

L to R: President Jim Clapham, Marty Ray.

### Ray Speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, July 31, 2018 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Jim Clapham presiding, we had 21 members in attendance with 1 guest, Marty Ray.

The program for the evening was hosted by Linda Lamb. Linda was still stuck in Atlanta traffic, so Tim Goodman introduced Marty Ray, Coordinator for Public Relations/Foundation for Emanuel Medical Center (EMC). Marty was hired in 2016 to assist EMC to promote the Georgia Legislatures Georgia HEART Hospital Program. The Program was established to help rural hospitals by giving a tax credit to Georgia taxpayers of up to \$5,000 annually to support local rural hospitals. Taxpayers are able to take a state income tax deduction for the entire amount of their contribution. In 2017, EMC received \$243,489.81 and has \$940,000 pledged in the 2018 tax year. Marty listed some of the improvements made at EMC because of this funding. These include everything from setting up Ortho Care to provide injury scans without emergency room admission, updating of the x-ray capabilities, expansion of the Senior Behavioral Health facilities, and setting up a vaccination program for school children. He also highlighted the increase and growth in the volunteer program, thanks in part to Juanita Porter, the Community Care Coordinator. A new website was also developed for EMC and they have a Facebook presence.

President Jim announced that 4 Kiwanians, President-Elect Cheryl Goodman and Treasurer Travis Garrett and board members Petite Garrett and Tim Goodman, are headed for the Georgia District Convention on August 17-19 at Jekyll Island.

If you would like to become a member of our Club, please contact our membership Chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at [hsdurden@bellsouth.net](mailto:hsdurden@bellsouth.net). 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: [www.swainsborokiwanis.org](http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org) or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

