

# **The Swainsboro Kiwanian**

**January 22, 2008**

We had a good crowd of Kiwanians present as President Bob Losser opened the meeting last night. Bobby Seamans led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and Jim Dekle gave the invocation. Other than our speaker, who will be introduced later, there were no guests. Bill Breedlove was back with us last night, and it was good to have him.

## **Sports**

The football season is winding down. Sports reporter Tobe Karrh reminded us that the Super Bowl is coming up on February 3. The two contenders will be the New York Giants and the New England Patriots. The game is to be played somewhere in Arizona, I think.

## **Court**

For the second week in a row, Judge Charles Brewer could not find anything that warranted a fine. Everybody was on time and had their badge on. Nobody used the "M" word. Nobody had their picture in the newspaper. Everything seemed to be in good order. Perhaps that's the way we want it!

## **Announcements**

Board members: Note that the February board meeting has been rescheduled for February 21. Put this on your calendar. More details will be forth coming.

President Bob announced the Midwinter Training Conference to be held on February 23 at Wesleyan College in Macon. At this time, only he and Vice President Bobby Seamans have signed up to attend. If we get two more, we will have an interclub. If you can go, see President Bob and get your name on the list.

The Circle K at East Georgia College has made plans for the Pine Tree Breeze Bike Ride on April 26, two weeks before the Pine Tree Festival. There will be bike rides of all lengths, from 25 miles to 100 miles. All bike riders in the club are encouraged to sign up for this event and support the Circle K. Thanks to Paul Cerpovicz for his leadership in this event.

Charles Brewer announced that once again the grape pruning will be postponed due to cold weather. Stay tuned to see when it will be rescheduled.

Tim Goodman announced that the Board of Directors is initiating a new program for our club, called "An Evening Out on Kiwanis." Once each month, each Kiwanian will be invited to bring his or her spouse to the meeting as a guest of the club. Those without a spouse are encouraged to bring a guest. A schedule was handed out at the meeting letting us know which evening to bring our spouse. The program will begin next month. Watch the bulletin for further information.

John Black told us that Naomi Rountree is out of the hospital and seems to be doing a lot better. We missed Bill last night and hope he will be back with us soon.

## Program



Dr. Bob Blankenship and Tobe Karrh

Program Chair Tobe Karrh invited his pastor, Dr. Bob Blankenship of the First Baptist Church to bring us an inspirational program. Bob certainly did this. He told us of three very inspiring experiences that he had while a member of a civic club. The first was while he was a member of an Optimist Club in Ashville, North Carolina. He told of spending some time with an organization that trained and employed blind people. They made cane bottom chairs by soaking hickory strips in a solution and then weaving them into a chair bottom. He said that one man in particular made such beautiful chairs that a person who owned an antique shop in the Biltmore area of Ashville was always glad to get chairs that this man made. He noted how these people overcame their handicap to be productive citizens.

The other two experiences occurred in Alma, Georgia, where he was a member of the Lions Club. He was helping with the Special Olympics, and there was a girl with physical and mental disabilities who wanted to run the 100-yard dash. She fell down just after she started, but got up and continued to run. About three quarters of the

way, she fell again, and her mother started toward her, but the little girl waved her off, got up, and completed the race, far behind the other competitors. When she finished, everyone, including the other runners applauded her.

The third experience he told us about was talking to an older man in Bacon County who needed help with his eyesight. He lived out in the country and said he had always worked at odd jobs. He had only been out of the county one time, and that was to go to Douglas, which was thirty miles away. He could barely see, but he told Bob, "God has blessed me."

Thanks to Tobe for arranging the program, and thanks to Bob for coming to inspire us.

## Door Prizes

A red faced bulletin editor must confess that he incorrectly reported the cake winner last week. Ron McCroskey won last week's cake. I understand it turned out to be a red velvet cake.

The cake this week was an Italian Cream cake, furnished by Paul Cerpovicz. Charles Brewer was the winner. Paul won the Domino's Pizza provided by Chris Cann. Tim Goodman and L.H. Weise won the take out meals.

## *Kiwanis Kalendar*

|             | Program               | Cake          |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| January 29  | Chris Cann            | Bobby Seamans |
| February 5  | Bill Rountree         | Bill Rountree |
| February 12 | Bob Losser            | No Cake       |
|             | <i>Spouses' Night</i> |               |
| February 19 | Raymond Hendrix       | Danny Tapley  |
| February 26 | Paul Cerpovicz        | Club          |
| March 4     | Greg Barwick          | Bob Losser    |

Program Chairs, if you'll let me know what your program is going to be, I'll put it in the bulletin ahead of time. Call me, or email me at [edbolton@ega.edu](mailto:edbolton@ega.edu)