

They are from L to R: Jim Clapham, Linda Morgan, President Dess Smith III.

"Morgan speaks to Swainsboro Kiwanis"

"The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting on Tuesday night, July 8, 2014 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Dess Smith III presiding, we had 21 members in attendance and 2 guests, Lanny Robinson and Kelly Sutherland. Tim Goodman announced that the "Drop-in-the-Bucket 4 Eliminate project is still under way and doing well. Frank Patrick thanked everyone who helped at the Herrington Homestead cookout on June 26, 2014. 12 Kiwanians cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for 38 staff and kids at the Camp, plus all the trimming's. The Kiwanis District convention is in Savannah on August 15-17. See Tim if you are interested in raffle tickets for the drawing at the Convention. Anyone who is interested in donating something to the District Silent Auction needs to see President Dess. Jean Weise continues to be resting well. Pepper Fields is expected back soon. It is good to see Brenda VanArsdale back with us. Chip Durden is still in the

University Hospital in Augusta from his surgery and is recovering well. The program for the evening was hosted by Jim Clapham. He introduced Linda Morgan, President of the Board of East Georgia Healthcare. East Georgia Healthcare is one of 32 community health centers in the State of Georgia and it serves 9 area counties. It is a private, non-profit corporation that serves insured, un-insured, and under insured patients. There are a total of 90 employees at all of their locations, with about half located in Swainsboro. Services provided include lab services, flu shots, physicals, cardiovascular and diabetes care, EKG's, pap smears, pediatric care, and health checks. There is a sliding fee scale which is based on the number of people in the household and income. The Board, which has to be composed of at least 51% patients, administers a budget of \$7.5 million, most of which is for salaries. It has a substantial economic impact in Swainsboro. The

organization has 5 physicians, which is not enough. They are constantly recruiting new physicians, as well as Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners. Located behind the Spivey Bank on Coleman Street, the organization partners with the Public Health Department; Georgia Southern and other Universities to provide clinicals for their Nurse Practitioners; and Ogeechee Tech and Southeastern Tech for LPN clinicals." 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. Also, if you would like to find out more information about our Club, organized on May 31, 1922, and

the many community service projects that we do each year, go to our website at: www.swainsboro-kiwanis.org or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

