

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN ***September 5, 2023***

With President Tammy Allen presiding, Mary Ellen Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Travis Garrett gave the blessing. We had 24 members present. Our quest for the evening was Joelle Romanchik-Cerpovicz.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined Bobby Seamans for lack of nametag and noted Dess Smith has been very quiet lately. He also noted Jeff Palmer's nickname is "squirrel," but did not fine him since his friends gave him the name. Our September birthdays are Edwin Canady (26th), Wanda Ellis (2nd), Travis Garrett (11th), and Jeff Palmer (17th).

President Tammy reminded us that we will have a pizza party for Herrington Homestead on September 30. Paul Cerpovicz announced a Honey Extraction at EGSC on September 7 at 4:00 pm in the Gambrell Building Rotunda. Tim Goodman announced we would be timing the Moonshine Run at Oak Park on September 23 at 6:30 am. We are helping with cotton candy at the Franklin Memorial Library on September 16 from 10:00 am until noon. We are also cooking popcorn at the EGSC Family and Fun Day on September 30 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

President Tammy gave a national sports report on the Braves. They still have the best record in baseball, Matt Olsen is the leading MLB in home runs and RBI's, and potential MVP Ronald Acuna, Jr got married on August 31.

Petite Garrett gave a local sports report. All local high schools are beginning football season, with SHS winning their 1st three games. DEA is at 2-0 while ECI is 0-4 in the young season. Girls' softball has begun with ECI beginning the season at 4-4, while SHS has a 3-9 record and DEA is 3-2. The endangered species of the week is the Sumatran elephant.

Petite also presented the member spotlight for tonight, David Gribbin. Born in Peru, Illinois, David graduated from Chanel High School in Ohio, and has degrees from Illinois State University and Georgia Southern University. He is the Institutional Research Director and Associate Professor of Business at EGSC and will be Treasurer of the Kiwanis club for the 2023-2024 year. David's favorite candy is peppermint bark.

President Tammy gave a District Convention update to include presenting her club tri-board. Good News \$1's were given by Mary Ellen Smith for her return from California and Bobbie Daughtry for her grandson's 1st successful bird hunt.

The program for the evening was presented by Kiwanian Dianna Wedincamp, the CASA Volunteer Coordinator for this region. CASA is the Court Appointed Special Advocates for children of the court. The volunteer-staffed program is for children who have been taken from their parents or guardians and been placed under the state's court system. The volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for the children until their case is closed and they are in a safe, permanent home. They receive over 30 hours of training before they can become a CASA volunteer. There are 46 CASA affiliates serving 156 counties in Georgia. There are around 2700 CASA volunteers for 11,000 children. There are 8 volunteers in Emanuel County. CASA works closely with DFACS and the judiciary system as DFACS determines the placement of children. CASA is not foster care and is not a mentoring program.



The Hersey-Bar cake, donated by Cayla Scarboro and baked by Petite Garrett, brought \$69 and was won by Dianna Wedincamp. She shared the cake with everyone after the meeting. Bobby Seamans won the Domino's pizza and Paul Cerpovicz won the bird feeder provided by Dianna Wedincamp.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

- Sept. 16 - Cotton Candy at Franklin Memorial Library
- Sept. 19 - INSTALLATION NIGHT - with cake provided by Petite Garrett
- Sept. 23 - 5K Moonshine Run - Oak Park - 7:00 am
- Sept. 30 - EGSC Family Day (10 am to 2 pm) - Popcorn
- Sept. 30 - Herrington Homestead Luncheon

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