

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

January 8, 2008

As Gene Autry used to sing, we're "Back in the Saddle Again." (I reached a long way back for that one, didn't I?) After a two week hiatus, it was good to see so many Kiwanians at our meeting. It was especially good to have Chris Ramsey back with us.

For our first meeting of 2008, Vice President Bobby Seamans presided in the absence of President Bob Losser. The meeting began as usual at 7:00, with the sound of the Kiwanis bell. Jim Daughtry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ed Bolton gave the invocation.

Sports

The college football season finally ground to a halt, concluding with 32 bowl games, according to sports reporter Tobe Karrh. Tobe noted the huge payouts to the schools, some \$17 million each (that's million, with an m) in the BCS championship game and the four bowl games that preceded it. In the championship game, Louisiana State defeated Ohio State, and they assume the title of national champions. It remains to be seen if a national playoff system will be devised to determine the national champion.

Court

Judge Charles Brewer convened the first Kiwanis Court of the year, and handed out a fine to Jason Johnson, who came in after the bell sounded. There being no other offenses, court was promptly recessed.

January birthdays include Chris Cann, Lee Grier, Roger Peebles, and Dwight Watt.

Announcements

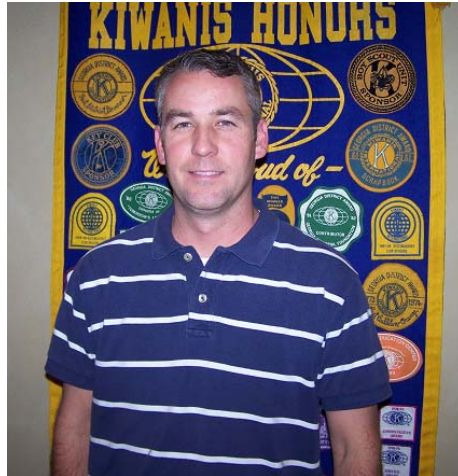
Charles Brewer reminded us that it is time to trim the grapevines. This will be on Saturday week, January 19. Everyone is asked to assemble at the vineyard of L.H. Weise at 9:00 a.m. to accomplish this task.

The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, January 17, with Jim Daughtry as host.

John Black reported that Naomi Rountree has been in the hospital for the past few days, but according to her daughter Julia, is improving. Hopefully by the time you receive this bulletin, she will

be out of the hospital. We need to remember Naomi and Bill in our prayers. We also need to continue to remember Olan and Ruby Flanders.

Program

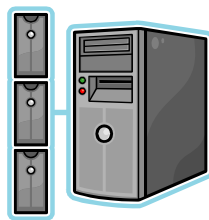


Stacey Barber was program chair for the evening, and he presented a very informative program concerning online security threats that we will probably be facing in 2008. He said that hackers will be using more professional methods to create attacks that will fly under the radar of most security programs. They will be targeting browsers such as Windows Explorer more often than individual computers. They will also be targeting servers of established and well known companies to try to get personal information such as credit card numbers and passwords. Cellular telephones such as the Blackberry that have internet capabilities will also be vulnerable to attacks.

He cautioned us that reputable companies will not ask for passwords, account numbers, or other login information via email, and that we should not give out this information. He also reminded us that we should use some sort of anti-virus software such as Norton, and that we should have anti-spyware software on our computer.

Most of us do business and make purchases over the internet, and we need to be aware of the threats that are lurking out there and do everything we can to protect ourselves and our computers against them.

Thanks, Stacey for a very interesting and informative program.



Door Prizes

The cake was a mandarin orange cake, provided by Tobe Karrh. Chris Ramsey was the lucky winner. The Domino's Pizza, provided by Chris Cann, was won by Chip Durden. We had several draws for the take-out meals, since there seemed to be a tendency to draw Chip's and Chris's tickets several times, but the ultimate winners were L.H. Weise and John Black.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
January 8	Stacey Barber	Tobe Karrh
January 15	Dwight Watt	Chris Ramsey
January 22	Tobe Karrh	Paul Cerpovicz
January 29	Chris Cann	Bobby Seamans
February 5	Bill Rountree	Bill Rountree

Future Programs

Dwight Watt is program chair next week, and he has invited Larry Calhoun, President of Swainsboro Tech to be our speaker. This will be a great opportunity to get first hand information about what is happening at Swainsboro Tech!

On January 22, Tobe Karrh is program chair, and he has invited Bob Blankenship, pastor of First Baptist Church, to bring us an inspirational program.

Both of these should be very good programs.