

L to R: Debbie Hudson, President-Elect Cheryl Goodman, Mary Ellen Smith.

Hudson Speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night September 18, 2018 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President-Elect Cheryl Goodman presiding, we had 19 members in attendance with 4 guests: Anita Cerpovicz, EGSC Circle K Co-President, and Statesboro Kiwanis Inter-clubbers Danny Folio, Vince Galasso and Chris Caplinger.

Judge Jim Daughtry forgave President-Elect Cheryl for starting the meeting early and almost forgetting the prayer, but brought up Dess Smith III on multiple charges and fined him for multiple SAR pictures in the paper. He fined Ginny Smith and himself for getting their pictures in the paper, Petite Garrett for her cellphone going off last week during the meeting, and Wanda Ellis for being late.

Mary Ellen Smith gave the sports report. Chair Deana Patrick thanked Kiwanians who helped cook popcorn and serve lemonade at the Franklin Library on September 15th. Jim Daughtry reminded us that Scout popcorn sales will begin soon and Paul Cerpovicz announced a Family Fun Day at EGSC Saturday, September 22nd. Chair Tim Goodman also asked for volunteers to become dual members with the new Dublin Kiwanis Club to assist with their formation. Remember, the Dublin Kiwanis Club were our sponsors when we Chartered our Swainsboro Kiwanis Club in August 1922.

The program for the evening was hosted by Mary Ellen Smith, who introduced Debbie Hudson, owner of Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors. Debbie gave us a program about comfort therapy dogs. She brought along Muffin's Oliver Hudson (Ollie), an English Bulldog, who "works" as a trained therapy dog at Durden-Hudson. Debbie explained how Ollie made it "not so scary anymore" for the children, parents, and spouses of the deceased. Ollie knows he is working when the harness is attached and will not bark while in harness. He helps with the grief associated with losing a loved one.

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. 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: www.swainsborokiwanis.org or to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page. You may also "tweet" us at, "@SwainsboroK" if you like

