

# The Swainsboro Kiwanian

April 15, 2008

It seems like we may have had a little competition last night as we had our weekly meeting. A number of our regulars were not there, and attendance was a little sparse as President Bob Losser called the meeting to order. Bobby Seamans led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ed Bolton gave the invocation.

Charles Brewer brought his daughter Christy Whittenburg as his guest, and we were very glad to have her.

## Sports

In the absence of our regular sports reporter, Charles Brewer mentioned that Jimmy Johnson had won an automobile race somewhere. In the golf world, we have a new Master's Champion in the person of Trevor Immelman. Tiger Woods was second, while Stewart Cink and Brandt Snedeker tied for third on a windswept course Sunday afternoon.

## Court

Judge Charles Brewer suspended court for the evening, noting that some of his prime suspects were not present for court.

## Announcements

President Bob read a note from the Wes Stramoski family expressing appreciation to the club for its support at his passing.

President Bob also announced that the Festival Foundation is asking for volunteers to assist during the Pine Tree Festival. People are needed for ticket sales, parking supervision, information booth workers, first aid, tour guides for school children during the lumberjack show, and assorted other tasks. Contact Al Lawson at City Hall if you can help.

David Bartram passed along some information for Tim Goodman, who could not be here last night. A van driver is needed to transport runners for the Knotty Pine Run. Hours needed are from around 6:30 a.m. until 8:00 on May 10. Tim is also soliciting door prizes for the run.

The Tabloid, which is our project will come out in the Forest-Blade on April 30.

Bobby Seamans announced that our club will assist with a party at the Swainsboro Primary School on Friday. We will distribute about

750 bags of cotton candy. Volunteers will gather about 11:30 on Thursday to make the candy.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

Travis Garrett presented the nominating committee's suggestion for next year's slate of officers. For President, Bobby Seamans; First Vice President, David Bartram; Second Vice President is open at this time; Secretary, Edwin Canady; treasurer Adi Galloway; and Past President, Bob Losser. One-year directors include Paul Cerpovicz, Roger Peebles, Jim Daughtry, and L.H. Weise. Two-year directors nominated are Jason Johnson, Travis Garrett, Ed Bolton, and Raymond Hendrix. The vote will be held within the next couple of weeks, and the floor will be open for additional nominations at that time. Thanks to Travis and his committee for their efforts.

## **Program**



**Roger Peebles and John Terwilliger**

Roger Peebles was our program chair last night, and he brought as his guest John Terwilliger, who is the superintendent of the Training Center in Twin City and Swainsboro.

John recounted the history of the Training Center, which first opened in Twin City in 1994, with 220 beds. In 2004, a unit was opened in Swainsboro at the campus of the Youth Development Center, which had been closed. This brought total capacity to 436. The Swainsboro unit is a transitional center, which serves inmates who are within a year of release, and its mission is to provide programming and a structured work-release environment to prepare the inmates to live successfully after their release. There are currently 212 residents in this program, and they work at Crider's Poultry in Stillmore, making \$8.35 per hour. From this they pay taxes (as of March 5, they had paid almost \$185,000 in federal and state taxes, social security, and medicare.), they pay room and board at \$90.00 per week, they receive an allowance of \$50.00 per week, and the rest is put aside and saved until their release. As a result of this, they leave prison with from \$2000 to \$5000, which gives them enough resources to rent an apartment and establish themselves in society.

John also told us that the Training Center employs 125 full time staff and have an annual payroll of about \$3,600,000 per year.

Thanks to Roger for arranging the program and to John for bringing it to us.

## Night Out on Kiwanis

As our Night Out on Kiwanis continues, we are back to the fourth Tuesday. The following are invited to bring a spouse or guest to the meeting: David Bartram, Ed Bolton, Tim Goodman, Bob Losser, Jim Dekle, Paul Cerpovicz, and Adi Galloway.

## Door Prizes

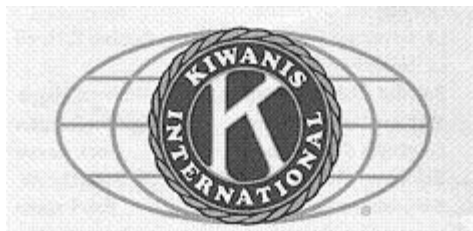
The cake was a caramel cake provided by Gary Couse and baked by Petite Garrett. Bob Losser was the lucky winner. The Domino's pizza, provided by Chris Cann was won by our guest, John Terwilliger. Jason Johnson won both take out meals.

The mystery cake that Jean Weise won last week turned out to be a carrot cake.

## *Kiwanis Kalendar*

	Program	Cake
April 22	Ron McCroskey	??????
April 29	Bill Breedlove	Tim Goodman
May 6	L. H. Weise	David Bartram
May 13	Tim Goodman	
	<i>Mother's Day Celebration</i>	
May 20	Chip Durden	Chris Ramsey
May 27	????????	Bill Rountree

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)



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