

# **THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN**

**May 7, 2024**

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Jeff Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dess Smith gave the blessing. We had 15 members in attendance and 3 guests, Holly Hattaway, Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz, and John Cadle.

Judge Mary Ellen Smith fined Bobbie Daughtry and Dianna Wedincamp for name tag violations and Gary Couse for getting a phone call during the meeting. She fined Dess Smith for SAR pictures in the newspaper, Tammy Allen for Family Connection pictures in the newspaper, and Paul Cerpovicz for the garden club picture in the Tabloid. She fined President Cheryl for trying to use her influence to remove Paul's fine.

Tim Goodman gave a \$1 for a successful Knotty Pine 5K race and the completion of the Pine Tree Festival. Dianna Wedincamp gave a \$1 for the successful adoption of a 5-year old who had been in foster care for a number of years. Dess Smith gave a \$1 for his granddaughter's 1<sup>st</sup> runner up in the Pine Tree Festival queen pageant.

President Cheryl updated us on what has happened since our last meeting. We made 400 bags of cotton candy on April 18 that was used during the April 19 Pre-K Fun Day in which we cooked 400 hot dogs and provided the meal for 380 attendees of the Fun Day. We also made popcorn for the crowd. A thanks to the five Kiwanians who helped with the cotton candy and the seven Kiwanians who cooked and served the hotdogs, chips, drinks, and cookies and made popcorn. A special thanks to Pre-K staff and faculty, Swainsboro High School Beta Clubbers, and EGSC Circle K'er Brian Priester who helped to cook popcorn, hand out drinks, and stuff hot dogs in buns and to Citizens Bank for the use of their grill. We also co-sponsored the Flower Show with the Seedling Garden Club on April 27 and 28.

Tim Goodman updated us on the May 4 Knotty Pine 5K Run. We had a record 91 runners, even with the rain. Many thanks to the 10 Kiwanians who helped. A special thanks to non-Kiwanians John Cadle and Zane Scarboro who also helped. We wish to thank the Swainsboro Police Department for their assistance and our sponsors.

Dess Smith announced the Veterans' Golf Tournament on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Swainsboro Country Club. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a hole.

Tim Goodman presented the nominations for next year's officers for the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club; President – Paul Cerpovicz, President-

Elect – Dianna Wedincamp, Vice President – Dwight Watt, Immediate Past President – Cheryl Goodman, Secretary – Tim Goodman, Treasurer – David Gribbin, 1-Year Directors – Bobbie Daughtry, Cayla Scarboro, Dess Smith, Mary Ellen Smith, and 2-Year Directors – Jeff Brewer, Petite Garrett, Jeff Palmer, Deana Patrick. The election is scheduled for May 21, 2024.

The program was hosted by Gary Couse who introduced Scotty Hattaway, recently retired Superintendent of the Emanuel County School system. He is a consultant to the ECS until his official retirement on May 31. He plans to take his 32.5 years of experience in public education and will be the Area Representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for Emanuel County. Established in 1954, the FCA is an organization working to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. Emanuel County is under the East Georgia FCA, headquartered in Vidalia. FCA includes programs in the local school systems, camps for recruited coaches and staff training, and support for volunteers. Since FCA is a non-profit organization, they raise money for their programs. Only 12% of the money raised is sent to the national office and is used for administration to include training of staff. The remaining 88% stays in Emanuel County to support the local program.



The German chocolate poke cake, donated by Wanda Ellis, was won by Dess Smith. Dianna Wedincamp won the Domino's pizza and Tim Goodman won the Mother's Day gift, a hummingbird feeder.

## **KIWANIS REMINDERS**

- May 21 - Annual Meeting – Program – Tammy Allen, Cake – Club
- May 21 - Board Meeting
- June 4 - Regular Meeting – Program – Petite Garrett, Cake – Scotty Hattaway
- June 18 - Regular Meeting – Program – Jeff Palmer, Cake – Dess Smith

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