

L to R: President Tim Goodman, Wade Williams, Roger Peebles.

"Williams Speaks to Kiwanis"

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Tim Goodman presiding, we had 23 members in attendance and no guests for the evening.

Our program for the evening was hosted by Kiwanian Roger Peebles, who introduced Wade Williams, a property appraiser from the Emanuel County Tax Assessor's Office. Wade has worked at the Tax Assessor's Office for 12 years and is a Level 3 Assessor. He is responsible for assessing the managed timber in Emanuel County among other things. He began by taking questions from the floor about property taxes and how property was appraised. Questions ranged from why most of our property appraisals had increased this year to how the Homestead Exemption worked. Noting the 3-year cycle of state audits on property appraisals was the likely reason for the 2% average increase in appraisals, Wade discussed the fines that could be levied on the county by the State Department of Revenue and Department of Audits if found out of compliance. He explained the timing and criteria for the Homestead Exemption, which is not only based on your age, but also your income. Wade expressed his opinion that the number one asset in Emanuel County was our people, followed by timber. He explained the process for timber property appraisal and how property over 23 acres was appraised by its use and its agricultural potential. Also, taxes are paid on timber when it is harvested.

President Tim announced the 4th of July holiday meeting has been changed to July 7th. We will meet on June 30th for our regular meeting and will not have a meeting on July 7th. Anyone interested in going to the District Convention on August 7-9 in Columbus needs to see President Tim. We will be timing the Walk GA and Mutt Strut this Saturday, June 6th, in Sandersville. The run starts at 8:00 am at the UGA Extension Office on Haynes Street."

If you would like to become a member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, please call our membership Chair Linda Lamb at 478-237-5188 or e-mail her at goodman@ega.edu. 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 to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

