cheryl Goodman, Bobbie Daughtry, and Dess Smith.

Good News \$1's were given by Wanda Ellis for a successful family group picture, Deana Patrick for her impending trip to Ireland, David Gribbin for his daughter's prize-winning art, Karolina Cerpovicz for her new job, and President Dianna having 40 relatives and friends over at her house for Easter.

Tim Goodman gave us an update on the Tabloid. We have sold 92 ads, slightly better than last year, and we are hoping to have a good fundraiser this year to fund our projects for this year.

Paul Cerpovicz announced we will be meeting on April 11 at the Franklin Memorial Library from 10:30 am until 3:00 pm to assemble our new sets of Little Free Libraries (LFL). Thanks again to Mill Creek Foundation for the grant to purchase the LFLs. The Girl Scouts have volunteered to help also. The Girl Scouts also invited us to the Scout Hut on April 21 for a spaghetti dinner to show off the refurbishing of the Hut by the city.

Judge Bobbie Daughtry fined President Dianna for forgetting the Judge and for her picture in the newspaper. She fined Cheryl Goodman and Wanda Ellis for their pictures in the paper. She saved the best for last by fining Dess Smith for **all** his pictures in the paper.

The Kiwanis Club will have a White Elephant Sale on May 2 starting at 8:00 am in the parking lot of the Primitive Baptist Church at 242 W. Main Street in Swainsboro. If you have items to donate, bring them to the Church on April 10 from 4 to 7:00 pm and/or April 18 from 12 to 3:00 pm.

Deana Patrick updated us on some Franklin Memorial Library events, including a Book Sale on April 7 – 10 and the Summer Reading Program. The Library is also sponsoring a reading program for adults with great prizes this summer. The ending celebration is scheduled for June 26.

Pre-K Fun Day is scheduled for April 17 starting at 10:00 am at the Early Learning Center. Be there at 9:00 am to help. Dianna made assignments to cook hamburgers and popcorn, to make the cotton candy, and to stuff the lunch bags.

The program for the evening was hosted by Wanda Ellis, who introduced Nancy Lisenby, a very active community volunteer. Nancy spoke about her role as the Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator. She talked about the need for blood donors for medical procedures and for natural disasters. Donors must be at least 17 years old, 16 years old with their parents' permission, but there is no maximum age as long as the donor is in good health. You can give blood unless you are currently sick, have recently traveled to certain places, or have had certain illnesses. The benefits of giving blood include the obvious ways it helps other people, but also you get a mini-physical, are able to socialize with friends and neighbors, and you get a cookie and something to drink. The next community blood drive will take place on May 14 at Southeastern Technical College in Swainsboro.

The Keep Emanuel Beautiful Trash Bash is scheduled for April 25 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. A drawing will take place at the end with lots of prizes available for those who participate.



Left-to-right: Wanda Ellis, Nancy Lisenby, and Dess Smith

Dess Smith won the drawing for the cake. Wanda Ellis won the Domino's pizza.

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April 11	Little Free Library Assembly (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)
April 14	Board Meeting
April 21	Regular Meeting Host: Paul Cerpovicz Raffle Item: Bobbie Daughtry
April 28	Regular Meeting at 12:00 Noon
May 5	Mothers Day Raffle Item: Paul Cerpovicz
May 12	Board
May 19	Governor Raffle Item: Jeff Palmer

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