

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

May 4, 2021

With President Dess Smith presiding, Bobby Seamans led the Pledge of Allegiance and Petite Garrett gave the blessing. We had 26 members present, with two members Zooming.

Gary Couse gave the sports report. With odds of 12-1 long-shot Medina Spirit won the Kentucky Derby, followed by Mandaloun and Hot Rod Charlie. The Braves are 12-16 after losing their last four games. In Nascar Brad Keselowski won at Talladega on April 25 and Kyle Busch won at Kansas Speedway on May 2. The Hawks are 36-30 after winning there last two games. The local sports report was given by Frank Patrick. Not much is happening in high school sports with prom season opening. ECI ended their baseball season at 13-12 while SHS was 10-19. The DEA tennis team is in the state playoffs. The East Georgia State College softball and baseball teams have made it to the first round of the playoffs. EGSC softball player Sierra Taylor was selected as GCAA Player of the Week. In the endangered species report it was noted that Zimbabwe was selling licenses to shoot endangered species to generate public revenue.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Wanda Ellis, Cheryl Goodman, and Ginny Smith for the garden club picture in the newspaper and President Dess was fined for SAR pictures in the paper. Good News \$1's were given by Gary Couse for his granddaughter's first hiking venture on the Appalachian Trail and Ginny Smith for her granddaughter's 4th runner-up finish in the PTF Teen Miss contest. Pepper Fields gave a \$1 for being able to see his grandson face-to-face and for being back at Kiwanis meeting after a long absence. Pepper indicated his doctor has told him he needs to retire as a Santa. He has been doing Santa for 49 years. Tammy Allen gave a \$1 for the Kite community fundraiser, which included a \$4,000 cake.

President Dess welcomed new member Sondra Fortner. Tim Goodman thanked everyone who worked on the Tabloid, over 100 ads to make our budget for the year. He talked about next year's tabloid with the 75th Pine Tree Festival, the 100th Anniversary of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, and the 200th Anniversary of the city of Swainsboro occurring in 2022. He

also explained the changes in the location and route for the May 8th Knotty Pine 5K. Those helping with registration and set-up need to be there at 6:30 and all others at 7:00 am. We are also scheduled to time a run in Wrightsville on July 3.

Dianna Wedincamp hosted the program for the evening. She presented a program on her birdwatching hobby. Dianna got into birding on a trip to Ecuador and has been a "birder" since then. She dressed in the official outfit of birding, a pith helmet, a pair of binoculars, and a bird book. She showed us her bird book and her grandmother's bird book, so it runs in the family. She gave us a list of 30 local birds to look for this summer. She explained how we could use the online resources of the National Audubon Society to help identify birds and to submit reports of our findings to get into the national bird data base. They also give information about what kind of bird seed will attract specific birds. A question: What is the official Georgia State Bird?



The chocolate poke cake, donated and baked by Wanda Ellis, brought \$62 and was won by Rosa Amerson. The Domino's pizza was won by Sondra Fortner. The birder's gift basket, provided by Dianna Wedincamp, was won by Sondra Fortner.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

May 18	Regular Program	Host: Paul Cerpovicz Cake: Carlos Cunha
June 1	Regular Program	Host: Carlos Cunha Cake: Tracy Mason
June 15	Regular Program	Host: Jim Daughtry Cake: Cayla Page

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