

# The Swainsboro Kiwanian

January 2, 2007

Yes, that's a 2007. It doesn't seem all that long ago that we were trying to get used to 2006, and now here it is 2007! I hope that it is a great year for you and your family, and for our Kiwanis Club. If you made any New Year's Resolutions, good luck.

We had a good crowd for the first meeting of 2007, with 24 Kiwanians and 2 guests. Gary Couse had as his guest Joseph Tillman, who goes by his initials J.T. Thanks to Gary for bringing J.T. tonight.

President John Black began the meeting promptly at 7:00 by asking Gary Couse to lead the pledge and Ed Bolton to offer the invocation. President John called our attention to a story in a recent issue of the Blade that reported that Kiwanis Club had 50 members 50 years ago. Olan Flanders said he was a member of the club at that time. Congratulations Olan. President John challenged us to regain that membership.

The club was saddened tonight to learn of the death of Betty Harris, widow of former Kiwanian Red Harris, who edited the bulletin so well for many years. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

The club was glad to see Joe Hoke return after an absence of several weeks. Good to have you back, Joe, and we hope that you will continue to do well.

## Announcements

Our chili supper will be held on Friday, January 19. Everyone received tickets to sell. Assignments for that night were handed out at the same time. I will print the assignments in next week's bulletin. As Tim Goodman said one time, "Sell, sell, sell!" Let's see who sells the most tickets. This is one of our significant fund raising events, so let's all get behind Dess Smith and David Bartram. It will take all of us working together to make it a success.

Tim Goodman said that he will be going to visit the Brooklet club on Tuesday, January 16. This club meets at 6:30. This is a good opportunity for an interclub. There is also an opportunity to visit The Vidalia Club on Tuesday, January 23. They meet at noon, so if you can't go in the evening, perhaps you might want to attend this one. See Travis Garrett if you are interested in either of these interclub possibilities.

The Division rally will be held on Saturday, February 3, at 6:00 at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds in Statesboro. The Bobcat Chorale will be

singing. Those of you who heard them at the Farm City banquet know what kind of a treat is awaiting us, and those who could not attend that night have another opportunity to hear this outstanding group. The Governor of Georgia District of Kiwanis will be there that night, and I am sure it will be an interesting program. Let's support President John and Lieutenant Governor Tim in a big way.

## **Court**

The only fine handed out tonight by Judge Charles Brewer was to Lieutenant Governor Tim Goodman. Tim had his picture in the newspaper and didn't get a word about Kiwanis in the story. As I have said before, that publicity can get expensive.

January birthdays include Rodney Beckworth, Chris Cann, Lee Grier, Roger Peebles, and Dwight Watt.

## **Sports**

We have had, and in fact are still having quite a bowl season. Probably the two most surprising outcomes were the Georgia win in the Chick Filet Bowl (i.e. Peach Bowl) after being down 21 to 3 at half time. The other one was the Boise State win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. There was certainly an opportunity to see a large number of collegiate teams on display during the past week!

## **Program**



Justin Peebles was our program chair tonight. He invited his pastor Tom Akins to speak to us.

Tom is associated with a mission organization, ChurchhQuake

International, which works in a number of countries including, Haiti and Trinidad, in the Caribbean, in Zimbabwe in Africa, and in West Virginia in our own country. In Haiti, Churchquake has an orphanage, which cares for 80 children. There is also an orphanage in Zimbabwe. In West Virginia, there is a high school, where among other things, computer repair and computer usage are taught. Through this school, students can learn skills that can help them earn a living in rural areas of West Virginia. Like the Kiwanis Club, ChurchQuake emphasizes helping children.

ChurchQuake is supported through individual donations and by donations from churches of a variety of denominations.

ChurchQuake is an interdenominational ministry. Thanks to Justin for a very informative program.

## Door Prizes

The cake tonight, a New York cheese cake baked by Vivian Losser was won by J.T., Gary's guest. President John's ticket won the Domino's Pizza, donated by Chris Cann. The takeout meals were won by Roger Peebles and Rodney Beckworth

## *Kiwanis Kalendar*

	Program	Cake
January 9	Stacey Barber	Rodney Beckworth
January 16	Dwight Watt	Jimmy Wedincamp
January 23	Tobe Karrh	Paul Cerpovicz
January 30	Chris Cann	Bobby Seamans
February 6	Hank Evans	Bill Rountree

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)

## A Groaner for the Golfers in the Club

A golfer finds a lamp in the woods next to the fourteenth hole. He picks it up, rubs the side, and a genie appears. The genie says, "Look, I've been dying to get out of here for 3000 years, but I have only one wish left to grant, so what'll it be?"

The golfer says, "I've been playing golf for 30 years, and I've always wanted to play at the Augusta National. Can you get me a round there?" The genie winces and says, "I'm sorry, but you know how hard it is for anyone to play the Augusta National without an invitation from the club. This is one wish I cannot grant. Do you have another wish?"

The golfer says, "OK, can you make the Americans win the Ryder Cup?" The genie says, "How soon can you get to Augusta?"

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