

**THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN**  
**June 18, 2019**

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Breana Librizzi led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dan Hagan gave the blessing. Our guests for the evening were Breana Librizzi, Mitch Fagler, and an interclub from Statesboro - J.D. Dunn, Dan Hagan, and Danny Beall. We had 18 members present.

Frank Patrick gave the sports report. The Braves are 43-31 and are in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the National League East, 2 ½ games ahead of the Phillies. In the NBA the Toronto Raptors beat the Golden State Warriors 4 games to 2 to win their 1<sup>st</sup> time ever NBA Finals. All Canada is celebrating. In women's World Cup soccer, the USA is undefeated after beating Chile 3-0. The Tour de France begins on July 6. The endangered species for this week is the Western Lowland Gorilla.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Dess Smith for writing four articles for the newspaper and not getting his picture with any of them. He fined Linda Lamb, who was incognito with a new hairdo, for getting her picture in the paper. A Good News \$1's was given by Mary Ellen Smith for the new Miss Georgia, who is a Kiwanian. Visitor Dan Hagan gave a \$1 for his 1959 visit to Swainsboro with the Screven County High School Marching Band when they marched in the Pine Tree Festival Parade. Linda Lamb gave a \$1 because she is headed north for cooler climates.

**Announcements** – Scoutmaster Jim Daughtry updated his trip to Boy Scout Camp last week. Tim Goodman thanked everyone who helped with the Autism Run in Soperton. It was hot! He also reported on the monthly cookout at the Emanuel County Nursing Home and reminded us to buy raffle tickets to support the Georgia District Convention in Augusta. The deadline to purchase is July 16. Dianna Wedincamp gave details on the Herrington Homestead pizza party is scheduled for June 21. Deana Patrick gave us information about the cookout for the Summer Reading on June 25 at the Fulford Center. We will be cooking hot dogs for about 150 kids. Be there at 11:30 to help. President Cheryl announced we would be helping the new Dublin Kiwanis Club with their Charter Night on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Dublin Country Club. We will be helping with the decorating and the silent auction. If you would like to donate to the silent auction, see Tim Goodman.

The program for the evening was hosted by Jim Clapham. In Jim's absence Gary Couse introduced Mitch Fagler, Executive Director of Student Affairs and Financial Aid at Southeastern Technical College in Swainsboro (STC). STC is one of the 22 colleges in the Technical

College System of Georgia (TCSG). TCSG currently has 136,000 students in over 600 programs over 88 campuses. They range from 26,000 dual enrollment students to almost 54,000 students in the GED program. 13,000 of these students receive GI bill funds. STC serves eight counties surrounding two campuses in Vidalia and Swainsboro. They offer 15 associate-degree programs and over 95 other diploma and certificate programs. Most of the programs are offered on both campuses, with 16 programs offered only in Swainsboro and 23 offered only in Vidalia. Recently the Associate of Science in Nursing at STC was named the top associate-degree nursing program in Georgia. A number of STC's programs support former Governor Nathan Deal's High Demand Career Initiative (HDCI). He gave examples of some HDCI programs including a local Nordson partnership in the Basic CNC Technician program. The recent TCSG Report Card on STC reports a 71% retention rate, an 81% graduation rate, a 91% in-field job placement rate, and a 99% total job placement rate, all above the TCSG average.



The mandarin-orange cake, donated by Bobby Seamans and baked by Debbie Jones, brought \$42 and was won by Pepper Fields. The Domino's pizza was won by President Cheryl. The two meals were won by Dess Smith and Mary Ellen Smith.

**KIWANIS REMINDERS**

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| June 25 | Special Meeting               | Host: GA-Carolina BSA           |
|         |                               | 6:30 pm at George L. Smith Park |
| July 2  | NO MEETING – Independence Day |                                 |
| July 9  | NO MEETING                    |                                 |
| July 16 | Regular Program               | Host: Roger Peebles             |
|         |                               | Cake: Wanda Ellis               |
| July 23 | Regular Program               | Host: Petite Garrett            |
|         |                               | Cake: Pepper Fields             |
| July 30 | Regular Program               | Host: Dwight Watt               |
|         |                               | Cake: Gary Couse                |

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