

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

March 11, 2008

For the second week in a row, we had a somewhat rainy evening as we assembled for the weekly meeting of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club. President Bob Losser called us to order promptly at 7:00. Chip Durden led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and Jim Dekle gave the invocation.

We were pleased to have Jean Weise with us as a guest last night.

Sports

The only action in sports reported at our meeting was the fact that a Toyota won an Atlanta race. If I heard right, this was the first time in fifty years that a foreign made car won that race. If I heard wrong, maybe someone will correct me.

Court

Court was in recess last night. It sounded like the judge was looking for someone who was not present. Maybe we'll hear more about this next week.

The Kiwanis Family

Please remember Wes Stramoski and his family in your prayers. Edwin Canady reported that Wes has suffered a stroke and is in the Emanuel County Medical Center.

President Bob reported that the club has received a note of thanks from the family of Ernest Tomlinson for the Kiwanis wreath that we sent at his death.

Announcements

The Pine Tree Festival is fast approaching, and our club has responsibility for the Tabloid and the Knotty Pine Run. We need to get our ads sold, as the *Forest Blade* needs the tabloid material by the first of April. As Tim Goodman said, sell those ads.

Applications forms for the Knotty Pine Run have been distributed to the schools and banks in Swainsboro and Twin City. Tim reports that to date, no Kiwanians have signed up for the run. He challenges us to either run or sign up to assist with the race.

Fun Day at the Pre-K is scheduled for March 21. Bobby Seamans can use all the help he can get. If you can be present for that event, please let him know.

The Board of Directors will be meeting this Thursday night at Ware's.

Program



Athen Walden and Clay Hall

Our program chair tonight was John Black. Because of duties at East Georgia College, he could not be present and asked Tim Goodman to introduce the program.

Athen and Clay are co-chairing the Pine Tree Festival for the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Festival Foundation, and they were present to bring us up to date on plans for the 2008 Pine Tree Festival.

Athen began by giving us some background on the Foundation and what they are trying to do. Then he told us about some of the events scheduled for this year. There will be a lumber jack with crosscut sawing, axe throwing, chainsaw carving, log rolling, and speed pole climbing as well as other events. There will be a civil war encampment, the Saturday night Art Stroll, and a wildlife exhibition. In conjunction with the Festival, the state Forestry Field Day will be held in Swainsboro. This will bring over 200 high school students, along with their parents and advisors to Swainsboro.

In addition, the Southeastern Timber Exposition will be held here, bringing in exhibits of machinery used in the forest industry. The lumber jack show, the encampment, and the exhibition are scheduled to be held at the recreational complex, with other events being held downtown. The Shriners will be organizing the parade.

Athen stated that they need manpower and sponsorships. Sponsorships are available from \$100 to \$5000.

Dates for the Pine Tree Festival are April 26-May 10. Watch for more details as plans develop.

Thanks to John for arranging the program and to Athen and Clay for bringing us the update.

Night Out on Kiwanis

As our Night Out on Kiwanis continues, we are back to the third Tuesday. The following are invited to bring a spouse or guest to the meeting: Ron McCroskey, Jim Henderickson, Gary Couse, Chip Durden, Charles Brewer, Raymond Hendrix, Bill Breedlove, and Dwight Watt.

Door Prizes

The cake was a Hershey Chocolate Bar cake, donated by Travis Garrett and baked by his wife Petite. Ed Bolton was the lucky winner. Our guest Clay Hall won the Domino's Pizza, provided by Chris Cann. The ladies of Catered Creations won one of the take out meals, and Tim Goodman won the other.

Kiwanis Kalendar

	Program	Cake
March 18	Jim Hendrickson	Justin Peebles
March 25	Justin Peebles	Charles Brewer
April 1	??????????	Jim Daughtry
April 8	Jim Daughtry	Jim Hendrickson
April 15	Roger Peebles	Gary Couse
April 22	Ron McCroskey	??????

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

Future Program

On March 25, Travis Garrett is program chair, and he has invited Harry Martin, who will tell us about Emanuel County's Relay for Life. This important cancer fighting event will be held in April, so this is a very timely program.