

L to R: Bob Losser, Bill Rogers, Jr., President Gary Couse.

### "Dixie Theatre Presented to Kiwanis"

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, April 25, 2017 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Gary Couse presiding, we had 19 members in attendance and no guests.

The program for the evening was hosted by Bob Losser, who introduced Bill Rogers, Jr., Chairman of the Emanuel Coalition for Cultural and Economic Development. Bill showed us a video about the Historic Dixie Theatre Renovation Project. This Project is the centerpiece of the development of The Barbara & Tobe Karrh Community Arts Center to be housed in the 16,000+ sq. ft. former Dixie Theatre. The Dixie Theatre opened its doors in 1934, presenting feature films and stage acts before the dawn of television. Closed in the late 1960's, the site was used as a retail store until 2014, when it was donated by Bill and Jim Karrh to the City of Swainsboro. Bill talked about what was going on in Swainsboro in 1934 and the fond memories of the Dixie. The renovated Dixie will show first-run movies at a reduced price (\$6), well below prices to go to movies in larger towns, because of the non-profit status of the project. Even the concession stand prices will be very low cost. The \$1.3 million Phase 1 will start with the bottom floor with a 281-seat theatre and stage, with a goal to open in late 2018.

Chair Tim Goodman reminded everyone to sign up to help with the Knotty Pine 5K Run on May 6th. Tim also reminded us that we will be timing the Soperton Police Department 5K on May 13 and the Potty Run 5K in Garfield on May 20. Chair Deana Patrick thanked everyone who helped distribute the stuffed animals to the Swainsboro Police Department, the Twin City Police Department, and the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office.

If you would like to become a member of the Kiwanis Club, please contact our membership Chair Linda Lamb at 478-237-5188 or e-mail her at [gcouse@nctv.com](mailto:gcouse@nctv.com). Also, if you would like more information about our Club and the many community service projects that we do each year, go to our Club website at: <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org/> or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

