

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

October 31, 2006

A big Kiwanis thanks to James Smith for organizing Octoberfest. We gave away pounds and pounds of candy, popcorn, cokes, balloons, and cotton candy. We had a good crowd of children and adults to come. In fact, we gave away over 500 Kiwanis balloons, many of which are now floating around in the upper atmosphere. A big thanks is due James and his committee chairs including James Smith, candy; Bobby Seamans, cokes; Jim Daughtry, popcorn; Dess Smith, balloons; Roger Peebles, apple bobbing, and Tim Goodman, cotton candy. Thanks also to every Kiwanian that came out to assist, and there was a good representation.

In the absence of President John Black, First Vice President Dess Smith presided over the meeting. Chip Durden led the club in the Pledge, and Travis Garrett offered the invocation.

Judge Charles Brewer recessed court for the evening, but issued ominous threats about next week. November birthdays include Greg Barwick, Ed Bolton, Charles Brewer, and Jimmy Wedincamp. See the judge before the fine is doubled.



Bob Losser was our program chair tonight, and he had as his guests Gloria Mason and Anne Farrar of the Emanuel County Historic Preservation Society. Gloria is president, and Ann is secretary. Ann told us a little about what the Society is doing at their site. They have a village that includes a blacksmith shop

and a schoolhouse. The blacksmith shop is overseen by Dr. Madison Dixon, and he is interested in teaching the craft of blacksmithing. She also spoke of the need to paint and do other maintenance on the exhibits. The Society collects printed material, and there is a need for a climate controlled facility in which to maintain these articles.

Gloria Mason gave us an interesting history of Blundale, which was formerly called Smithville. She related how the Emanuel Farm Company grew and ultimately declined, and how the forest products vastly increased the value of the land, not only in that section of the county but throughout the county. The pine tree and its products are of great significance to the county, a fact which is recognized by the Kiwanis Club through our Pine Tree Festival.

The cake was furnished by John Blackburn and won by Ed Bolton. The Domino's Pizza, furnished by Chris Cann was won by Tasha Seamans. There were no take-out meals tonight.

Here is the poem that President John read last week as a challenge to the club. It was written by Philip Gold, who is the District Chair for New Club Building North. He wrote it during the recent Fall Training Conference.

How Much Can One Person Do?

How much can one person do?
About twice as much as two,
But two do so much more when two and two are four.
Yet, though the work is great,
It is better when there are eight!
Now eight is quite a team,
When doubled to sixteen!
The math is up to you to get to thirty-two.
One million on the scene,
By two thousand and fifteen.

We need 30 new members in our club as our share of the goal. Let's get to it.



This week, the Kiwanis spotlight is on longtime Kiwanian Bill Rountree. Bill is a native of Swainsboro and a graduate of Swainsboro High School. He attended North Georgia College and received his law degree from the University of Georgia and has practiced law in Swainsboro since 1948.

Bill is a World War II veteran, having served in the United States Navy. He served at the Underway Training Center in San Diego. He recalls joining the service on his nineteenth birthday.

Bill's roots in Kiwanis go very deep. His father, Ivey Rountree, was governor of the Georgia District during the 1937-38 Kiwanis year. Bill attended many Kiwanis functions with his father, including international conventions in San Francisco, Indianapolis, and New York. Bill served as president of the Swainsboro Club during the 1958-59 Kiwanis year.

Bill enjoys the good Kiwanis fellowship, the ideals that Kiwanis stands for, the good that the club can do in the community, and the association with his fellow Kiwanians. Bill and his wife Naomi are well known and respected throughout the Swainsboro community.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
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
November 28	Gary Couse	Tim Goodman

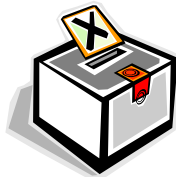
Program Chairs: Let me know your program as soon as you nail it down, and I'll put it in the bulletin ahead of time so our members will know what is coming up. You can phone me at home or email me at edbolton@ega.edu

Our speaker next week will be Dr. James Meindl, an authority on Nano-Technology. Professor Meindl is Director of the Joseph Pettit Microelectronics Research Center and the Pettit Chair Professor of Microelectronics at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He will also be speaking that morning in the auditorium of the Luck Gambrell Center as a part of the Vision Series. Everyone is invited to attend that lecture and to hear him again at our meeting. Not sure what nano-technology is all about? This is a great opportunity to find out. We have a nano-technology industry that will be locating in our Technology Park.

Next Tuesday is Election Day. There are some important races to be decided including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and our Representative to the U. S. Congress. In addition, there are some state constitutional amendments and some resolutions. Educate yourself on the issues and come out to vote next Tuesday. It is our right and our responsibility as citizens of this country to do that.

Election Day in the [United States](#) is the day when [polls](#) most often open for the [election](#) of certain public officials. Election Day occurs on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November every year, which is always the Tuesday between [November 2](#) and [November 8](#), inclusively.

This rule was instituted by the [U.S. Congress](#) in 1845, and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November was chosen to keep the election day from falling on [November 1](#), [All Saints' Day](#), a [Holy Day of Obligation](#) for [Roman Catholics](#). Tuesday was chosen to allow voters one day to travel to their polling place, as most residents at the time could not travel on Sunday because of church. The month of November was chosen because it was after the crops were harvested. (Source: www.answers.com)



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