

# The Swainsboro Kiwanian

March 27, 2007

In the absence of President John Black, Vice President Bob Losser presided. The pledge of allegiance was led by Charles Brewer, and Ed Bolton offered the invocation. There was a fairly small crowd tonight, with only 22 Kiwanians present.

Bob read a note from the Hank Evans family expressing appreciation to the club for the flower arrangement that we sent and for serving as honorary pall bearers. The note stressed how much the Kiwanis Club meant to Hank.

## Sports

It was a busy week in the world of sports according to Sports Reporter Tobe Karrh. Tiger Woods won another championship. Lorena Ochoa won the LPGA tournament. The final four have been determined: The University of Florida, Georgetown, UCLA, and Ohio State. The finals of the NCAA tournament are always interesting to see and, of course, are in Atlanta. Finally, Kyle Busch won a race at Bristol, Tennessee.

## Court

Judge Brewer held court tonight, and fined Bill Breedlove for being late. He later reopened court and fined John Allen Bailey in absentia for not having a program.

## Pine Tree Festival Activities

James Smith reported that the committee headed by Roger Peebles has chosen a winner in our slogan contest. The winner is Zach Cowart, a tenth grader at ECI. His slogan is: "Think smart! Think Future! Plant Pines!" Congratulations to Zach; and thanks to Roger and his committee for selecting the winner.

**The Tabloid deadline is next Tuesday, April 3.** If you have not turned in your ads, they must be turned in by the deadline. If you have ads and want to turn them in before next Tuesday, you may call Tim Goodman at 289-2034 or 237-9067, and he will make arrangements to get them. If you are unable to sell your ads, let Tim know ASAP, and he will try to find someone to assist you. **SELL! SELL! SELL!**

## Other Announcements

Acting President Bob announced that L.H. Weise has been named to the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Dwight Watt. Dwight has taken a new job out of town and will continue as a member of the club.

Next Board meeting will be April 12 with David Bartram as host.

April 13 is fun day at Pre-K, and Rodney Beckworth will need all the help he can get that day. Reporting time is 9:00 a.m.

In a called meeting of the Board of Directors following tonight's meeting, the Board received a request from Ann Rogers at Swainsboro Elementary School to borrow our popcorn and cotton candy machines for a festival at the school. The Board granted the request.

## Door Prizes

The cake was furnished tonight by Charles Brewer. Wes Stramoski drew his own ticket to win the cake. Charles won the Domino's Pizza provided by Chris Cann. Travis Garrett and Ron McCrosky won the takeout meals.

## *Kiwanis Kalendar*

	Program	Cake
April 3	Jim Harrell	Jim Daughtry
April 10	Jim Daughtry	Club
April 17	Roger Peebles	Gary Couse
April 24	Ron McCroskey	Jim Harrell
May 1	L. H. Weise	David Bartram
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](mailto:edbolton@ega.edu)

## Program Note

On April 10, Jim Daughtry has invited Beverly Johnson of Stillmore as his guest. She will be speaking about the Stillmore Museum, which has just opened.

## A Note about our National Anthem

Francis Scott Key was a deeply religious man. At one time in his life, he almost gave up his law practice to enter the ministry. Instead, he resolved to become involved in the Episcopal Church. Because of his religious beliefs, Key was strongly opposed to the War of 1812. However, due to his deep love for his country, he did serve for a brief time in the Georgetown field artillery in 1813.

During the War of 1812, Dr. William Beanes, a close friend of Key's was taken prisoner by the British. Since Key was a well-known lawyer, he was asked to assist in efforts to get Dr. Beanes released. Knowing that the British were in the Chesapeake Bay, Key left for Baltimore. There Key met with Colonel John Skinner, a government agent who arranged for prisoner exchanges. Together, they set out on a small boat to meet the Royal Navy

On board the British flagship, the officers were very kind to Key and Skinner. They agreed to release Dr. Beanes. However, the three men were not permitted to return to Baltimore until after the bombardment of Fort McHenry. The three Americans were placed aboard the American ship and waited behind the British fleet. From a distance of approximately eight miles, Key and his friends watched the British bombard Fort McHenry.

After 25 hours of continuous bombing, the British decided to leave since they were unable to destroy the fort as they had hoped. Realizing that the British had ceased the attack, Key looked toward the fort to see if the flag was still there. To his relief, the flag was still flying! Quickly, he wrote down the words to a poem which was soon handed out as a handbill under the title "Defence of Fort McHenry." It was renamed "The Star-Spangled Banner" by an adoring public. It became a popular patriotic song. It was not until 1931, however, that it became our national anthem.

After the war, Francis Scott Key continued to live a very religious life. He was well-liked by his friends and was active in society. On January 11, 1843, while visiting his daughter in Baltimore, Key died of pleurisy. To honor the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner," there are monuments at: Fort McHenry; on Eutaw Street in Baltimore; at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, Maryland; and at the Presidio in San Francisco, California.



Shortly before the War of 1812, two new states were added to the Union and a flag consisting of 15 stars and 15 stripes was created. The *Star Spangled Banner*, flying over Fort McHenry during a British naval bombardment, inspired Francis Scott Key to compose what later become our National Anthem. The restored flag now hangs in the Smithsonian.

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