

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

June 7, 2022

With President Dianna Wedincamp presiding, Jeff Brewer led the Pledge of Allegiance and John David Bailey gave the blessing. John David also reminded us about D Day yesterday. We had 21 members present. Our guests for the evening were Melanie Ward and Gary Mason.

President Dianna read a letter from Jane Durden, chair of the 100th Anniversary Committee, thanking everyone who helped with the Pine Tree Festival parade float. Petite Garrett announced letters have been sent out about the adopt-a-senior program at Presbyterian Apartments. Tammy Allen thanked the Kiwanis members who assisted on May 26 by stuffing bags with toys and books to give to children during the May 31 Emanuel County School System summer food give-a-way. We handed out 350 bags of toys and books during the food give-a-way. Windy Ward reported on the Kiwanis assistance with cotton candy at the Franklin Library's summer reading kickoff. She also announced that Kiwanis would be sponsoring and preparing the hot dog lunch at the end of the Summer Reading Program on July 21.

Petite Judge Mary Ellen Smith fined Judge Jim Daughtry for not telling her he would be absent from the meeting. She fined President Dianna for using the "Miss" title for Petite Garrett and fined both President Dianna and Petite for disagreeing on whose fault it was that local sports was left out of the program last meeting.

Petite Garrett gave a report on local sports. SHS Senior Madison Williford signed a National Letter of Intent to cheer for Columbus State University. That is a 1st for local cheerleaders. The EGSC Bobcats softball team and baseball team both ended their season by losing in the semifinals in the state championship. The SHS baseball team ended their playoff run, while the SHS track team won 1st place in the 4X100 relay and 2nd place in the 110 hurdles in the state finals. The ECI baseball team reached the Elite Eight, but came up short. The Endangered Species of the day is the Masked Bobwhite Quail.

David Gribbin gave the national sports report. Billy Horschel won the PGA Memorial Tournament and the Celtics and Warriors are 1-1 in the NBA finals. The Atlanta Braves are 8 games behind the Mets in the NL East at 29-27 and the USFL is in the 8th week of a 10-week schedule with the New Jersey Generals posting a 7-1 record in the North Division while the Birmingham Stallions are 8-0 in the South Division.

Good News \$1 were given by Pepper Fields for the get-well card for wife Barbara from the club and Deana Patrick for the get-well card for Frank Patrick. Petite Garrett gave a \$1 for her oldest grandson's trip to Costa Rica. Dess Smith gave a \$1 for Ginny's successful cataract surgery. Wanda Ellis gave a \$1 for her oldest granddaughter's graduation from

college, the 2nd granddaughter's graduation from high school and the youngest granddaughter's honors completing the 8th grade.

Tim Goodman reminded everyone about the Firecracker 5K on July 2 at 8:00 am in Wrightsville and the Moonshine Run on September 24 at 7:00 am in Lyons. Tammy Allen will have lunch on July 2 for all those who help time the run.

Our program for the evening was hosted by Dess Smith. He introduced Gary Mason, who presented a program on Wreaths Across America. The program places wreaths on graves of veterans nationwide. In 2021 over 2.4 million wreaths were placed in over 3,000 participating locations. The program strives to remember our fallen veterans, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom. The program was started in 1992 by Morrill Worchester of the Worchester Wreath Company. With the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, he organized a program to take some surplus wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery to lay wreaths on some older sections of the Cemetery. That began an annual event that went national in 2005. Gary updated us on what is happening in Emanuel County thanks to the efforts of the DAR and SAR. The organizers need our assistance to identify veterans in Emanuel County and to make donations for more wreaths. The next National Wreaths Across America Day is December 17, 2022.



The apple, buttermilk, mixed berry, and sweet potato pies donated by Cheryl Goodman brought \$78 and were won by Travis Garrett, Gary Mason, Jeff Brewer, and Dess Smith. Pepper Fields won the Domino's pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

June 21	Regular Program	Host: Cindy Ware Cake: John David Bailey
June 21	Board Meeting	Host: John David Bailey
July 5	Regular Program	Host: Ginny Smith Cake: Jeff Brewer
July 19	Regular Program	Host: John David Bailey Cake: Paul Cerpovicz
July 19	Board Meeting	Host: Dess Smith

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