

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

July 10, 2007

After missing last week for Independence Day, it was good to see everyone back last night. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

In the absence of President John Black, Vice President Bobby Seamans called the meeting to order at our usual time. Jim Daughtry led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Chip Durden offered the invocation.

Sports

Tobe Karrh brought us up to date in the Sports world. In golf, Brad Bryant won the Senior Open, and K.S. Choy won the AT&T National.

In tennis, Roger Federer won at Wimbledon on the men's side, and Vanessa Williams won on the women's. Scott Dixon won at Watson Glenn.

Jamie McMurray won the Pepsi 400 at Daytona.

Finally, the Braves beat the padres.

Court

Court was in recess for tonight, since the scofflaws the judge was looking for were not here.

July birthdays include Chip Durden, Carroll Gambrell, and Jim Harrell. The club wishes a happy birthday to each of these and reminds them to see the judge.

Announcements

On this Saturday, the Kiwanis Club will be providing hot dogs at the Franklin Memorial Library to conclude a teen summer reading program. Help is needed. If you can be there at 11:00, come and assist.

Lieutenant Governor Tim Goodman will be going to Savannah next Tuesday, leaving about 11:00 A.M. If you are interested in being part of an Interclub let him know.

The Directors will be meeting this Thursday night at the home of L.H. Weise.

We had two interclubs at the International Convention in San Antonio last week. Representing our club were Dwight Watt, Lee Grier, Lieutenant Governor Tim Goodman, and past Governor Chip Durden. (Note: It normally requires four Kiwanians to make up an interclub, but at the International Convention, two constitute an interclub.) Chip reported that it was a very good meeting, and everyone enjoyed attending and seeing the sights of San Antonio.

Program



Program chair tonight was Jim Hendrickson. He invited John Terwilliger as his speaker. Pictured above are left to right, John, Bob Dyches, and Jim. John came representing the Gideons, and he brought fellow Gideon Bob Dyches along.

John told us that the Gideons are an association of Christian business and professional men bound together to distribute copies of the Bible and serve as an evangelistic arm of the church. The organization was founded in 1897, which means it has existed for a hundred and ten years. Currently there are Gideon organizations in 181 of the world's countries, according to John. They distribute the Bible in eighty-three languages. The Gideons are well known for placing Bibles in hotel and motel rooms, and they do this world wide. They are even going to be allowed to place Bibles in the hotels of Beijing during the Olympics.

In addition to placing Bibles in hotels and motels, they are also placed in hospitals and nursing homes, distributed in schools where allowed, given to nurses and service men, and even distributed to prisoners.

John related several stories that the Gideons have received from people, telling the positive effect that a Gideon Bible had in their lives.

Thanks to Jim for arranging this program and to John and Bob for bringing it to us.

Door Prizes

The cake tonight was a red velvet cake, provided by Ron McCroskey. Bob Dyches was asked to draw the ticket, and L.H. Weise held the lucky one. Jim Hendrickson won the Domino's pizza, provided by Chris Cann. L.H. also held the ticket for the first meal given away, but he relinquished it to someone else. Maybe L.H. should go out and buy some lottery tickets, since he seems to be on a lucky streak! At any rate, the meals were won by Tim Goodman and James Smith. Congratulations to the winners.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
July 17	Caroline Harless	Greg Barwick
July 24	Stacey Barber	Carroll Gambrell
July 31	Bobby Seamans	Club
August 7	Jim Dekle	Lee Grier
August 17 – 19	Georgia District Convention, Albany	
August 14	Ed Bolton	Olan Flanders

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

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The Kiwanis family comprises more than 15,000 clubs of adult and youth members in more than 90 countries and geographic areas.

If you have not checked out our club's website recently, take a look, at www.swainsborokiwanis.org. Thanks to Dwight Watt for the work he does to maintain this for us. If you haven't done so recently, you might also want to take a look at the Kiwanis International site at www.kiwanis.org. You'll notice that the site has been revamped recently. I encourage you to look at both of these sites.

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