

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

August 1, 2023

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Gary Couse led the Pledge of Allegiance and Wanda Ellis gave the blessing. We had 22 members present. Our guests for the evening were J.T. Cannady, Jimmy Allen, Tripp Fitzner, and Kelly Baumhoer.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Dess Smith for getting his picture in the newspaper in an unrecognizable form and Bobbie Daughtry for being late. We have three August birthdays, Jim Clapham (August 31), Karolina Cerpovicz (August 8), and Cindy Ware (August 22).

President Tammy gave a national sports report on US Women's Soccer and the Braves. She also noted we will have a pizza party for Herrington Homestead soon, so keep your ears and eyes open.

Petite Garrett gave a local sports report. With the beginning of the school year, all schools have begun formal practice. SHS is entering the year with a 2nd place pre-season ranking, while DEA has a 1st place pre-season ranking. Both SHS and ECI will begin the year with Metter High School in Metter, but not on the same night. DEA will open with Monsignor Donovan. Girl's softball is also beginning with SHS at Burke County, ECI at Grovetown, and DEA at Edmund Burke. The endangered species of the week is the Bolivian chinchilla rat, not to be confused with the chinchilla of coat fame.

Petite also presented the member spotlight for tonight, Jane Durden. Jane, one of four children, was born and raised in Swainsboro. Educated at Swainsboro High School and Georgia Southern College, Jane is a former kindergarten teacher and was 1st Lady of the Georgia District of Kiwanis when Chip Durden was Kiwanis Governor. Jane, described as full of grace, charm, and hospitality, is a genealogy "buff" and recently headed the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club's Hundredth Anniversary Planning Committee. She continues to be very active in the Kiwanis Club. Her favorite candy bar is the Milky Way.

Good News \$1's were given by Tim Goodman for the much-maligned month of August, with 3 members of the Kiwanis club and his 3 children having birthdays this month. Paul Cerpovicz gave \$1's for daughter Anita's marriage to J.T. Cannady and daughter Karolina on her August 8 birthday. Mary Ellen Smith gave a \$1 for her pending plane ride to California. President Tammy gave a \$1 for the successful Scavenger Hunt at the Franklin Library which saw over 150 participants.

The program for the evening was sponsored by Jane Durden, who introduced Middle Judicial Circuit District Attorney Tripp Fitzner. The Middle Judicial District covers Emanuel, Toombs, Candler, Jefferson, and Washington Counties. Tripp and his staff of six attorneys have closed over 800 felony cases in Emanuel County since 2021. They have 600 pending cases. Most of the cases are drug related, but some are homicides, and a growing number of cases are gang related. Although based in Emanuel County, the District Attorney's Office now has satellite offices in Lyons and Tonnelle. The District Attorney's Office has charging power but cannot initiate investigations. They can control the flow of cases but still need two more attorneys. They do not have the ability to sentence nor are they able to set bail. Those functions of the court rest with the two judges in the Circuit, who hear the cases.



The 14-layer caramel cake, provided by Gary Howard, brought \$70.50 and was won by Deana Patrick. Scotty Hattaway won the Domino's pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- Aug. 15 - Club Meeting – hosted by Dwight Watt with cake provided by the club
- Aug. 15 - Board Meeting
- Aug. 19 - Division 17 CLE Training for 2023-2024 Officers
- Aug. 25-27 - Ga District Convention - Savannah
- Sept. 5 - Club Meeting – hosted by Sondra Fortner with cake provided by Cayla Scarboro
- Sept. 19 – INSTALLATION NIGHT – with cake provided by Petite Garrett

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