

L to R: President Dess Smith III, David Morgan

"Morgan speaks to Swainsboro Kiwanis"

"The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, July 29, 2014 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Dess Smith III presiding, we had 22 members in attendance and one guest, Linda Morgan. Tim Goodman announced that the "Drop-in-the-Bucket" 4 Eliminate Project is still under way. President Dess reminded everyone that the Kiwanis District Convention is in Savannah on August 15-17. Anyone who is interested in donating something to the District Silent Auction needs to see President Dess. Franklin Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program "hot-dog cookout" was held Thursday, July 26th and Chair Bobby Peacock thanked the 15 Kiwanians that helped make this years project a big success. President Dess encouraged everyone to recruit new members and shoot for an Outstanding Kiwanian Award for 2013-14. Tim announced that Courtney Joiner has had her responsibilities increased at the college and would not be able to serve as Circle K

Advisor for 2014-15. Tim has recruited Jordyn Nail to be the Circle K Advisor for next year. Jean Weise continues to be resting well. Chip Durden is doing well in the rehabilitation center on Hi-way #1 South and is expected to come home within the next 7-10 days. The program for the evening was hosted by President Dess. He introduced David Morgan, local CPA. David gave us a program about his hobby, collecting "penny postcards." David showed us the first postcard to be printed as a souvenir in the United States. It was created in 1893 to advertise the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The first picture postcard was in 1905. Although he was always dabbling in postcards, David really got into the hobby when he purchased almost 300,000 postcards. It took 3 van loads to get them home to Swainsboro. He has since sold all of those cards through eBay and other avenues, retaining only those postcards from Georgia. David currently has over 100 Georgia

stamps in his collection, but he focused his presentation on local postcards. He showed us a picture postcard of "Race Street", Swainsboro, Georgia in 1905, which showed President Dess' house, the Carmichael house that burned around 1925, the Edenfield Inn and a house across the street from Dess' house that burned in the late 1960's. That was before President Dess was born. A lot has changed. He showed us a postcard showing Hotel Albert in Graymont, a postcard with a picture of the old wooden Ochoopee River Bridge near Adrian (U.S. Hi-way 80), and a picture of a steamboat on the Oconee River in Dublin. David talked about how he has bought and sold his postcards and his passion for the hobby." If you would like to join the Swainsboro

Kiwanis Club, please contact our membership chair Jane Durden at 478-237-2635 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. If you would like to find out more information about our Club, organized on May 31, 1922, and the many community service project's that we do each year, go to our website at: www.swainsborokiwanis.org or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

