

L to R: President Jim Clapham, Jean Schwabe, Cheryl Goodman

Camp Invention come to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, August 7, 2018 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Jim Clapham presiding, we had 21 members in attendance with one guest, Jean Schwabe.

The program for the evening was hosted by Deana Patrick. Cheryl Goodman stood in for Deana to introduce Jean Schwabe, the Director of the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the East Georgia State College campus in Swainsboro. Jean presented a program on Camp Invention, a week-long summer program for grades 3-6 sponsored by the National Inventors Hall of Fame. It utilizes local instructors to enhance STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills. 324 local students have participated in the program since it began at the Fulford Center in 2012. The 50 students chosen for the program in 2018 were provided scholarships by the Nordson Corporation and by Mill Creek Foundation. The 2018 program was Fast Forward, a 4-module program for the week. Robotic Pet Vet was designed to identify and cure malfunctioning robotic dogs. The students diagnosed the problems and cured their dog's problem. They designed and built modular Mini-Mansions for their 2nd assignment. They were provided with a Optibot for their 3rd assignment. The Optibot could follow student-designed marker tracks. The final module was "Stick to it," which gave the student problems to solve with their dancing dinosaur, a cupcake catapult, and magnetic slime.

Tim Goodman announced that we have been asked to sponsor a Kiwanis Club in Dublin. More information will come on what our responsibilities will be to support the new club. The Dublin Kiwanis Club sponsored the Swainsboro Kiwanis club back in 1922. Turnabout is fair play!

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. 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: www.swainsborokiwanis.org or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.