

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

August 9, 2016

Love it, Share it, Live it!

With President Jane Durden presiding, Cheryl Goodman lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Dess Smith gave the blessing. We had no guests for the evening. We had 23 members in attendance.

Gary Couse gave our sports report. In Nascar, Denny Hamlin won at Watkins Glen, followed by Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski. Kyle Busch and Matt Keselowski are still tied with 4 wins in the Chase. In baseball the Braves are 42-70, still on the bottom even after winning their last 3 games. The Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro are well under way, with the U.S. team ahead in the medal count with 22 total medals, of which 6 are gold. Michael Phelps has won his 21st gold medal to make a total of 25 Olympic medals. Phelps has spread out his medals over the 2008, 2012, and 2016 Olympics.

Petite Judge Delanie Maglioli collected \$1 for August birthdays and fined Bobby Seamans contempt of court for blowing his horn at the Judge and not knowing Shriner history. Good News \$1 were given by Tim Goodman to honor his three children, all born in August, Frank Patrick for his wedding anniversary, Pete Sutherland because he will be Santa this year in the Christmas Parade, and Dess Smith and Chip Durden for not being fined this week.

Announcements: Seven members of the Club are headed to the Kiwanis District Convention this weekend, President Jane and Chip Durden, Tim and Cheryl Goodman, and Dess, Ginny, and Mary Ellen Smith. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club is helping to sponsor the new Golden Kiwanis Club of Southern Manor in Statesboro. They will have a Charter Party on September 29 at 3:00 pm. More information will follow about the Charter Party.

The program for the evening was hosted by Deana Patrick, who introduced Jeanne Griffin, a Resource Development Case Worker at the Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS). She works with foster and adoptive parents in Emanuel, Toombs, and Chandler counties. Currently there are approximately 13,000

children in foster care in Georgia and 1,160 children who are free and cleared for adoption in Georgia. We have five foster/adoptive families in Emanuel County. Children are placed in foster care by DFACS and the court system in cases of abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment for the safety of the child. While they look first for a relative to take care of the child, it is not always possible and that is where the foster families come into play. The expectation is that the parents of the child placed in a foster home will follow the instructions of the court to get the child back, but sometimes the family releases the child for adoption. Jeanne also discussed It's My Turn Now, an adoption photo listing book for adoptive families published by DFACS.



The chocolate-on-chocolate cake, donated by Tim Goodman and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$46 and was won by Gary Couse. Pete Sutherland won the Domino's pizza donated by Chris Cann. The meals were won by Pete Sutherland and Gary Couse.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

August 16	Regular Meeting	Prog: Bobby Peacock Cake: Annette Evans
August 23	Regular Program	Prog: Bobby Seamans Cake: Bobbie Daughtry
August 30	Regular Meeting	Prog: Dess Smith Cake: Jim Clapham
September 6	Regular Meeting	Prog: Frank Patrick Cake: Gary Couse
September 13	Regular Meeting	Prog: Kay Peacock Cake: Chip Durden

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