

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

October 24, 2006

President John Black opened the meeting tonight by asking Travis Garrett to lead the club in the Pledge to the flag and Tim Goodman to give the invocation. We had a good attendance tonight, with 23 Kiwanians (my count) and one guest, Mayor Charles Schwabe.

President John announced that our club was recognized by Relay for Life for our contribution last year. The kickoff for the current drive was tonight, with the theme "Cancer has left the building!"

He also announced that Kiwanis International has a goal of 1,000,000 members by 2015. Our proportionate share of that is 30 new Kiwanians, and the Georgia District needs to recruit about 6200. That is a lot of Kiwanians, but just think how much good they can do.

We had an interclub consisting of President John, Chip Durden, Dwight Watt, and Tim Goodman at the Fall Training Conference.

Judge Charles Brewer raised a little money for the club tonight. Jim Dekle was fined for not making sure his speaker knew what time the meeting started. President John had three pictures in the news, but one of them was a freebie, since it was promoting Kiwanis, but he paid for the other two. David Bartram was also fined for illegal publicity, and Jimmy Wedincamp was fined in absentia for the same offense. Wear that Kiwanis button and be sure it shows if you have your picture in the paper!

In the sports world this past weekend, Swainsboro lost to Jefferson County, DEA lost to Nathaniel Green, ECI defeated Bryan County. Georgia managed to squeak by Mississippi State, and Clemson edged out Georgia Tech. Thanks to Tobe Karrh for keeping us up to date on sports.



Program Chair for tonight was Jim Dekle. Jim invited Mayor Charles Schwabe as his speaker. The mayor gave a very upbeat report on the first year of his term. He reported that the city is in very good shape. One of his major interests is the

promotion of economic growth for Swainsboro, and he had positive things to say in that regard. A new window plant is slated to open in Swainsboro, and will bring 40 or 50 jobs, replacing jobs that were lost when a plant recently closed. The city is in the final stages of negotiation with another company that will bring about 40 jobs to Swainsboro. He also reported that the city and county are working

together to eliminate duplication of services. Overall, he said he has enjoyed being mayor and feels like Swainsboro is on the right track. That kind of news is what we like to hear.

The cake tonight was furnished by Tobe Karrh and won by Justin Peebles. Jim Dekle took home the Domino's Pizza, furnished by Chris Cann. The take-out meals were won by Rodney Beckworth and Tim Goodman. Congratulations to all the winners. Keep buying those tickets and support our club.

Bob Losser, who is program chair next week will have representatives of the Emanuel County Historic Preservation Society as his program. Come on out to the Octoberfest at 5:00, and stay for an interesting Kiwanis meeting right afterwards.

The year book is in preparation and will be ready for distribution soon. In the meantime, program and cake responsibilities are listed in the weekly bulletin.

Please note that the Pine Tree Festival meeting, previously scheduled for Thursday night has been postponed a week. It will be held Thursday, November 2, at 7:00 at East Georgia College. All interested Kiwanians are urged to attend.

James Smith reminded us of Octoberfest to be held October 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Chairmen for the event include James Smith, candy; Bobby Seamans, cokes; Jim Daughtry, popcorn; Dess Smith, balloons; Roger Peebles, apple bobbing, and Tim Goodman, cotton candy. Let's have a good turnout and a great evening for the young people of our community.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
October 31 5:00 – 7:00	Octoberfest on the Boneyard	
October 31	Bob Losser	John Blackburn
November 2 7:00	Pine Tree Festival meeting at EGC	
November 7	Bill Breedlove	Chip Durden
November 14	Farm City Night	
November 21	Johnny Ray Stafford	Roger Peebles

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.

Be sure and put Farm City night on your calendar. This is an activity our club has sponsored for the last 25 years. It will be held at Swainsboro Middle School, and you and your spouse will be invited to attend. As noted above, it will be November 14.

Since we are having Octoberfest on Halloween, here is some information about Halloween that I thought you might find interesting:

When digging for the roots of the modern Halloween, there are three words to keep in mind:

Samhain. The Celts of modern-day Ireland and the UK two and a half millennia ago braced themselves for winter with this festival, which is pronounced "sowen," literally means "summer's end" and falls on November 1. It heralds the beginning of the dark, cold half of the year. (Its counterpart was Beltane, which kicked off the warm, light half of the year on May 1.) The harvest was gathered in to protect against the wintry blast of the faeries' breath, and Samhain was an occasion for thanksgiving, sacrifices, divination and prayers. In each home the hearth-fire was extinguished the night before and relit on Samhain from the central bonfires of the priestly Druids.

Pomona. She is the Roman goddess of fruit trees and the symbol of abundance. There was a festival dedicated to her worship at the end of autumn, around the time of the big harvest. When the Romans arrived in Britain, in the first century, they melded their customs with those of the Celts whom they conquered.

Feralia. This is the ancient Roman festival of the dead, which was held on February 21 with prayers and sacrifices on behalf of the deceased. The customs of this day were also blended by the Romans with those of Samhain. Feralia was superseded in the Christian Church by All Saints Day, also known as All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas, observed on May 13. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III changed the date to November 1 (though it is still marked in springtime, on the Sunday after Pentecost, by the Eastern Orthodox Church). Halloween is a contraction for "Hallow's even" — the evening of All Hallow's Day, i.e., October 31. (Source: www.answers.com)

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