

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

September 15, 2020

Stay Safe!

With President Petite Garrett presiding, Mary Ellen Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dess Smith gave the blessing. We had 23 members present. Three of the 23 members were “zooming” into the meeting. Our guests for the evening were Allen and Dottie Durden. President Petite reviewed the guidelines for the Adopt-A-Senior Program at Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments. Seventeen Kiwanians will participate in the program. She also discussed some of the projects that were discussed in the Kiwanis officers training, including donation of books at local laundromats and donation boxes at funeral homes for hearing aids. She announced the Circle K carwash on September 30 and updated the status of the DEA Door hangers’ project.

Judge Jim Daughtry opened court by fining Dess Smith for being at home for a month with Mary Ellen and Ginny, for not having his picture in the newspaper, and for having his phone ring in the middle of the prayer. He fined Cayla Page for being late.

Gary Couse gave the sports report. In Nascar, Kevin Harvick won on September 6 at Darlington, while Brad Keselowski won at Richmond on September 12. The Cup Series playoffs have begun with Kevin Harvick in the lead, followed by Brad Keselowski and Denny Hamlin. In MLB, the Braves beat the Marlins 29-9 last Wednesday and are 28-20, still leading the NL East by 2 1/2 games. In NCAA Football, Ga. Tech beat FSU 16-13, while UGA will begin play on September 26. In the NFL the Seahawks beat the Falcons 38-25. The Tour de France has begun, with Primoz Raglic leading and wearing the yellow jersey. Frank Patrick gave us some local sports. The opening of High School football has seen some delays with only Swainsboro High playing this week. They beat Washington County 20-14. The endangered species of the day is Hairy Rattle Weed. Frank named President Petite as “endangered” also because her term in office is winding down.

Mary Ellen Smith gave a Good News \$1 for being able to come back to the Kiwanis meeting after knee and leg surgery. Tammy Allen gave a \$1 for the completion of the 3-month remodeling of her mother’s house in preparation for putting it on the market. President Petite gave a \$1 for her grandson’s 1st middle school football game. Monica Wren gave a \$1 in honor of her impending 6th grandchild.

The program for the evening was Allen Durden, candidate for Emanuel County Sheriff. He was introduced by President Petite.

Allen has lived all of his life in Emanuel County. He has been a certified Georgia Law Enforcement Officer since 1985 and has worked full-time and part-time for the Emanuel County Sheriff’s Office and the city of Adrian. He recently retired from the Emanuel County School System where he was the Transportation Coordinator for the System. He wants to go to work for the people in Emanuel County. He wants to become involved in the community and maintain an open-door policy for all Sheriff Department personnel and the community. He will create a citizen’s advisory committee to enhance transparency and develop a trustworthy relationship between the community and law enforcement. He wants more specialized diversity, crisis intervention, and de-escalation training for all Deputies and support staff. He talked about the biggest challenges in the community, drugs and gangs in the county.



The Carrot cake, donated by Dianna Wedincamp and baked by President Petite, brought \$54 and was won by Allen Durden. The Domino’s pizza was won by Travis Garrett.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

September 29	INSTALLATION	Cake: Petite Garrett
September 29	Combined Board Meeting	
October 6	Regular Meeting	Host: Travis Garrett
		Cake: Petite Garrett
October 13	Regular Meeting	Host: Dess Smith
		Cake: Travis Garrett
October 16	Board Meeting	Host: Jane Durden
October 20	No Meeting – Fall Festival	
October 27	Regular Meeting	Host: Edwin Canady
		Cake: Cheryl Goodman

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