

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

May 2, 2023

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Dianna Wedincamp led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bobbie Daughtry gave the blessing. We had 17 members present. Guests for the evening were Immediate Past Georgia Kiwanis Governor Byron Millican and Richard Smith. Our May Birthdays are Glenn Briercheck (May 4), Jill Briercheck (May 27), Gary Howard (May 15), and Cassie McIntyre (May 11).

President Tammy reminded us about the Knotty Pine 5K on May 6. Be at the corner of Green and Pine Street between 7:00 and 7:30 to help. We will also be participating in the Pine Tree Festival parade. Be at Walgreens at 9:30 to ride in the truck.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Dess Smith for SAR articles without his picture and Jeff Brewer for being late to the meeting.

President Tammy gave a national sports report and a local sports report about SHS, ECI, and DEA baseball and the SHS, DEA, and ECI tennis teams. The endangered species is the Lower Keys Rabbit, the smallest of the marsh rabbit species.

The member spotlight for tonight is Dess Smith, a sterling member of the local Smith clan. He graduated from Georgia Military College. He is retired from the Georgia National Guard and is very active in the local chapter of the SAR. Dess has two sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren. He and Ginny were famous for hosting holiday events at their for a multitude of Smiths, 97 at his last get-together. His favorite candy bar is the Pay Day.

President Tammy thanked everyone who helped with Pre-K Fun Day at the Swainsboro Pre-K on April 21. We cooked over 400 hamburgers and prepared over 250 bags of cotton candy and 200 bags of popcorn. Good job everyone!

A Good News \$1 was given by Dess Smith for his son Richard who was with him at the meeting. Cheryl Goodman gave a \$1 for an email she received from former Kiwanian Carlos Cunha. He is in Portugal, working for the EU, and traveling all over Europe. Dianna Wedincamp gave a \$1 for her grandbaby's running around.

President Tammy turned the program over to Past Governor Byron Mullican, who gave some 2021-2022 District awards to the club. Byron presented President Dianna Wedincamp with a Georgia District Governor's Leadership Medallion. Byron presented a Georgia District 7 for 7 patch, an Interclub Challenge patch, and a

Distinguished Kiwanis Club patch to the club for 2021-2022. President Dianna Wedincamp was named a Distinguished President and Edwin Canady a Distinguished Secretary. Byron noted the Georgia District started 7 new clubs, had a record number of District Raffle tickets sold, had given \$32,000 to First Readers, and \$3,000 in the silent auction to the District Foundation. He noted we had 64 Distinguished Clubs, 42 Clubs completing the Interclub Challenge, and 116 Clubs donating to the 7 for 7 this year.

The Nominating Committee Cheryl Goodman, Tammy Allen, Tim Goodman, and Jim Daughtry presented their nominations for the 2023-2024 slate of club officers and board members. The nominations were: President – Cheryl Goodman, President-Elect – Gary Couse, Vice President – Paul Cerpovicz, Secretary – Tim Goodman, Treasurer – David Gribbin, Immediate Past President – Tammy Allen, One-Year Directors – Wanda Ellis, Sondra Fortner, Gary Howard, and Cassie McIntyre, and Two-Year Directors – Bobbie Daughtry, Scotty Hattaway, Cayla Scarboro, and Dess Smith. The election of new officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on May 16.



The old-fashioned pound cake, baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$47 and was won by Dess Smith. Jeff Brewer won the Domino's pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- May 16 – Annual Meeting – hosted by Dess Smith with cake by Tim Goodman
- May 16 – Board Meeting
- June 6 - Club Meeting – hosted by Dianna Wedincamp with cake provided by Gary Couse
- June 20- Club Meeting – hosted by Dwight Watt with cake provided by Paul Cerpovicz
- June 20– Board Meeting
- July 11 - Club Meeting – hosted by Tammy Allen with cake provided by Tammy Allen

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