

# ***THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN***

***June 6, 2023***

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Gary Couse led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dess Smith gave the blessing. We had 18 members present. Guests for the evening were Jeff Palmer and Elizabeth DeVane. Birthdays this month included Jim Daughtry (June 9) and Sondra Fortner (June 4). President Tammy gave us information on the District Convention on August 25-27, the Summer Reading Cookout on June 27, and the Firecracker 5K on July 1.

Judge Jim Daughtry passed out a number of fines, including those to President Tammy for starting early, Scotty Hattaway for being late, Dess Smith for various infractions, and Jane Durden, Jill Briercheck, and Cheryl Goodman for a Seedling Garden Club picture in the newspaper. He also paid his birthday fine.

President Tammy gave a national sports report, noting the Braves are in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division. Other notes from club members included the NBA Final between the Nuggets and the Heat and the NHL Final between the Golden Knights and the Stars.

Petite Garrett gave the local sports report. All the local schools are out for the summer, but the ECI baseball team recently won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state.

The member spotlight for tonight was focused on Bobbie Daughtry. Bobbie was born and raised in Swainsboro. Her mother owned a fabric shop across from Catered Creations, explaining her love of sewing. After graduating from Georgia State College for Women, she taught art in the Emanuel County School System and at East Georgia College. She also directed the Emanuel Arts Council. She has been married to Jim Daughtry for 43 years, having met Jim at Stewart's Jewelers where he worked. They have two sons, two daughter-in-laws, and two grandchildren. Her favorite candy is M & M's.

Scotty Hattaway introduced the new Read United Site Coordinator for the Emanuel County School System, Elizabeth DeVane. Read United is a comprehensive literacy program that combines school-based grade-level reading support with a structured tutoring model built on volunteerism. Forty 2<sup>nd</sup> grade bubble students have been identified for the program and Elizabeth will be looking for 40 volunteers to train to deliver the curriculum for the program. The program will last from Labor Day until the end of April.

The program for the evening was hosted by Dianna Wedincamp. The program was given by Sheriff Jeff Brewer. Jeff gave us an update on

what is happening at the Sheriff's Department. The law enforcement department consists of the Uniform Patrol Division, the Traffic Division, the Investigative Unit, and the School Resource Unit. Last year the Sheriff's Office logged 43,670 hours to go with the 49,211 hours at the county jail. They handled 18,918 calls covering everything from drugs, to murders, to vehicle and house fires, to alligator corralling. They serve official/legal papers and act as funeral escorts also. They also find time for training updates such as for active shooters and gang recognition. Sheriff Brewer noted that the employees of the Sheriff's Department have the lowest pay of any law enforcement officers in the local area. He noted that the private sector also pays twice as much. In October the millage rate will be set and they need two additional mills to raise the pay of officers and also of jailers. They need this raise to become competitive with other local law enforcement agencies. He asked our support for the increase in millage.



The Hersey Bar cake, provided by Gary Couse and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$68 and was won by Tim Goodman. Gary Howard won the Domino's pizza.

## **KIWANIS REMINDERS**

- June 20- Club Meeting – hosted by Dwight Watt with cake provided by Paul Cerpovicz
- June 20– Board Meeting
- 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
- Aug. 1 - Club Meeting – hosted by Jane Durden with cake provided by Gary Howard
- Aug. 15 - Club Meeting – hosted by Dess Smith with cake provided by the club

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