

# **THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN**

## **May 17, 2022**

With President Dianna Wedincamp presiding, Tim Goodman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tammy Allen gave the blessing. We had 22 members present. Our guests for the evening were Division 17 Lt. Governor Jeanette LaFond, Joelle Cerpovicz, Probate Judge Don Wilkes, Chris Wiggins from the Statesboro Kiwanis Club, and Michelle Parker, Becky Anderson, and Donna Boyett from the Tattnall County Kiwanis Club. We signed get-well-soon cards for sick members and spouses.

President Dianna presented gifts from the club to newly graduated Kiwanis members Anita Cerpovicz and Karolina Cerpovicz. She also honored Carlos Cunha, who will be leaving the club to return to his native Portugal. She presented some slides of Carlos doing Kiwanis service.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined President Dianna for using the “Miss” title for the Lt. Governor and Paul Cerpovicz for getting his “bee” picture from the Seedling Garden Club Flower Show in both newspapers. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club helped sponsor the Flower Show. The Judge noted that he had fines ready for Dess Smith, Scotty Hattaway, and Jane Durden.

Good News \$1 were given by Deana Patrick for progress on Frank Patrick’s prognosis and treatment. Bobbie Daughtry gave a \$1 for her last day as President of the Retired Educators. Petite Garrett gave a \$1 for her 16-year-old grandson’s 1<sup>st</sup> Jr/Sr prom and Tim Goodman gave a \$1 for his grandson placing in the gifted program.

Tim Goodman thanks everyone who helped time the Georgia Extension Run on May 14 at 8:00 am in Sandersville. We have the Firecracker 5K on July 2 at 8:00 am in Wrightsville and the Moonshine Run on September 24 at 7:00 am in Lyons.

Lt. Governor Jeanette LaFond presented 2020-2021 Georgia District awards including banner patches to the club for the Interclub Challenge, Membership Growth, supporting the District Projects, winning a Governor’s Cup, and becoming a Distinguished Club. Dess Smith became a Distinguished President and Edwin Canady became a Distinguished Secretary. In addition, Petite Garrett, Dess Smith, Mary Ellen Smith, and Jane Durden were designated Outstanding Kiwanians.

Our program for the evening was hosted by Bobby Seamans. He introduced Probate Judge Don Wilkes as the program. Judge Wilkes began with some of the most asked questions of the Probate Office. He focused on the Weapon’s Carry License and estate probation, the two most common. In his 19 years as the Probate Judge, he has noted an increase in Licenses from 150 per year to over 1200 per year. He noted the online fillable form is available on Georgia Probate Records, but applicants still have to come to the Probate Office to finish the process. The passing of the Senate Bill 319, Constitutional Carry, has caused some

confusion in the state and new applicants should check about when and where to carry is allowed and any requirements for background screenings. The Law is very lengthy and has some stipulations especially for new applicants for a Weapon’s Carry License. Don talked about ways to handle the probation of estates. Options discussed includes when no will exists, when a standard will exists that names executors and terms, those times when all property is set aside for the spouse and/or children, and the settling of the estate by agreement of heirs about division of assets. The online fillable form for the settling of estates is also available on the Georgia Probate Records website.



Petite Garrett, Cheryl Goodman, and Tim Goodman gave thoughts on Carlos Cunha and his time in the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club.

The chocolate-on-chocolate cake, baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$56 and was won by Bobby Seamans. David Gribbin won the Domino’s pizza.

### **KIWANIS REMINDERS**

June 7	Regular Program	Host: Dess Smith Cake: Cheryl Goodman
June 21	Regular Program	Host: Cindy Ware Cake: John David Bailey
June 21	Board Meeting	Host: John David Bailey
July 5	Regular Program	Host: Ginny Smith Cake: Jeff Brewer
July 19	Regular Program	Host: John David Bailey Cake: Paul Cerpovicz
July 19	Board Meeting	Host: Dess Smith

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