

L To R: President Jim Clapham, Bobby Peacock, Mike Lisenby.

U.S. Constitution Program Presented to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting Tuesday night, September 4, 2018 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Jim Clapham presiding, we had 21 members in attendance with 3 guests, Mike Lisenby, Anita Cerpovicz and Mohmedgomin (Yamin) Chhipa.

The program for the evening was hosted by Dess Smith III. Dess could not be at the meeting and asked Bobby Peacock to introduce the program for the evening. Bobby introduced Mike Lisenby, lawyer and local constitutional law expert. Mike gave us an overview of the U.S. constitution and how it was originally applied by the Founding Fathers. He noted that modern historians identify Founding Fathers as those patriots who wrote, published, and ratified the Constitution. Mike outlined the steps from the Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776, which declared the 13 colonies were 13 independent states no longer under British rule; to the Articles of Confederation, signed in 1781, which formed a central government and outlined the 18 powers given to it by the 13 states; to the Treaty of Paris, signed in 1783, which ended the Revolutionary War; and finally to the Constitution, which was ratified in June 21, 1788. The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land, setting up the framework of the federal government. The original document, with its Preamble and seven Articles, has been amended 27 times. Mike noted we should all read and study the document to see the basis of our nation and government.

Mary Ellen Smith gave the sports report and Judge Jim Daughtry held an outstanding court and collected many fines. President Jim announced we will be cooking popcorn for a library extravaganza at the Franklin Library on September 15th.

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