

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

April 3, 2007

In the absence of President John Black, Vice President Bob Losser ably presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:00 sharp. Gary Couse led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tobe Karrh gave the invocation. By my unofficial count, we had 25 Kiwanians present tonight.

Sports

According to sports reporter Tobe Karrh, last week was a busy one in the world of Sports. In basketball, the University of Florida is once again the National Champion after defeating Ohio State in Atlanta. This marks the second year in a row that the Gators have claimed that title. In baseball, the 2007 season has opened, and the Braves won their first game. On the NASCAR scene, Jimmie Johnson won a race at Martinsville, Virginia. In golf, Adam Scott won the Houston Open; and Morgan Pressel at age 18 became the youngest winner of a major championship in LPGA history by winning the Kraft Nabisco Championship in Miami. Also in golf, the Masters is underway in Augusta. Practice rounds began Monday, and the tournament will be held Thursday through Sunday. Some of the press seem ready to concede the tournament to Tiger Woods, but we'll see what happens.

Court

I think Judge Charles Brewer was about to recess court for the night, but unfortunately Vice President Bob neglected to call on the Judge. Judge Brewer then opened court and promptly fined Bob for that oversight.

Announcements

Bobby Seamans was nominated and elected to fill the vacant position of Second Vice President.

Vice President Bob announced the following persons to serve as a committee to work with the Community Festival Foundation: James Smith, Caroline Harless, Bill Breedlove, and Bob Losser.

Tim Goodman made one last plea that ads be turned in. If you have not already done so, your ads should be turned into his secretary, Denise Claxton, by Thursday at the absolute latest. Material is due to the Forest Blade on Friday.

The next Board meeting, hosted by David Bartram, will be at the Coleman House on Thursday, April 12.

Rodney Beckworth reminded us of Fun Day at Pre-K on Friday, April 13. A group of volunteers will meet on Thursday, April 12, afternoon to prepare cotton candy in advance. Additional volunteers will be needed at the Pre-K on Friday morning, April 13, at 9:00.

Program

Vice President Bob Losser with technical assistance from Tim Goodman presented the program for program Chair Jim Harrell. He presented a very interesting and educational video on the cliff dwellers along the Gila River in ancient New Mexico. Since I did not take a lot of notes on the program, I thought you might enjoy the following pictures and information, which I retrieved from www.answers.com.



The cliff dwellers were [Native Americans](#) of the [Anasazi culture](#) who were builders of the ancient cliff dwellings found in the canyons and on the mesas of the U.S. Southwest, principally on the tributaries of the Rio Grande and the Colorado River in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado. It was once thought that these ruins were the work of an extinct aboriginal people, but it has been established that they were built (11th–14th cent.) by the ancestors of the present [Pueblo](#). The dwellings were large communal habitations built on ledges in the canyon walls and on the flat tops of the mesas. Access to the cliffs was very difficult and thus highly defensible against nomadic predatory tribes such as the Navajo. The cliff dwellers were sedentary agriculturists who planted crops in the river valleys below their high-perched houses. They were experts at irrigating the fields. Their lives were organized on a communal pattern, and the many kivas (see [kiva](#)) show that their religious ceremonies were like those of the Pueblo today. Many of the dwellings are now in national parks. Some of the better-known ones are those of the [Mesa Verde National Park](#), in Colorado, where there are more than 300 dwellings; Canyons of the Ancients and Yucca House national monuments, also in Colorado; Hovenweep National Monument, in Utah; Bandelier and Gila Cliff Dwellings national monuments, in New Mexico; and [Canyon de Chelly](#), Casa Grande Ruins, [Montezuma Castle](#), and Wupatki national monuments, in Arizona

Door Prizes

The cake tonight was a humming bird cake, provided by Jim Daughtry. It was won by Bill Rountree, who repeated Wes Stramoski's feat of last week by drawing his own ticket. Jimmy Wedincamp won the Domino's Pizza provided by Chris Cann. Jim Hendrickson and Bobby Seamans won the take out meals.

New Member



We welcome our newest member, Jim Hendrickson, pictured here with Ron McCroskey, who sponsored him for membership. Jim comes as pastor of the Swainsboro Presbyterian Church. He comes from Omaha, Nebraska, where he has lived for the past 38 years. He pastored 5 churches there

during that time. In addition to pastoring the churches, Jim was a Rural Letter Carrier, retiring from that position in 1999.

He was born in New York City and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. He served four years in the U.S. Navy, working with the Seabees, a construction battalion. His primary responsibility was working with heavy equipment such as cranes and bulldozers. He still maintains an interest in working on cars. His wife is Chris, and they have four grown sons. Jim tells me that he was a member of a Kiwanis Club for a while in Omaha. He is enjoying our community. We are pleased to welcome him and Chris to Swainsboro and to the Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
April 10	Jim Daughtry	Club
April 17	Roger Peebles	Gary Couse
April 24	Ron McCroskey	Jim Harrell
May 1	L. H. Weise	David Bartram
May 8	Tim Goodman	Joe Hoke
July 3 – 7	International Convention, San Antonio, TX	
August 17 – 19	Georgia District Convention, Albany	

Program Note

Next Tuesday, Jim Daughtry has invited Beverly Johnson of Stillmore as his guest. She will be speaking about the Stillmore Museum, which has just opened.

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