

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

June 1, 2021

With President Dess Smith presiding, Mary Ellen Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mark Sweat gave the blessing. We had 26 members present. Our guests for the evening were Mark and Terry Sweat, Breana Librizzi, and Lt. Governor Dennis Donahue.

Gary Couse gave the sports report. Phil Mickelson won the PGA. At 50, he is the oldest player to win a major championship. The Braves are 2nd in the National League East at 25-26. In the NBA the Hawks are leading the Knicks 3 games to 1 in the 1st round of the NBA playoffs. In Nascar Chase Elliot won at Circuit of the Americas on May 23 and Kyle Larson won the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 30. The local sports report was given by Frank Patrick. Most local teams are taking the summer off, but the Metter High School baseball team won the state championship. He noted the construction of a 62-ft-tall steel chicken in Fitzgerald, which will be 6 ft taller than the famous Marietta chicken. The endangered species of the week are the Red Wolf and the Amazon River Dolphin.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Dianna Wedincamp for being late but transferred the fine to Tammy Allen after a positive identification of the culprit. Tammy was also fined for a picture in the newspaper. President Dess was fined for a SAR picture in the newspaper. Cheryl Goodman, Wanda Ellis, and Ginny Smith were fined for a garden club picture. Bobbie Daughtry was also fined for the newspaper picture. Mary Ellen Smith gave a Good News \$1 for getting out of the hospital. Wanda Ellis gave a couple of \$1 for the promotions of her daughter and granddaughter. Cheryl Goodman gave a \$1 for her Marine grandson's promotion to Sergeant. Tammy Allen gave a \$1 for her daughter's marriage.

Tim Goodman gave us information about our timing of the Firecracker Run on July 3 in Wrightsville. We need to be in Wrightsville by 7:30 am.

Lt. Governor Dennis Donahue gave us information about the Georgia District raffle and bought the 1st ticket from both the

Swainsboro and Dublin Kiwanis clubs. He announced the Club Leadership Education training for new club officers on either July 17 or July 31. Registration for the CLE Training can be found on the Georgia District of Kiwanis website. He also announced the Kiwanis International Convention on June 24-26, and the Georgia District Convention on August 20-22. Virtual registration for the International Convention is available through June 7 on the Kiwanis International website and the District Convention online registration is available on the District Convention website through August 12.

The program for the evening was hosted by Jim Daughtry. He introduced Mark Sweat, retired Emanuel County Middle School teacher. He is also a semi-retired Baptist minister. After 31 years of teaching, he probably had many stories to tell about that time but he focused on memories of his life and interactions with his wife Terry, his feist Liz, and his old pickup. He talked of the time he and Terry met as students at Georgia Southern and their adventures while trying out a used car with a dead battery and a rooster attack on his car. He talked of the adventures he and Liz had cleaning up some land for retirement and rides in the old, rusty pickup.

The red velvet cake, donated by Tracy Mason and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$77 and was won by Mary Ellen Smith. The Domino's pizza was won by Jim Daughtry.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

June 15	Regular Program	Host: Carlos Cunha Cake: Cayla Page
July 6	Regular Program	Host: Dess Smith Cake: Ginny Smith
July 20	Regular Program	Host: Pepper Fields Cake: Bobby Seamans
August 3	Regular Program	Host: Travis Garrett Cake: Ginny Smith
August 17	Regular Program	Host: Tim Goodman Cake: Windy Ward
September 7	Regular Program	Host: Deana Patrick Cake: Joe Ware
September 21	Installation	Host: Dess Smith Cake: Ginny Smith

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