L to R: President Jim Clapham, Mary Ann Smith, Roger Peebles.

Miss Emanuel Speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting on Thursday night, September 11, 2018 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Jim Clapham presiding, we had 24 members in attendance with 2 guests, Mary Ann Smith and Anita Cerpovicz, the Co-President of the EGSC Circle K.

Chair Tim Goodman announced three runs that we will be timing this fall. We have committed to timing the 4-H Color Run in Soperton on September 29, the Fast and Furriest Run in Soperton on October 13, and the Nunez to Lexsy Run in Lexsy on November 3. Judge Jim Daughtry suspended court for the evening saving up his energy for Dess Smith's return. Mary Ellen Smith gave the sports report.

The program for the evening was hosted by Roger Peebles, who introduced Mary Ann Smith, locally known as "Miss Emanuel". Mary Ann gave us a summary of the personnel who lead the Swainsboro Police Department from the mid-1800's until 1945 based on an article by former Mayor Edwin F. Flanders published in 1945. She described how Swainsboro was a rough little town that paid their police chiefs very little, so much so that they seldom lasted very long. When the local government got a little better and pay got a little better, they did tend to stay longer. Most of the personnel of that time were colorful individuals as she outlined in the presentation.

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 Club Facebook page.

