

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

January 30, 2007

President John Black convened the weekly meeting of our club promptly at 7:00. Tim Goodman led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Roger Peebles pronounced the invocation.

My unofficial attendance count was 27, including three guests. Gary Couse had as his guest J.T. Tillman. J.T. is a prospective member for our club.

Sports

Tobe Karrh had no sports report tonight, but we are awaiting the outcome of the Super Bowl Sunday. President John mentioned the success of the UGA basketball team recently. They really like the heart-stoppers, since they wait until the final buzzer to clinch the game, as they did against LSU last weekend. Go Dawgs!

Court

The only fines Judge Charles Brewer could muster tonight were levied against President John and Pine Tree Festival Chairperson James Smith for not being present at the beauty pageants last weekend.

Announcements

Lieutenant Governor Tim Goodman reminded us of the Division Rally Saturday night at 6:00 at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds in Statesboro. We have had a good number of our members to sign up to attend and look forward to a very interesting evening.

Charles Brewer reported that attendance was slim at the beauty pageants last weekend.

Spouses' night will be on February 13. Hey, that's the night before Valentines! If you didn't sign up tonight, I'm sure you can sign up next week, or you can call Adi Galloway at 289-2025 or email her at galloway@ega.edu to let her know if you can attend. President John is program chair for that evening, and I'm sure we can look forward to a very good program.

There has been some discussion concerning changes to the Pine Tree Festival as reported in the bulletin recently. For those who are interested in attending a discussion of this, a public meeting will be held next Wednesday, February 7 at 4:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, and every two weeks thereafter. Anyone who wishes to attend may do so and simply listen or offer input.

The Program

Our program chair tonight was Chris Cann, and he was ably assisted by Bob Losser, who introduced the program. The speaker was Trina Fountain, who is the Swainsboro Historic Tree Program Chairman. She was accompanied by Rodney Kellam, forestry instructor at Swainsboro Technical College. Rodney and Trina are pictured below.



The object of the Historic Tree Project is to preserve and propagate national trees of historic significance. In Swainsboro, we have trees honoring Medal of Honor winners, Presidents, and a number of well known figures, some living and some deceased. They have acquired cultivars from magnolias from Arlington National Cemetery, Jimmy Carter's birthplace, and Helen Keller's home. They have an Eastern Rosebud from the Trail of Tears. On Tiger Trail, they have planted a cottonwood from Walt Disney's birthplace and a white oak from the headquarters of Ringling Brothers Barnum and Baily Circus, and they have a red maple from Walden Pond, which they hope to plant at the library. They have a collection of twenty trees related to Presidents, and these will be planted at the Industrial Park, the airport, and the new police station.

They have a total thus far of 40 cultivars plus the 20 presidential trees, all of which will be planted in public places. Thanks to Chris for a very interesting program and to Trina and Rodney for bringing it to us.

Door Prizes

Trina and Rodney donated a book on historic trees, which was won by Justin Peebles. (If you are interested in purchasing a copy, they are available for \$25 from Rodney Kellam at Swainsboro Tech.) The cake, a four layer strawberry cake was won by Dwight Watt. Rodney Beckworth won the Domino's Pizza, furnished by Chris Cann. The takeout meals were won by Chip Durden and Gary Couse. As always, congratulations to all the winners.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
February 3	Division Rally	Statesboro
February 6	Hank Evans	Bill Rountree
February 13	John Black	No Cake
	Sweetheart Night	
February 20	Raymond Hendrix	Danny Tapley
February 27	Paul Cerpovicz	Caroline Harless
March 6	Greg Barwick	James Smith
March 10	Mid-Winter Conference	Perry, GA
July 3 – 7	International Convention	San Antonio, TX
August 17 – 19	Georgia District Convention	Albany

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

Some Highlights from Kiwanis History

- 1916 -- The first convention, May 18-19, in Cleveland, Ohio, unified the founding clubs into "The National Kiwanis Club," and a Constitution was approved. George F. Hixson was elected to the first of his two terms as President of the National Kiwanis Club. Later that year, headlines would proclaim "Kiwanis Becomes International," when the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, was organized on November 1.
- 1919 -- Kiwanis declared its independence in Birmingham, Alabama. In a wave of check writing, attendees raised \$17,500 in one-half hour to buy Kiwanis from founder Allen Browne.
- 1922 -- The first convention staged outside the United States was in Toronto, Ontario.
- 1924 — Kiwanis' six permanent Objects were adopted during the convention in Denver, Colorado. During the same convention, the first song was written for Kiwanis. George Sanford Holmes, president of the Kiwanis Club of Denver, wrote the words to *Onward in Kiwanis* for the convention that year.

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