

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

June 18, 2024

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Asa Youmans led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dess Smith gave the blessing. We had 14 members in attendance and 7 guests- -Erin Youmans, Case Youmans, Reid Youmans, Asa Youmans, Division 17 Lt. Governor Trish Tootle, Faye Ruacks, and Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz.

Judge Mary Ellen Smith fined Dess Smith for a SAR picture in the newspaper.

Good News \$1's were given by Petite Garrett for her youngest grandson being named Valedictorian at DEA, her middle grandson for also doing well academically, and her oldest grandson for winning the EGSC Math Award at Honor's Night. Tim Goodman gave a \$1 for not melting in the heat, and Dianna Wedincamp gave a \$1 for finally completing the moving of her son.

Division 17 Lt. Governor Trish Tootle presented the 2022-2023 banner patches to the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club. These included awards for Distinguished Club, the Governor's Cup award, 6-for-6 support for Georgia District Projects, and for completion of the Interclub Challenge. In addition, the club received a patch for being in the Top Ten for distance traveled completing interclubs.

Deana Patrick announced plans for the cookout for the Franklin Memorial Library Summer Reading Program participants on July 16th at 11:00 am. They will be outside getting wet again- -just like last year. The Kiwanis Club is cooking hot dogs and supplying chips, ice pops, and lemonade. We need to be there at 10:00 am to start working.

We are selling District Convention raffle tickets, with the winner getting \$5,000 and the Club selling the winning ticket, getting \$1,000. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from the club until July 20th. See Tim Goodman for details.

We are timing the Firecracker 5K on July 6th in Wrightsville. We need to be there at 7:30 to help.

The program was hosted by Tim Goodman, who introduced Erin Youmans, the Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center (MMGYSTC) Regional Coordinator. GYSTC is a private, non-profit organization designed to increase interest in STEM subjects in grades K-8. MMGYSTC was founded in 1997 and is located at the Fulford Center on the EGSC campus. It serves

Emanuel, Candler, Jefferson, Baldwin, and McIntosh Counties. STEM education events include STEM Nights, STEM Days, in-class activities, professional development activities, summer camps, campus visits, and kits and resources for teachers to check-out. Erin also talked about the "moon tree" that has been planted at the Fulford Center. A "moon tree" is a tree planted from seeds that have been in a spaceship which has orbited the moon. The 1st seeds making the voyage were on Apollo 14 in 1971. Seeds from this trip have been planted all over the US and the world. The 1st moon tree planted in the early 1970's in Georgia, is at the Okefenokee RESA in Waycross. The 2nd generation seeds made the trip around the moon in the Artemis I, which was launched in November, 2022. Erin got a grant for a moon tree grown from a seed that was on the Artemis I. The loblolly pine, called "Luna", was planted at 1:00 pm on May 7, 2024 at the Fulford Center. Information and pictures about the tree planting can be found on the EGSC webpage at <https://www.ega.edu/about/fulford-center/moon-tree.html>.



The pecan pie cheesecake, donated by Dess Smith, was won by Deana Patrick. Dess Smith won the Domino's pizza. The chocolate cake was won by Petite Garrett. Everybody was given a mini moon pie in honor of the moon tree.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- July 2 - Regular Meeting – Program – Jim Clapham,
Cake – Dwight Watt
- July 16 - Regular Meeting – Program – Jeff Palmer,
Cake – Will and Brenda Barber
- July 16 - Board Meeting
- August 6 - Regular Meeting – Program – Windy Ward,
Cake – Jeff Brewer
- August 20 - Regular Meeting – Program - Cayla Scarboro,
Cake - Cassie McIntyre
- August 20 - Board Meeting

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