

THE SWAINSBORO KIWANIAN

September 7, 2021

With President Dess Smith presiding, Bobby Seamans led the Pledge of Allegiance and Wanda Ellis gave the blessing. We had 26 members present. Our guests for the evening were Scotty Hattaway and Kristy Hall.

Gary Couse gave the sports report. In NCAA Football, #5 UGA beat #3 Clemson 10-3. In the new AP poll Alabama is #1, followed by UGA, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, and Clemson. In the NFL, the season starts this Thursday with Dallas at Tampa Bay. In MLB the Braves are 72-64, in 1st place in the National League East. In Nascar Dennie Hamlin won at Darlington in the 1st Cup playoff race. The local sports report was given by Frank Patrick. Swainsboro High School Football is 2-1 after beating Statesboro 15 to 10 and Emanuel County Institute is also 2-1 after beating Vidalia 17 to 14. David Emanuel Academy is 1-0 after beating Crisp Academy 34 to 16. SHS Softball is 2-8, ECI Softball is 9-1, while DEA is 1-2. The endangered species of the week is the Purple Vampire Crab.

Judge Jim Daughtry fined President Dess for using his cell phone during the meeting, Cassie McIntyre for her picture in the newspaper, and Tammy Allen for her picture in the paper with Family Connection. A grant was received by Family Connection in support of the EGSC Bobcat Bridge program. Tim Goodman gave a Good News \$1 for Marine Grandson Luke's birthday and visit from California. Frank Patrick gave a \$1 for his daughter moving to Atlanta and his son for being promoted at work. Ginny Smith gave a \$1 for Tracy Mason's daughter Caroline's appearance with the Georgette Dance Team.

Cheryl Goodman presented a framed program from the District Convention memorial service honoring the 88 Kiwanians who passed away this year, including our own Chip Durden and Aaron Correll. Tim Goodman thanked everyone who helped with the Terminator Run on September 28 and announced the Moonshine Run had been cancelled. He gave a brief overview of the District Convention also attended by Cheryl Goodman and Gary Howard. Gary gave a report of the incoming Governor Byron Mullican's golf game. Tim also passed out information on the Kiwanis polo shirt orders for the club.

The program for the evening was hosted by Deana Patrick, who introduced Scotty Hattaway, the new Superintendent of the Emanuel County School System. Mr. Hattaway comes to Emanuel County from Pierce County with lots of public-school experience. He gave us information about the ESPLOST vote on November 2. Emanuel County approved its first ESPLOST (Special Purpose Option Sales Tax for Education) in 1997 and has approved a continuation of the program every five years, with the current ESPLOST ending in June 2022. If passed the new ESPLOST will continue the 1-cent ESPLOST sales tax that was started in 1997. By law, ESPLOST funds must be used for construction and equipment for educational purposes. It cannot pay for operating expenses like salaries. The ESPLOST lasts a maximum of five years or until \$20 million is raised. This is not a property tax and is levied for goods and services sold in Emanuel County. That means everyone contributes to support education. The main purpose of the funds will be continued improvement of facilities and security and safety measures. It will also fund equipment purchases, purchase of instructional materials, upgrade of technology, and additional buses.



The key lime cake, donated by Joe Ware and baked by Cindy Ware, brought \$52 and was won by Bobby Seamans. Tracy Mason won the Domino's pizza.

KIWANIS REMINDERS

September 21 Installation

Host: Dess Smith
Cake: Petite Garrett

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