

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

June 4, 2019

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Gary Couse led the Pledge of Allegiance and Roger Peebles gave the blessing. Our guests for the evening were Sunny Rogers and Pierce Parkerson. We had 22 members present.

Jim Clapham gave the sports report. The Braves are 33-27, 2nd in the National League East behind the Phillies. Despite only playing 15 games since being called up from the Gwinnett Stripers on May 15, Braves rookie Austin Riley was the National League Rookie of the Month of May after hitting 8 home runs with 20 RBI's in those 15 games. In the NBA the Golden State Warriors and the Toronto Raptors are tied at 1-1 in the NBA Finals, headed to the Bay area for game 3. In Nascar, Kyle Busch placed 1st at Pocono Raceway, followed by Brad Keselowski and Eric Jones. It was an 8-way tie for 1st place in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The kids broke the word bank after 20 rounds. Locally, it is quiet on the sports front.

Judge Jim Daughtry opened court and fined Dess Smith for not getting his picture in the paper even with three opportunities. President Cheryl gave a Good News \$1 because the Geek Squad at Best Buy quickly replaced the Editor's fried computer with another one. The new computer made its debut for the program tonight. The Editor gratefully paid the \$1.

Announcements – Jim Clapham reported on the monthly cookout at the Emanuel County Nursing Home coming up on June 18. Tim Goodman reminded everyone we have the Run for Autism on June 15 at 7:00 pm. He reminded everyone about the raffle tickets to support the Georgia District Convention in Augusta. We have a limited number of tickets and the final day to buy the \$20 tickets is July 16. 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. Dianna Wedincamp announced the Herrington Homestead pizza party is scheduled for June 21. Sign-up to help. President Cheryl read a thank note from Emanuel County School Superintendent Kevin Judy for the cookies for the System teachers and staff from Kiwanis and from Ken Warnock, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, thanking us for our support of the Pine Tree Festival.

The program for the evening was hosted by Tammy Allen, who introduced Sunny Rogers the Region 9 Director of Family Connection. Georgia Family Connection was started in 1991 by Governor Zell Miller to pull groups together in communities in Georgia to increase efficiency in assisting families and children in

need in the 159 counties of Georgia. The partnership focuses on low-birthweight prevention, early childhood health and education, quality-rated childcare, getting kids on the path to reading proficiency, and the promotion of civic health. Region 9 consists of 17 counties, including Emanuel County, which have Family Connection Coordinators (TCC). Tammy Allen has been our TCC for 2 ½ years. Sunny discussed some of the programs in Region 9 including the Jr-Chops healthy snacks program, book give-aways to kids, Get Georgia Reading, and the iCivics curriculum. She noted all decisions made were data-driven and were made in the local community by advisory committees made up of local groups doing the work in the community. The goal is to improve conditions and prospects for our children and families in Georgia.



The Mounds cake, donated by Linda Lamb and baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Jim Clapham. The Domino's pizza was won by Dess Smith. The two meals were won by Dianna Wedincamp and Linda Lamb.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

June 11	Regular Program	Host: Pepper Fields Cake: Club
June 18	Regular Program	Host: Jim Clapham Cake: Bobby Seamans
June 20	Board Meeting	Host: Jim Clapham
June 25	Regular Program	Host: Gary Couse Cake: Dess Smith
July 2	NO MEETING – Independence Day	
July 9	Regular Program	Host: Dess Smith Cake: Dianna Wedincamp
July 16	Regular Program	Host: Roger Peebles Cake: Wanda Ellis