

# ***THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN***

***June 20, 2023***

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Dianna Wedincamp led the Pledge of Allegiance and President Tammy gave the blessing. We had 15 members present. Guests for the evening were Jeff Palmer, Judge Bobby Reeves, and Trish Tootle from the Statesboro Kiwanis Club. Trish is the incoming Division 17 Lt. Governor. President Tammy gave us information on the Summer Reading Cookout on June 27. We will cook hotdogs and provide chips for the Cookout. Be at the Franklin Memorial Library at 10:30 am to help. Also, if you plan to help with the Firecracker 5K on July 1, be at the square in Wrightsville at 7:30 am.

Jane Durden gave a Good News \$1 for those that played in the Goalball tournament in Smyrna. Dianna Wedincamp gave a \$1 for her granddaughters increase in vocabulary, Dess Smith gave a \$1 for receiving his special-order Mustang top, and Tammy gave a \$1 for the completion of the Kids Chop at the elementary school. She thanked Kiwanians Petite Garrett, Wanda Ellis, and Sondra Fortner for their help.

Petite Judge Mary Ellen Smith passed out a number of fines to Dess Smith for SAR pictures in the newspaper. She fined Tim Goodman for not wearing his name tag.

President Tammy gave a national sports report, noting the Braves are doing well and are in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the National League.

Petite Garrett gave the local sports report. All the local schools are out for the summer, but there is some activity. One travel team placed 8<sup>th</sup> in a tournament in Cooperstown and Rec. Ball is beginning their annual tournaments.

The member spotlight for tonight was focused on Edwin Canady, our oldest Kiwanian member. Edwin has been a Kiwanian for 52 years and was Secretary for over three decades and President in 1981. Edwin was born and raised in Emanuel County. He has been married to his wife Carolyn for 56 years. They have a daughter Christy, who is the program chair for Middle Georgia State University in Cochran. Edwin had been the car business his entire life until he recently retired. He spends his time in retirement keeping his lawn in good shape and watching the Andy Griffith show. He doesn't like candy but does enjoy Little Debbie cupcakes.

Dess Smith hosted the program for the evening. He introduced Chief Judge for the Middle Georgia Judicial District, Bobby Reeves. The Middle Judicial Circuit covers Candler, Emanuel, Jefferson, Toombs, and Washington Counties. Judge Reeves has been in his position since 2007 and notes some changes in policies and procedures. He noted stricter assignment in caseloads for the Judges as defendants look for more lenient Judges and better locations for trials. He has seen an increase in gang violence and feels it contributes to the increase in murders, burglaries, and thefts. Drug use is also on the rise, also contributing to the increase in burglaries and thefts. He has noted a shift in how sentences and probations are handled, making it easier for some crimes to go unpunished or at the appropriate level. It has also led to good changes in the assignment of treatment for drug problems.



The old fashion sour-cream pound cake, provided by Paul Cerpovicz and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$46 and was won by Dianna Wedincamp. Cassie McIntyre won the Domino's pizza.

## **KIWANIS REMINDERS**

- July 11 - Club Meeting – hosted by Tammy Allen with cake provided by Tammy Allen
- July 18 - Club Meeting – hosted by Glenn Briercheck with cake provided by Cassie McIntyre
- July 18 - Board Meeting
- Aug. 1 - Club Meeting – hosted by Jane Durden with cake provided by Gary Howard
- Aug. 15 - Club Meeting – hosted by Dwight Watt with cake provided by the club

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