

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN ***September 3, 2024***

With President Cheryl Goodman presiding, Travis Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Dess Smith gave the blessing. We had 16 members in attendance and 1 guest- - Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz.

Judge Mary Ellen Smith fined Edwin Canady for forgetting his name tag and reminded Wanda Ellis to pay her September birthday (September 2) fine. Edwin Canady (September 26), Travis Garrett (September 11), Jeff Palmer (September 17), and Scotty Hattaway (September 11) also have September birthdays.

A Good-News \$1 was given by Dianna Wedincamp because she kept her granddaughter this week. Petite Garrett gave a \$1 for her grandson's touchdown pass for DEA. President Cheryl gave a \$1 for having dinner with her son, daughter-in-law, and niece after attending the Georgia District Kiwanis Convention in Atlanta. She also noted everyone who attended the Convention survived the Atlanta traffic. Dess Smith gave a \$1 for spending Labor Day weekend with family on Clarks Hill Lake.

President Cheryl, President-Elect Paul Cerpovicz, and Club Secretary Tim Goodman discussed the Georgia District Kiwanis Convention that they attended on August 24th in Peachtree Corners. She announced the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention will be on June 25-28 in Pittsburgh, PA, and the Georgia District Kiwanis Convention will be August 8-10, 2025 in Dalton, GA. She announced there will be a "Moon Tree Party" on September 10 from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Sudie Fulford Center on the EGSC campus. Everyone is invited. Paul Cerpovicz announced a Honey Extraction event at the Gambrell Center on the EGSC campus on September 9 at 3:00 pm.

Tim Goodman and Paul Cerpovicz passed out some information to individual members about the 2024-2025 Directory and gave each member their Kiwanis ID Number.

The program was presented by Kiwanian Jeff Palmer, Senior Credit Analyst at Morris Bank in Dublin, GA . Jeff talked about the increase in the number of online scams as our money increasingly moves around electronically. The banks are responding by using multiple layers of authentication, especially with large and unusual transactions. He talked about account takeovers, "check washing," and even "blackmail" scams. A vast majority of scams can be handled by using common sense and remember "if it appears to be too good to be true, it probably is." Hints provided by Jeff include (1) change passwords often and make them hard to guess, (2) don't share any sensitive or personal information unless you can verify who is asking, (3) hang up on suspicious callers and watch for "spoof" calls, (4) don't open up suspicious links in email, (5) shred sensitive information before discarding, and (6) check bank account and credit card balances often. The Franklin Memorial Library has a table set up in their lobby which has a number of pamphlets about various scams and how to avoid them.



A pound cake, donated by Bobbie Daughtry and baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Wanda Ellis. Dianna Wedincamp won the Domino's pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

September 17 - Installation Night

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