

The Swainsboro Kiwanian

March 24, 2009

In the absence of our president, Vice President David Bartram called the meeting to order last night at our appointed time. Tim Goodman led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Bob Losser offered the invocation.

Guests: Spouses present included Cheryl Goodman, Linda Dekle, and Ginger Bolton. In addition, John Black brought Susan Wagner-Craven, who is Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Business and Finance at East Georgia College. It was a real pleasure to have these guests with us.

Sports: Tobe Karrh reported that in the golf world, Retif Goosen won the Transition Tournament, while Charles Howell III of Augusta came in second. Pat Hurst won the Mastercard Classic. Japan defeated the U.S. in the World Baseball Classic. In the bike racing world, Lance Armstrong broke his collar bone in a mishap in Spain and may miss the Tour de France. Finally, closer to home, the Augusta State men's basketball team is competing in the Sweet Sixteen in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Court: Judge Charles Brewer convened court last night and fined President Bobby Seamans in absentia. He questioned the President's reason for missing the meeting. I guess we'll sort it all out next week.

Announcements: Tim Goodman reminded us that tabloid ads need to be turned in by next Tuesday.

Program: Our program chair last night was Jim Hendrickson, and he brought as his guest Denise Register of the American Red Cross. Denise provided us an update on

services provided by the American Red Cross with emphasis on how the Red Cross assists in Emanuel County. The biggest disaster they deal with is house fires. In the event of a fire, they provide food, clothing, and shelter immediately and other necessities within a day or so. They typically spend from \$750 to \$1000 to assist families.

They have trained personnel ready to go in case of any emergency such as floods, tornados, or other disasters. They collect blood from donors, teach CPR and babysitting classes, and provide services for military families. The Red Cross is not a government organization, and Denise emphasized that all money they raise in Emanuel County is used in Emanuel County to aid people in distress. Watch for a fund raising effort in the next two or three weeks, and give a bit to help them help us. The Red Cross celebrated its 92nd birthday on March 17. Thanks to Jim and Denise for an interesting program.

Door Prizes: Jason Johnson won the lemon cheese cake, provided by the club and baked by Petite Garrett. Jim Hendrickson won the Domino's pizza, provided by Chris Cann. Linda Dekle and John Black won the takeout meals.

| Coming up: | Program | Cake |
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| March 31 | ?????? | Charles Brewer |
| April 7 | Tobe Karrh | Jim Daughtry |
| April 14 | Stacy Barber | Jim Hendrickson |
| April 21 | ?????? | Caroline Harless |
| April 28 | Ron McCrosky | Gary Couse |
| May 5 | Roger Peebles | Roger Peebles |
| | (Mothers Day Celebration) | |

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