

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

June 26, 2007

President John Black called the meeting to order at 7:00. David Bartram led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tim Goodman gave the invocation.

We were pleased to have two visitors with us tonight. They were David Flanders, son of Olen Flanders, and Anthony Ferris. It was good to have them with us.

Sports

Tobe Karrh filled us in on happenings in the world of sports. As Tobe said, the Braves continue to be Bravish, being swept by the Tigers over the weekend, but coming back on Monday to beat the Washington Nationals. You never know about the Braves. On the NASCAR scene, Juan Pablo Montoya, a Columbian, won at Sonoma, California. Look for more sports next week.

Court

Judge Charles Brewer had a rather busy evening tonight. It seems that the paper was filled with pictures of Kiwanians. Jim Daughtry and Caroline Harless both were nabbed for having their pictures in the local paper. Justin Peebles was fined for coming in late.

Announcements

We had an interclub to Statesboro last Thursday. Along with Lieutenant Governor Tim Goodman, Chip Durden, Paul Cerpovicz, and Ron McCroskey attended the meeting.

Tim will be going to Savannah on July 17 for a noon meeting. This is another opportunity for an interclub. Let him know if you are interested in going.

President John announced that the club received a thank-you note from the Kiwanis Foundation for a donation that we made. In addition to the note, we will be receiving a patch for our banner.

We also received a note from the Audio Verbal Center in Atlanta for a donation given there. As you know, Cookie Smith, wife of Governor Dewey Smith supports this strongly.

Important Notice !!!

Due to the Independence Day holiday on Wednesday of next week, there will be no Kiwanis meeting on July 3. Have a safe and pleasant holiday.

Program



Program Chair Tobe Karrh invited his pastor, Dr. Bob Blankenship, of First Baptist Church, to bring us an inspirational thought, and Bob certainly did this. He began by noting that the first object of Kiwanis is to give primacy to the spiritual rather than the material value of life. He also reminded us that one of our goals as Kiwanians is to change the world one child at a time.

He brought three points to us as inspirational thoughts. First, he said that human beings are religious or spiritual people. While everyone may not be associated with a particular church or denomination, all of us give time, energy, and resources to what we think is the ultimate thing in life. Secondly, he pointed out the stages of growth or development in life. Some call these the seasons of life, with spring representing birth and youth, summer representing the transition to adulthood leading to the winter of life. He noted that we can and often do experience all of these season in a single day. Finally, he noted the importance of our identity and that it goes deeper than what we do, but is really who we are, and he noted the importance of leading children to establish their identity.

Thanks to Tobe for bringing Bob, and thanks to Bob for a very delightful and inspirational program.

Door Prizes

The cake tonight was a “you name it” to be provided by Ed Bolton. Caroline Harless won the cake and will receive a chocolate layer cake. Jim Hendrickson won the Domino’s Pizza, provided by Chris Cann. He also won one of the take-out meals. The other take-out meal was won by Bill Rountree.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
July 3	Independence Day – No Meeting	
July 3 – 7	International Convention, San Antonio, TX	
July 10	Jim Hendrickson	Ron McCroskey
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	

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

Independence Day

Did you know that the three signers of the Declaration of Independence from the state of Georgia were Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, and George Walton? All three of these men have Georgia Counties named for them.

Sometimes, we don’t think about what the signers of the Declaration of Independence risked in signing the document, but they were literally putting their lives and fortunes on the line. Take a few moments this Independence Day and give thanks for the freedoms that we as Americans enjoy.