

# The Swainsboro Kiwanian

December 5, 2006



On a cold, crisp December evening, we had 19 Kiwanians and 2 guests to turn out for our weekly meeting. Yes, it is December, and before you know it, Christmas will be here. The Christmas tree in our meeting room reminds us of that.

President John Black rang the bell, calling us to order promptly at 7:00, and asked David Bartram to lead the pledge and Bob Losser to give the invocation. By the way, I've been telling you for three weeks that we would meet tonight in the side room rather than our regular place, but we were there where we always meet. Evidently, some plans were changed so that our regular room was available for us. Sorry for the wrong information.

Jim Daughtry introduced Bert Stewart as his guest. Bert has helped us make popcorn at some of our events, and we were glad to have him at our meeting. Our second guest will be introduced later.

## Note of Condolence

Sincere condolences are extended to Bill Rountree in the death of his sister, Katherine Rountree Quillian, on November 29, in LaGrange, Georgia, at the age of 89. Bill, you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

## Information for Club Members

Spouses' night at Christmas will be on December 19. If you were not here tonight or did not sign up for it, please let Adi Galloway know by next Tuesday, December 12. You can telephone her at 289-2025 or email her at [galloway@ega.edu](mailto:galloway@ega.edu). Tim Goodman has the program, and I am sure it will be one that you will enjoy.

President John read a note from the Pilot Club, thanking us for supporting them on a project to purchase tracking devices for people such as Alzheimer patients who have a tendency to wander off and get lost. This is a potentially life saving device.

President John also reported that we received a thank-you from the Auditory-Verbal Center for our contribution to the "Buck-N-Ear" project. This center works with hearing impaired children to provide a liberating and empowering reintroduction to life. Additionally, through this project, the impact of hearing aid costs to families with hearing-impaired children, adults, and the elderly is

lessened. Doesn't it make you feel good to belong to an organization that supports work such as this!

We received a patch to go on our banner for participating in the Buck-N-Ear program.

President John re-emphasized the importance of growing the membership of our club. Most of us probably know several people that would make good Kiwanians, and we need to invite them to join with us to work toward the betterment of our community.

The Board of Directors with spouses will meet on December 14 at the home of Dess Smith. If you are a director and have not let Dess know you are coming, you need to let him know.

### **Court**

In the absence of Judge Charles Brewer, Assistant Judge Raymond Hendrix recessed court, saying it is too close to Christmas for that.

December birthdays include John Blackburn, Paul Cerpovicz, Ron McCroskey, James Smith, Johnny Ray Stafford, and Wes Stramosky. Happy birthday to all these Kiwanians, and don't forget to see the Judge.

### **Sports**

Sports Reporter Tobe Karrh was not able to be here tonight, but he is on the job, sending his report by way of President John. He reports that Wake Forest defeated Georgia Tech, Florida defeated Arkansas, catapulting them into the national championship game against Ohio State, and UCLA defeated USC.

The bowl picture is becoming clearer. Boise State meets Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl; Wake Forest vs. Louisville in the Orange Bowl; LSU vs. Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl; Michigan vs. USC in the Rose Bowl; Auburn vs. Nebraska in the Cotton Bowl; UGA vs. Va. Tech in the Chick-Filet Bowl (formerly Peach Bowl), and Ga. Tech vs. West Va. in the Gator Bowl.

### **The Program**



Ed Bolton was the program chair tonight, and he invited Garland Thompson, brother of Clarence, as his guest to entertain us tonight. Garland regaled us with a selection of traditional Christmas carols and songs to put us in the Christmas spirit. He sang a few selections himself and invited the club to sing along with him on some of

them. We didn't do so badly. In fact, with a little more practice, we could probably make a CD and have a decent shot at a Grammy. Can't you just see it now: "Swainsboro Kiwanis Chorus wins

Grammy.” The finale of the program featured Tim Goodman along with Garland doing “Daddy Sang Bass, Mama Sang Tenor.” Thanks Tim, and thanks Garland for a very entertaining program.

### **Door Prizes**

Bobby Seamans won the cake tonight, which was a Fresh Apple Cake furnished by Jim Dekle. Adi won the Domino’s pizza, provided by Chris Cann. No takeout meals were awarded tonight.

### *Kiwanis Kalendar*

	Program	Cake
December 12	David Bartram	Dwight Watt
December 19	Tim Goodman	
Spouses’ Night Christmas celebration.		
December 26	<b>Christmas Holidays – No Meeting</b>	
January 2	Justin Peebles	Bob Losser
January 9	Stacey Barber	Rodney Beckworth

Program Chairs: Let me know your program as soon as you nail it down, and I’ll put it in the bulletin ahead of time so our members will know what is coming up. You can phone me at home or email me at [edbolton@ega.edu](mailto:edbolton@ega.edu)

### **Next Program**

David Bartram is program chair next week, and he has invited Buck Marshington of the Department of Natural resources to speak. He will be talking about quail, and the program should be very interesting. Come on out and see what you can learn about quail.

### **Some Kiwanis Facts**

#### **What is the Kiwanis Motto?**

"Serving the Children of the World"

#### **What are Kiwanians?**

Kiwanians are men and women from all walks of life, united in their commitment to serving children and their communities worldwide.

#### **How much community service is done by Kiwanis clubs around the world?**

In one year, Kiwanis clubs sponsored 147,000 service projects. To do so, Kiwanians raised and spent nearly \$100 million and contributed 6.2 million hours of volunteer time.

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