

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

March 10, 2009

Last week, I began the bulletin by noting it was a cold Tuesday evening when we met. What a contrast with the almost summer like evening last night! At any rate, President Bobby Seamans convened our meeting on the button at 7:00. David Bartram led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Jim Hendrickson offered the invocation.

Guests: We were pleased to have spouses Barbara Karrh and Jean Weise with us last night. We also had our Lieutenant Governor Erv Hietbrink with us. Travis Garrett brought his brother Tim and his wife Judy. Tim Goodman introduced prospective member Mark Haddock.

Next week, the third week in March, Ron McCrosky, Jim Hendrickson, Gary Couse, Chip Durden, Charles Brewer, Raymond Hendrix, and Dwight Watt are invited to bring a spouse or a guest.

Sports: Tobe Karrh informed us that on the golf tour Y.E. Yang won the Honda Classic, and Eduardo Romero won the Toshiba Classic. The U.S. beat Switzerland to win the first round of the Davis Cup competition. Kurt Busch won the Kobalt Tools 500, and in basketball, Augusta State won the Peachbelt Conference. Also in basketball, UNC beat Duke to capture the ACC championship.

Court: Court was in recess last night.

Lieutenant Governor Visit: Erv Heitbrink was with us and presented six patches that our club earned for its varied community activities and contributions to District causes. He

also updated us on membership across the 22nd Division and challenged us to increase our membership.

Announcement: Tim Goodman reminded us to sell tabloid ads.

Program: Program Chair Travis Garrett introduced his brother Tim as speaker. Tim is President of Jefferson Energy, and he spoke to us about the Electrical Membership Corporations, formerly known as REA's. According to Tim, they began in 1935, and today there are 42 of them in the state of Georgia. The 42 EMC's serve 70% of the land area of Georgia, which includes about 4 million people. He also discussed how the EMC's had contracted with Georgia Power to buy electricity and their plans to generate more of it. He concluded by mentioning the so-called carbon tax, which will increase the cost of virtually all sources of energy. Thanks to Travis for arranging the program and to Tim for a very informative and timely presentation.

Door Prizes: Bob Losser furnished a caramel cake, baked by Petite Garrett. Lieutenant Governor Erv Heitbrink took that cake back to Savannah with him. John Black won the Domino's pizza, provided by Chris Cann. Gary Couse and Jim Hendrickson took home the meals.

| Coming up: | Program | Cake |
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| March 17 | John Black | Travis Garrett |
| March 24 | Jim Hendrickson | ?????? |
| March 31 | ?????? | Charles Brewer |
| April 7 | Tobe Karrh | Jim Daughtry |
| April 14 | Stacy Barber | Jim Hendrickson |
| April 21 | ?????? | Caroline Harless |