

L to R: President Tim Goodman, Jane Durden, Hayward Altman, Delaine Maglioli.

"DA Altman Speaks to Kiwanis"

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, May 26, 2015 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Tim Goodman presiding, we had 20 members in attendance and no guests for the evening.

Our program for the evening was hosted by Kiwanian Jane Durden, who solicited assistance from Kiwanian Delaine Maglioli to introduce Hayward Altman, District Attorney for the 5-County Middle Judicial Circuit. The 34th largest of 39 circuits in Georgia, the Middle Judicial Circuit is not very populated but is geographically large, stretching from Metter to Sandersville, and one of the most violent circuits in the State with a substantial number of homicides in comparison to other areas of the State. With the size of the case load, the District Attorney must move quickly through cases, with an average of 9-18 months to aggressively prosecute. The Office of the District Attorney collects fines and handles victim services, returning more to the victims than what it costs to run the Office. The excess is used to purchase items for local law enforcement such as patrol cars and bullet-proof vests for police officers. DA Altman was especially proud of their drug prevention programs and pre-trial diversion programs which reduce costs and the workload on the Office. He was also proud of being tough but fair as judged by his peers.

President Tim announced that Sunday, May 31, is a pre-renovation open house at the Morgan House from 1:30-3:30. Parking is available in the First Methodist parking lot, with a shuttle to the Morgan House. We have received our Georgia District Raffle Tickets, so anyone interested in purchasing a ticket and/or going to the District Convention on August 7-9 in Columbus needs to see President Tim. Membership Chair Linda Lamb gave us an update on the membership drive. We need more members, so everyone work hard to get new members.

If you would like to join the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club contact our Membership Chair Linda Lamb at 478-237-5188 or e-mail her at goodman@ega.edu. Also, if you would like to find out more information about our Club and the many community service projects that we do each year, go to our website at www.swainsborokiwanis.org or go to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page."

