

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

August 15, 2023

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Jim Daughtry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bobbie Daughtry gave the blessing. We had 17 members present. Our guest for the evening was Richard Smith. Deana Patrick thanked the Kiwanis Club for our support of her family after Kiwanian Frank Patrick's passing. She noted how Frank loved and supported Kiwanis, especially the Christmas Bike Give-a-Way. We had a number of prayer concerns that were shared. Dess Smith reminded us that Mary Ellen Smith is still in California and that he had brought a Smith (Richard) to replace her at the meeting.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Dess Smith just to keep in practice.

President Tammy gave a national sports report on the Braves. They still have the best record in baseball. She reminded us that we will have a pizza party for Herrington Homestead soon, so keep your ears and eyes open. Tim Goodman announced we would be timing the Moonshine Run at Oak Park on September 23 at 7:00 am. Contact Tim if you can help.

Petite Garrett gave a local sports report. All local high schools are playing scrimmage games with opening games this Friday. SHS is playing Metter this Friday, while ECI begins next Friday with a trip to Metter. Girl's softball has begun, but both SHS and ECI are not starting well. The endangered species of the week is the functionally blind Ganges River dolphin.

Dess Smith gave us an update on the German visitors at this house. They began those visits many years ago as foreign-exchange students.

Petite also presented the member spotlight for tonight, Cindy Ware. A graduate of North Augusta High School, Cindy has six Grandchildren who call her MeMe. She is a retired teacher who taught many years in the Emanuel County School System. She is a member of 1st Methodist Church and is a Sunday school teacher. Her hobbies include going to the beach and playing with her Grandchildren. Her favorite candy bar is a plain Hersey bar.

The program for the evening was presented by Kiwanian Dwight Watt, a member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and the Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis Club. He is also the current Governor of the

Tennessee-Kentucky District of Kiwanis. Dwight recently attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis and gave us an update. Dwight drove to the Convention, as he does to most events he attends in the summer. The most important business of the Convention was the election of Katrina Baranko of the Georgia District (Albany Kiwanis Club) as the Kiwanis International President. The delegates also voted down a dues' increase. Dwight noted they had already informed the Districts of some cost-cutting measures. He showed pictures of the Governor's dinner at Hell's Kitchen, the Mall of America (LEGO Land and the Indoor Climbing Walls), the Mary Tyler Moore statue, his picture with a Taylor-Swift cutout, the Convention entertainment (the Oak Ridge Boys and the key-note speaker – a drummer), and a tractor-trailer fire and a visit to the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" on his travels to and from the Convention.



The caramel-coated fresh pear cake, baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$36 and was won by Petite Garrett. President Tammy Allen won the Domino's pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- 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
- Sept. 23 - 5K Moonshine Run – Oak Park – 7:00 am