

L to R: President Dess Smith III, Johnny Payne.

"Payne Presents "Vietnam Traveling Wall" program to Kiwanis"

"The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, May 27, 2014 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Dess Smith presiding, we had 26 members in attendance. Our guests for the evening were Past Georgia District Kiwanis Governor John Holley and his wife Harriett, also a Kiwanis Club member. The Drop-in-the-Bucket for the "Eliminate Project" continues to be well-supported by the Club. Tim Goodman announced another opportunity to raise some funds for Eliminate. The Cedar Street Baptist Church in Metter has asked for our help timing a "Run to the Sun 5K" to support camperships to Centri-Kids Camp in Norman Park. See Tim if you can help. Just a reminder, we have the hot-dog cookout for the Library's Summer Reading Program and the cook-out for the Herrington Homestead coming soon. The Kiwanis District Convention is in Savannah on August 15-17. We have received our allotment of raffle tickets for the \$5,000.00 drawing at the Convention. See Tim if you are interesting in purchasing a ticket. President Dess reminded everyone about our special program for June 10. Past Georgia District Kiwanis Governor Dewey Smith will be with us. We were happy to see Pete Sutherland back at our meetings, Jean Weise continues to have some problems, and we are expecting Pepper Fields back real soon. President Dess announced that the Board has recommended Tim Goodman to fill the slot of President for next year. The election for Swainsboro Kiwanis Club President will be next week, June 3rd. The program for the evening was hosted by President Dess Smith. Dess introduced Johnny Payne, Executive Director of Community Outreach and Service at Southeastern Technical College. Although he lives in Dublin, Johnny splits his work time between Vidalia and Swainsboro and serves on the Pine Tree Festival Foundation Executive Committee. Johnny is very active in military veteran events in our area and presented a program to follow up Memorial Day. Johnny asked President Dess to read the names of the 18 Emanuel County residents who died in Vietnam and asked Judge Bobby to come forward and lead the "oath of office" every soldier takes when they join the military. Johnny also showed a video of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C., accompanied by the Statler Brothers "More Than a Name on the Wall." Johnny was promoting the Vietnam Traveling Wall, which was in Warner Robins in 2011. It will be coming to Dublin on August 14-17, 2014. The exhibit will be at the Carl Vinson Medical Center in Dublin with an opening ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 14th." If you would like to join the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, contact our membership chair Jane Durden at 478-237-2635 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. Also, if you would like to find out more information about our Club, organized May 31, 1922, and the many community service projects that we do each year, go to our website at www.swainsborokiwanis.org or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

