

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, September 16, 2014 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Dess Smith III presiding, we had 21 members in attendance and no guests. The program for the evening was hosted by Kiwanian Pete Sutherland. Pete was unable to attend tonight because of health reasons, so President Dess introduced Dave Avery, a local Mitigation Specialist. Dave explained that a Mitigation Specialist works for Insurance Companies to assess property damage to assure the proper payment is made to property owners when damage claims are made. He deals with damage from mold, floods, and fires. He recently enlightened Pete about mold damage in houses and Pete thought it was valuable to all home owners. Dave talked about the crawl space under houses, where most of the mold occurs because of the moisture from leaking pipes and other drainage issues. Although most mold is harmless, some (*Stachybotrys*) can be dangerous to your health when breathed. His advice was don't panic when you get mold, but do get rid of it because it does cause wood to rot and smells awful. He noted everyone should read their homeowners insurance policy to see if they are covered for mold. Sometimes the coverage does not extend below the Mason-Dixon Line. He also noted they may define dry-rot differently than not due to water/mold damage. Although scrubbing the mold will get rid of it, he recommended dry-ice blasting as the best way. He also recommended ventilating your crawl space and placing dehumidifiers in moisture prone areas when possible. He also recommended wearing protective clothing when removing mold yourself." Kiwanian Tim Goodman announced that the "Drop-in-the-Bucket" 4 the Eliminate Project continues to do well. The combined Board meeting (2013-14 & 2014-15) is September 18th at McKinney's Pond at 7:00 p.m. Georgia District Fall Training is scheduled for October 11th in Macon. See Tim Goodman if you can go. Installation/Spouses night is coming on September 30th. We need to sign up to give Catered Creations an attendance count. Our first event of October will be the Fall Festival (Octoberfest) on October 23rd. Kiwanian Deana Patrick is the Chair. Save the date. Tricia Coleman is doing well and is coming home Thursday, September 18th. If you would like to become a member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, please contact our Club membership Chair Jane Durden at 478-237-2635 or e-mail her at [hsdurden@bellsouth.net](mailto: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

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