

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

November 7, 2006

President John Black called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00. Gary Couse led the club in the pledge, and Chip Durden offered the invocation. On this rather damp election night, we had 23 or 24 Kiwanians present.

In the absence of Tobe Karrh, Hank Evans presented the Sports report tonight. (Apologies to Tobe for omitting the sports report from last week's bulletin.) ECI beat Portal, Swainsboro High beat Screven County, and DEA lost to somebody. Georgia Southern lost to Wofford and Georgia lost to Kentucky, while Georgia Tech beat North Carolina State. The Falcons lost one this weekend to Detroit. Tony Stewart won a race at the Texas Speedway. And now you know the local and state sports news.

Judge Brewer collected several outstanding birthday fines tonight. Bob Losser, Tim Goodman, and Bobby Seamans paid for their birthdays and then paid for not paying sooner. Get that birthday dollar to the judge before he hauls you before the court! Bill Breedlove was fined for not appearing until after the bell sounded.

President John announced that Joe Hoke is in the hospital again. Our prayers go out to him and Gladys.



John Black was our program chair for tonight. We were honored to have as our speaker tonight Dr. James Meindl, who is Director of the Joseph Pettit Microelectronics Research Center and the Pettit Chair Professor of Microelectronics at the

Georgia Institute of Technology. He spoke to us about the field of nano-technology. Nano-technology refers to building up a structure atom by atom. Through the marvels of nano-technology we are able to enjoy products such as the personal computer, the cell phone, and the internet.

According to Professor Meindl, some of the benefits of nano-technology will include more stain resistant clothing; paint that is so durable, it will outlast the structure to which it is applied; and advances in medicine that will allow a drug to be directed to a particular organ in the body. This holds out great hope in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, as chemotherapy can be directed

to the point where it is needed, and have less of an effect on the rest of the body.

Some of the surprising information that he shared with us concerned the miniaturization of electronic equipment, particularly the silicon chip that powers microcomputers. He said that in 1970, he could buy a computer chip (about the size of the fingernail on your little finger) containing a handful of transistors for about \$20.00. Today, you can buy a chip containing a billion transistors for guess what – about \$20.00. As a result of the increase in the number of transistors on a chip, computers have become smaller and more powerful.

The end result of this technology can lead to a global information system, a global communication system, and a global educational system. The ultimate goal of nano-technology research is that the quality of life for all the people of the earth may be enhanced to unprecedented levels. Thanks to Dr. Meindl for an interesting and informative program and to John for inviting him.

The cake drawing tonight was very interesting. Last week, just before the ticket was drawn, Jim Dekle said to me, “You’re going to win the cake.” I won the cake last week. Tonight, as we were going through the buffet line, he said, “Hank is going to win the cake tonight.” Hank Evans won the cake. Is that luck, or does Jim have something going?

Adi Galloway won the Domino’s pizza, furnished by Chris Cann. Hank held the first ticket drawn for the take home meal, but he passed it on. Bob Losser and Rodney Beckworth won the two take home meals. Hank’s table seemed to have all the luck tonight. He may need a bigger table next week!

Be sure and note that our meeting next week will not be held at Catered Creations, but will be held at Swainsboro Middle School on Tiger Trail. We will be observing Farm City Week, a long-standing tradition for our Club. An interesting program has been planned for the evening, and I am sure that you will enjoy it and learn some valuable information. See you there.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
November 14	Farm City Night	
November 21	Johnny Ray Stafford	Roger Peebles
November 28	Gary Couse	Tim Goodman
December 5	Watch this space for updated information	
	Christmas Celebration Night- Postponed to December 19	

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

November 11 is Veterans Day. This is a day set aside to honor all of our veterans. Be sure and thank the veterans you know for their service to our country, especially those who are veterans of wartime.

In 1919, Congress set aside November 11 as Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I hostilities on November 11, 1918. In 1954, the day was changed to Veterans Day to honor all veterans of the United States Armed Forces

I mentioned several weeks ago that we had several Kiwanians whose pictures are on the World War II Veterans Wall at Franklin Memorial Library. As far as I know, we in fact have five. They are, listed in alphabetical order: Tommy Bellamy (Army), Charles Brewer (Navy), Hank Evans (Army), Jimmy Morgan (Army), and Bill Rountree (Navy). If there are other World War II veterans that I have not listed, let me know; and the library would be pleased to have your picture to place on the Veterans Wall. Thanks to these men and all others who have served our country at any time in any of our Armed Forces.

Dwight Watt maintains the club's website. You can find it at www.swainsborokiwanis.org. On this site, you can find almost anything you want to know about our club. He is posting the bulletins each week, so if you want an early peek, you can see them there. Thanks to Dwight for his efforts.

Just for the fun of it

A chemist walks into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist, "Do you have any acetylsalicylic acid?"

"You mean aspirin?" asked the pharmacist.

"That's it, I can never remember that word."

The renowned cosmogonist Professor Bignumaska, lecturing on the future of the universe, had just stated that in about a billion years, according to her calculations, the earth would fall into the sun in a fiery death. In the back of the auditorium a tremulous voice piped up: "Excuse me, Professor, but h-h-how long did you say it would be?"

Professor Bignumaska calmly replied, "About a billion years."

A sigh of relief was heard. "Whew! for a minute there, I thought you'd said a million years."

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